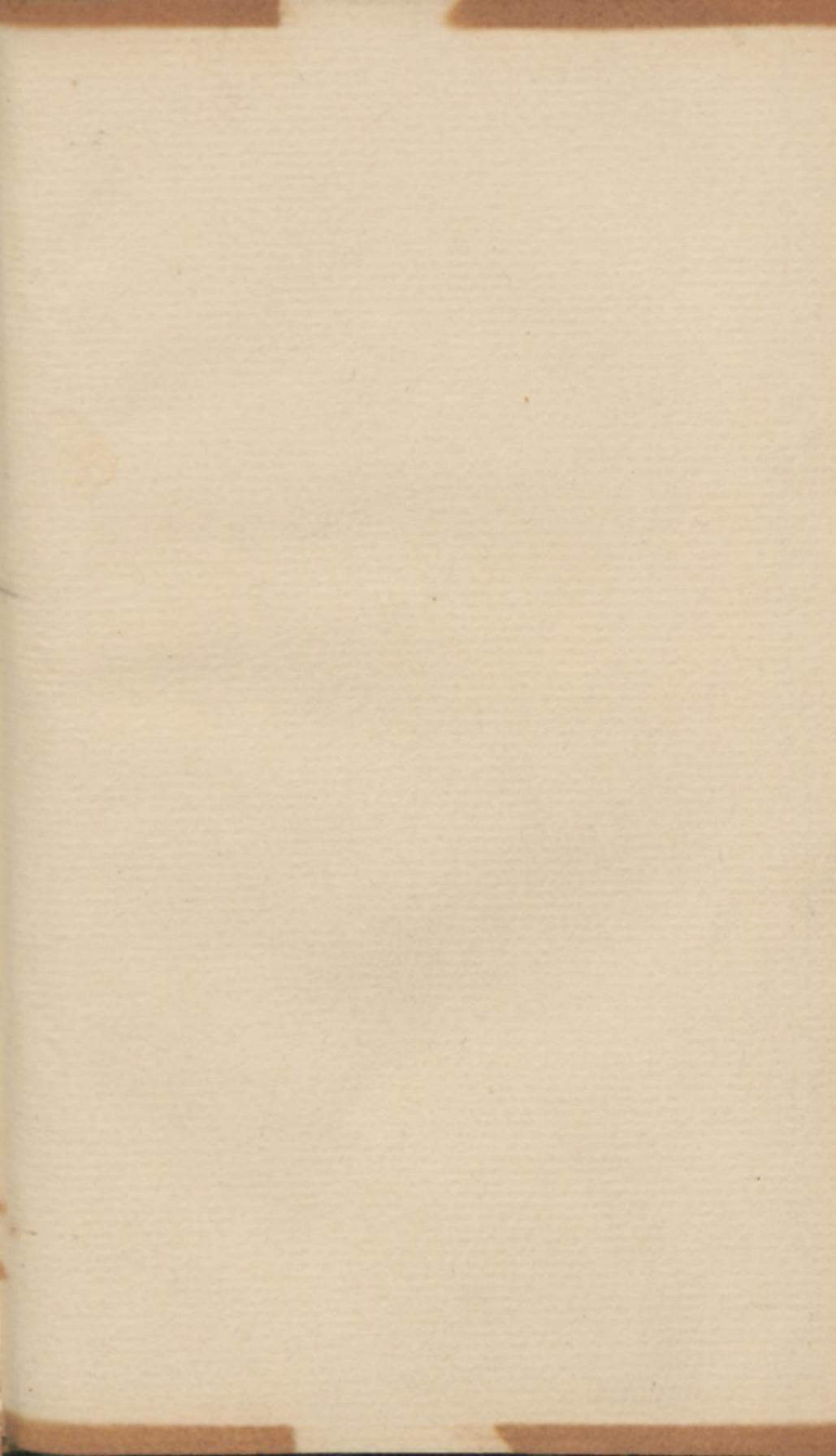


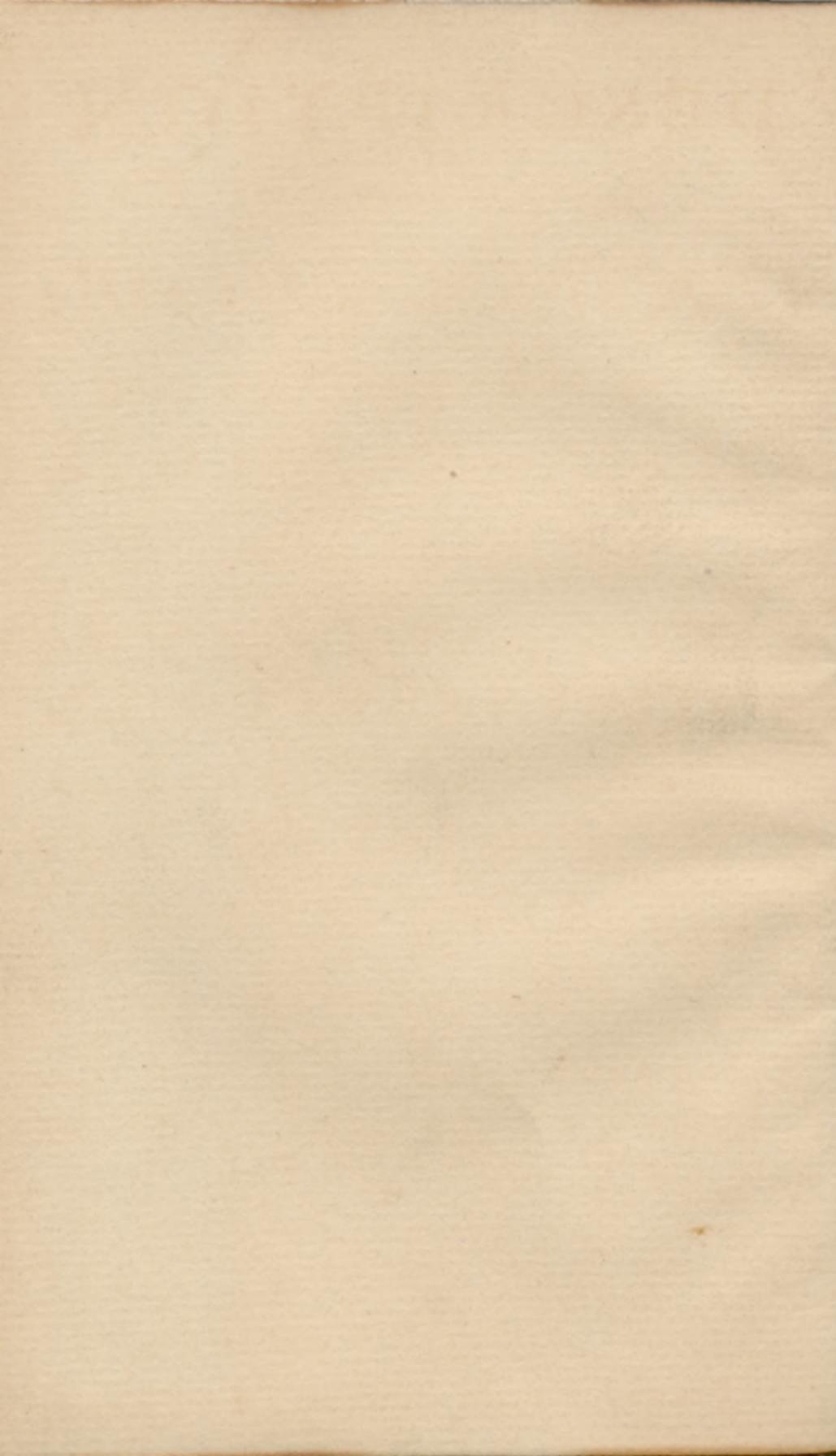
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With a DISCOURSE of the most Wonderful  
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## READER,

I Have, for the Common Good, made publick my Antivenereal Pill. I doubt not but some will cavil at my Endeavours, and those perhaps some of my own Profession; though themselves either cannot, or will not, advantage the Good of the Publick. The great number of People which I have seen in many Parts of this Kingdom to have perished (for want of Help) by the Venereal Disease, hath occasioned me to unfold to the World what I never did intend to do, as touching the Disease: For the confidence of many Persons, that pretend to cure this Distemper, and the ignorance of those Persons that adventure their Lives into the Hands of such Impostors, who, without fear of God, or compassion to Mankind, promise Cure (let the Distemper be never so bad) taking Money in hand, and giving many ineffectual Doses, either destroy the Patient, or make him worse, perhaps throw him into a dangerous Salivation, and so to his Grave. The which while I have often deplored, I thought my self bound in Conscience to inform the

ring than is too commonly practised by many bold Undertakers. What Mischiefs many illiterate Persons have caus'd, by their ill-prepared Doses, many miserable Patients can witness, (the greater the shame) while we live in a Kingdom so well furnished with Learned Physicians and Skilful Chyrurgeons, whose Knowledge in Anatomy, and daily Experience, make them the onely Persons capable of undertaking so dangerous a Malady. A Disease not to be tristed with: For, although generally we find, in our Weekly Bills of Mortality, that Consumption is intituled the greatest Executioner of Deaths Commands; yet I am of the opinion, that the Venereal Distemper is the greater Destroyer of Mankind. I will therefore give thee an Account of the Nature of this Hydra, with a Discourse of my Pill, which, I assure thee, is the choicest Remedy that can be used in all Effects of the Venereal Distemper.

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**C**oncerning the Original of the Venereal Disease, Authours are various, and differ much in the Name of it: The Italians call it *Morbus Gallicus*; the French call it *Scabiem Hispanicam*, and *Morbum Italicum*; in Spain they call it *Morbum Neopolitanum*; and several other Names

the *Spaniards* they lay it on the *French*; and both *Italians* and *French* accuse the *Spaniard*, and say, that *Columbus* brought home his Men infected with it from the *Indies*. But I think it matters not from whence it came, or what 'tis called, since 'tis known we have it in *England* as much as any where: The Common People here call it *The French Pox*; and I shall treat of it by the Name of *Lues Venerea*, under which Name I shall comprehend the *Grand Pox*, and the *Gonorrhoea*, and all Effects of either of them.

### *The Causes of the LUES VENEREA.*

THE Causes of this Distemper are twofold: The first, of an occult Quality, being as a Scourge laid on *Mankind* (by the *Almighty*) to restrain our too wanton *Lusts*; the other is by an impure touch or contagion, especially in *Copulation*; a Man receiving of an infected *Vapour* or *silly Sanies* into the *Pores* of the *Skin*, or into the *Urethra* (which is the Conduit of the *Yard*) in the time of *Copulation*, as well before the ejection of the *Seed*, as after; the *Woman* having either a *Gonorrhoea*; or else an *Ulcer*: from the latter of which I have known to proceed so virulent an ichorous Matter, that it hath penetrated the *Yard* immediately, and caused an *Ulcer*.

There are several other ways by which this *Disease* may be gotten; as by *Sodomy*, &c.. I have known some to get it by *Kissing*: for if either Party have an *Ulcer* in the *Throat*, or in the *Mouth*, from which a slimie Juice proceeding, and the *Lips* being moistned thereby, may very easily infect *Children* are very subject to be infected this way; for, by reason the *Pores* of their *Skin* being open

and apt to attract, they are soon injur'd by an *unwholesom Kiss*. The *Venom* is very often communicated from *Nurses* to *Children*, and as often *Nurses* are infected by *Children*; therefore *Parents* ought to be careful in chusing *Nurses*, and *Nurses* ought to take heed whose *Children* they suckle; for a very small matter is able to infect either, and many *Families* have been undone by receiving the *Distemper* this way. 'Tis dangerous to sweat in a Bed with one that has the *Pox*, or to sit over a Close-stool where the *Excrements* of a *pockie person* are. For drinking with them, 'tis not dangerous, unless their *Mouths* being *ulcerated*, they leave a *pockie Slime* on the Edges of the Cup; nor can their *Breaths* infect, I am sure, though some are of a contrary opinion. There is a great deal of variety in *Bodies*, some being far more easily infected than others, as *sanguine* and *phlegmatick persons*; but are more easily cured than *choleric* or *melancholy persons* are: as for example, I have known several *Men* to be concerned with one *Woman*, one soon after the other, and some to come off without being hurt, and the others dangerously pepper'd.

### The Signs of the *LUES VENEREA*.

THE Signs of this *Distemper* are various, according to the *Strength* and *Constitution* of the *Patient*. The general Signs are these; *viz.* A great *debility* of the *whole Body*, as if wearied by much *Labour*; *stiffness* of all the *Joints*, especially about the *Hips* and *Thighs*; great *pulsation* of the *Arteries*, a shooting pain in the *Groins*, pain in the *Cod*, itching about the *Root* of the *Yard*, *sharpness* of *Urine*, a *pricking pain* in *Erection*, a flowing of yellow Sa-

nies from the *Yard*, and oft-times pain in the *Back*, and in the *Head*: These are the *infallible Signs* of a *Gonorrhoea*, some of them hapning to one, and some to another; and I have known all of them to hap-  
 pen to one *Person*, and at one *Time*. Sometimes *Carcuncles* do stop up the *Urethra*, sometimes *Buboes* do arise in the *Groins*, which if once *suppurate* and opened handsomly, the *Cure* is performed with much ease; but if they are drove back into the *Body*, they make the *Distemper* more inveterate, seise the *Liver*, and confirm a *Pox*. Some *Persons* immediately after the receiving of the *Infection* are taken with a *giddiness* in the *Head*, and most terrible pains in the *Eyes* and *Ears*, and break out with small red *Pimples*, which presently return into the *Body*, and a while after break out with foul *Scabs*, some moist and spreading, though generally they are dry and hard, and very nearly represent the cup of an *Acorn*, both in *shape* and *colour*: Some have *Ulcers* upon the *Head* of the *Yard*, and upon the *Fore-skin*, some are troubled with *Warts* upon the *Yard* and about the *Fundament*: These are certain *Symptoms* of the *Pox*.—*Note*, That this *Distemper* doth vary much in its *Times*, many times shewing it self in one, two, or three *Days*, sometimes lying hid a *Month*, two, or three, and sometimes a *Year* or more; but it lieth not idle, for the longer it lies hid, the more inveterate it proves when once it appears; and oft-times, disguised under another *Name*, it tyranniseth in the *Body*, to the destruction of the *Patient*. I therefore advise all *Persons*, That so soon as they find themselves touched with this *venomous Dart*, they straightway repair to such *Persons* as are able to help them.

*The Effects of the LUES VENEREA.*

**T**O demonstrate all the *Effects* of this *raging Distemper*, would take me up much time; therefore, as briefly as possible, I will acquaint thee how great a *Tyrant* this *Disease* is to those People who either scorn to own they have it, or those who being ashamed to confess their Condition, rather venture to undergo it, than wisely to seek for *Help*. I have known some so *sordidly foolish*, that having had *Ulcers* on the *Head* of the *Yard*, have so long slighted the *Disease*, until their *Yards* have been mortified even to the *Belly*, upon which ensued *immediate Death*; and some escaping with their *Lives*, have lost all the *Member*: Others I have known to have been almost eaten up with this *Disease*, before they have known so much as the *Name* of their *Malady*. I have seen some that have been taken with a *violent pain* in the *Head*, and in *all the Joints*, have fallen into a *Fever*, and died *mad*. Some have *sharp and continual pains* in *all the Joints*, especially in the *Shoulders* and *Shins*, and *Nodes* affixed to the *Bones* in many Parts of the *Body*, insomuch that the very *Bones* become *rotten*; for this *Humour* is so *penetrating*, that it will creep between the *Bone* and the *Flesh*, and consume *both*. Some have the *Yard* so stopped with *Caruncles*, that they cannot make *Water*; some have the *Uvula* and the *Palat* of the *Mouth* eaten away by *Ulcers*; and many you see who lose their *Noses* by this *violent Disease*. Some have the *Tip* of the *Nose* and *Nostrils* eaten away; some lose their *Eyes*, and many their *Hearing*, and some their *Mouths* drawn away. And indeed I could

Oh, how intolerable are the pains that many poor Wretches endure by this Distemper, especially in the Night, at which time it most boldly walks its Rounds to afflict poor Mortals! For indeed all pains are worse in the Night than in the Day, by reason that the exercising of the Body doth divert the pain in the day, but the warmth of the Bed at night doth stir up the malignity; and the very thoughts of the Patient in the night being fixed on the object of pain, doth make the misery more intolerable. Many years have some undergone the tyranny of this Distemper, till at last, it having enervated all the parts of the Body, and consumed the Flesh to the Bones, it surrenders them to the Grave; whom perhaps, had they but used such Medicines as had been proper in such cases, they might soon have eradicated the Venom out of their Bodies: But, as I have said before, 'tis not a few, but many thousands, that have perished for want of such Noble Medicines as have force to overcome the malignity of this Disease. How many Consumptions, Catarhs, Asthmaes, and innumerable more Diseases, proceed from nothing else but this Fountain? I tell thee, Reader, 'tis this that is the domineering Distemper of our Age, though People are of opinion that the Scurvie is more prevailing, which indeed is a very destructive Malady, incident to most Men, especially to those that eat over-much Flesh, or lead sedentary Lives, and to Seamen in long Voyages: for the reliques of the Lues Venerea doth many times convert into the Scurvie and Dropsie, and not seldom into the Gout. And I pray observe this, That wherever any Distemper happens to be complicated with the Venereal Disease, or any Relique of it, it always proves very stubborn, and will not yield to ordinary Means, nor be perfectly cured without the use

Concerning the Cure of the *LUES VENEREA*.

**I**T may be expected I should be large on this Subject, since 'tis so generally known, that I have had so great an Experience of it; but should I relate the many Observations I have made of this Distemper, they would fill a Volume: But, Reader, since perhaps thou art a Stranger to my Name, I shall acquaint thee with some few Particulars, that thou mayst know I am no Youngster at the Cure of this Disease. Among the great number of those that pretend to the Cure of this Distemper, I have found very few that could give any rational Account of it, most of them following the Methods of ancient Authors, which in former Ages undoubtedly were very knowing in their way; but the Disease is so much altered in this our Age, that he which depends on former Prescriptions will find his Medicines invalid. There have been used, and still are, many ways for the curing of this Malady: Some use Fumigations; some Salivation, either by Medicines given inwardly, or by Unction outwardly: Some use Bathing and Sweating; others work by Diet, and others by Purging; some make Issues in many Parts of the Body, to evacuate the offending Humour. The way by Fumigations I am against, and the use of them is now out of doors, being found to be very dangerous. I cannot approve of Salivation, for many Reasons, for whoever he be that undergoes a Salivation (which ought to continue at least Twenty one days) must have the patience of Job, or else he will never endure the torture that attends it; and I am of the opinion, that if Cases were equally balanced, you would find as many to be destroyed by Salivating, as ever were removed by it: as for example, 'Tis certain, that

Salivation can be raised but by *Mercurial Medicines*, which I have often seen many to lament the rash use of; for by overcharging the *Tonsils* (which are the *glandulous Bodies* through which the *Spittle* cometh) and *Amygdales* (commonly called the *Almonds of the Ears*) with the *virulent Matter* which they strive to evacuate by *spitting*, I have often known such *Inflammations*, and after them *Uloerations* to happen, that the *Patient* has been near *choaked*, and the *acrimony* of the *Humour* lodged among the *parts*, until not onely it have eaten away the *Uvula*, but fouled the *Palat* of the *Mouth*, and oftentimes the *Bones* of the *Nose*; and I am certain, that most of those *Bridg-fallen Noses* that we daily see, are occasioned by *Salivation*. But suppose the *Patient* to escape all these *Accidents*, do but consider, how this way fouls the *Teeth*, beyond the help of any *Medicine* to cleanse again; and many times it leaves a *stinking Breath*, or perhaps it only leaves them a *pain* in their *Joynts*. Methinks, these things considered, *People* should not easily be persuaded to this sort of *Cure*, especially if they did but know what *Spasmaes* (or *Convulsions* of the *Nerves*) have been occasioned by it: I have seen *Mouths* drawn awry, and *Squinting* caused by it; *Limbs* contracted, and innumerable more *mischiefs* to arise from it: and I have been more troubled to help those *Accidents* that have hapned by reason of *Salivation*, than ever I was to cure the *Distemper* it self. *Sweating* I approve of, and likewise of *Bathing*; for being used in *due time* and *place*, they are very beneficial: for they attenuate the *Humours*, make the *Body* lively, and help to evacuate the *Matter*; especially if any *viscous Matter* have possess'd the *Joynts*, they by their *moderate heat* do help to discuss it. As for *Issues*, they serve well enough to attract and discharge

discharge the *Humour*, therefore very proper where the *Eyes* are affected, or in any *distillation* of the *Humour*, or in a *Catarh* or *Asthma*, they help much; but have no power of themselves to overcome the *Malignity*. But of all ways imaginable, there is none like *Diet* and *Purging*, which, if *rightly prepared*, and *carefully used*, do infallibly *eradicate* the *Distemper*. I can by *many Years experience* say, That *purging* is the most excellent way of *curing*, I mean *purging* with such *Noble Medicines* as have the power to *correct* the *Malignity* of so *virulent a Disease*: for 'tis not every of those *common Purgers* that have power to overcome the *Malignity*; but such *Specificks* which not onely purge the *offending Humour*, but by their *admirable Qualities* cleanse the *Blood*, fortifie the *Heart, Liver, and Brain*, and clearly extirpate the *Disease* from the *Body*. And indeed, the onely *Medicine* that ever I have found prevalent in these Cases, is my *Antivenereal Pills*, which work so *safely*, and so *surely*, that I never knew them fail, if taken *carefully*: I never use any other *Medicine* in all manner of *Claps*; and I could quote *vast numbers* of People that have been *cured* by them, to my *great pleasure* and *profit* (but *Silence* in such Cases is and always shall be my resolution.) In the *Pox* there have been such *strange Cures* wrought by *this Pill*, that have made many of my own Profession to admire the *Vertues* of it.

Wherefore since it hath pleased God to grant me the knowledge of so *wonderful a Medicine*, I could not rest satisfied in my mind until I published it for the *good* of the *World*. And now, *Reader*, pray be so charitable in thy *Opinion* of me, as not to judge me guilty of encouraging of *Lust*, by my acquainting the *World* with the *Effects* of it, and the way to

get out of the *Labyrinth* which it generally leaves Men in; neither think that I desire more to gain by my *Labours*, than to do good to my *Country* :

*Quia, Nos non nobis nati sumus.*

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The *ANTIVENEREAL PILL.*

THESE Pills are of most wonderful Vertue; they work by *Stool* and *Urine*, and gently move *Sweat* : They work most by *Urine* ; for 'tis but rational the *Distemper* should be cast out the same way it was received. They work by *Stool* pleasantly, without any gripings or tortions of the *Guts*. They do most admirably correct the *virulency*, and take away the sharpness of *Urine*, in three or four times taking ; and I assure thee, upon the Faith of a *Christian*, that I have many times cured a *fresh Clap* with eight or nine doses of them, and sometimes with fewer, and that safely, without any relapse, and without any use of *Restricting Medicines* ; (for 'tis a common Trick among *rash practitioners*, that having given half a dozen or more purges, they presently administer *Restrictants*, and so stop the *Humour*, which will not lie still, but returning into the *Body*, seizes the *Liver*, corrupts the whole mass of blood, and consequently confirms a *Pox* in the body, perhaps to the utter ruine of the *Patient*.) These Pills are *balsamick*, as well as *cathartick*, and therefore do all the *Intentions* of *Curing*. They are to be taken *two, three, or four* at a time, still observing to alter the *Dose* according to the *Strength* of the *Patient* : *Two* may be taken by any one for the *first dose*, and if they do not work by *Stool* seven or eight times, then increase the next day. They ought to be taken *two*

days together, and the Party to rest the *third*, and then to fall to them again; but if the Distemper be *inveterate*, let the Patient continue taking them without *intermission*; for they will work onely on the *offending Humour*. The best way of taking them is *early in the Morning*, and to lie in Bed and sleep *two or three Hours* after the taking of them. Sometimes I order them to be taken *at Night*, when the Party goes to Bed; but then the *dose* must not exceed *two, or three* at the most. And *note*, That the Party which takes them *at Night*, ought to eat no *Supper*, but early in the *Morning* to drink something that is warm; for they will work by *Stool* so soon as the Party rises. Those who take them in the *Morning*, whether they lie in Bed or not after they have took them, they ought in *three Hours* after them to take a draught of *warm Ale, Posset drink, Water-gruel, or Mutton or Veal broth*, which will much help the *working* of them. Any one may safely go abroad after they have taken them, but it would be better if they keep within till near *Noon*: at Dinner they may eat heartily of *fresh Meats*, and may drink *Wine*, provided they exceed not *one pint a day*; for I have found by experience, that *Wine*, moderately drank, is beneficial in *most Diseases*; and I find, that in *Claps*, or any Distemper where the *Urinary passages* are affected, *Wine* helpeth much, especially *White wine*.

This *Pill* is so *safely* prepared, that it may be taken by *any person* without danger, (as *Women with Child, &c.*) and the *Operation* of it is so *free and easy*, that it is *pleasant*, as well as *profitable*. It hath no *corroding quality*, nor doth it cause any *unfavoury* *elchings*, as loathsome *Boles* and *Potions* do. There is no *Person* but may take it, and go about their *Business* as if they w'd nothing nor

that the Party has taken *any thing*: for it exhilarates all the *vital Faculties*, it being as much *cordial* as *purgative*. It not onely cures *safely, pleasantly, and quickly*; but 'tis a *great preservative* against the *Infection*: A *dose* taken immediately after the *Act*, either carrieth away all *Venom* with it, or causeth it forthwith to shew it self, whereby a more *speedy Cure* is acquired. In a word, I am certain there is no *Medicine* in the *World* more efficacious (in all *Effects* of the *Foul disease*) than these most excellent *Pills* are.

In *all manner* of *Poxes* I have found them most admirable: I have cured *People* which have been afflicted with all the *varieties* of the *Pox*, by these *Pills* onely: as for example, In an *old consumptive Pox*, where the *Parties* have been so weakned by *continual pains*, that they could scarce stir, I have administered these *worthy Pills*, which have worked so effectually with *correcting* the *Cause*, and *evacuating* the *offending Humour*, and by their *nutritive quality* corroborating the *vital parts*, they have soon restored the *Patients* to *perfect Health*.

Others whose *privy-parts* have been covered with *warts* (which is an *absolute demonstration* that the *Distemper* hath taken root in the *body*) I have given them of *these Pills*, which have eradicated the *Distemper*, that the *Warts* have consumed without any *local Applications*.

I have cured many of *large Nodes* by the use of *these Pills*; for they dissolve them, and purge away the *dregs* of the *Disease*. These *Nodes* are caused by the *phlegmatick part* of the *Venom* left behind in *ill-manag'd Cures*: they are very *painful Swellings*, sometimes on the *Shins* onely, and many times in *many parts* of the *body*; and the *bones* are often fouled by them if *not great care* taken.

I have met with many *rebellious Ulcers* in the *privy parts*, and in many other *parts* of the *body*, which have resisted the force of many *good Medicines* outwardly applied: In all such cases I have used *these Pills*, which has so changed the *ill habit* of the *Body* of the *Patients*, that their *Sores* have easily yielded to the *same Medicines*, and *incarnated* handsomely, and have been cured without any *relapse*. *Reader*, I could relate much more of the *Virrues* of *these excellent Pills*, but I suppose what I have already said may be *satisfactory enough*: but if thou art dubious of *any thing* that thou hast read *here*, I shall be very willing to *satisfie* thee in it, and I question not but to *justifie* what I have here *published* to the *World*.

Those to whom *Pills* are troublesome to swallow, may take them in the *pulp* of an *Apple*, a *stew'd Prune*, a *Raisin*, or a *preserved Cherry*; or they may put them into a piece of *Leaf-wafer*, and take them in a spoonful of *Ale*, or any other *Liquor*, as they best like.

These *Pills* are put up in *Tin Boxes*, and sealed with my *Coat of Arms*, each Box containing *Thirty Pills*, and are sold for *Four shillings* the *Box*. They are sold at *my own House*, and the following *Places*:

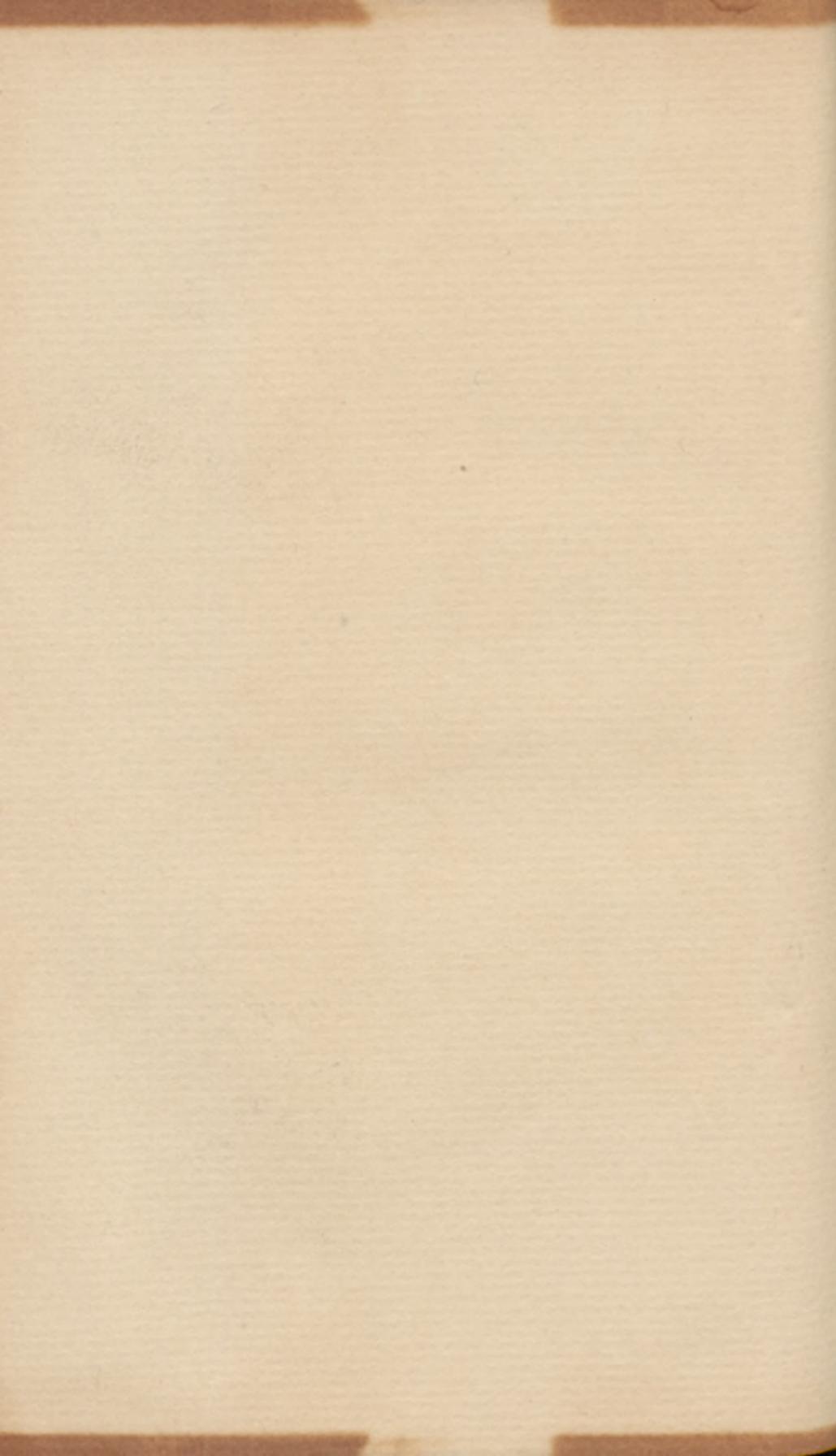
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