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The cure of a certaine stranger, which was wounded or thrust through his thigh with a Rapier, by one of his owne countrey men, being combating and fighting together: the cure thereof was somewhat hard and difficult, by reason he was farther touched with *Lues venerea*, before he receiued his wound. Cap. 11.

**I**mmediately after he had received his wound or thrust through his thigh, I was sent for vnto this cure, the patient lying at a strangers house in the Crouched Friers: yee shall heere note that he had a very strong, fat and corpulent body, and so a very big thigh: he was a man about thirty yeeres of age, all which being considered concerning the state and strength of his body, and the greatnes of the place wounded: then for the cure thereof I did ordaine a Flamula made of fine Lawne, the which was dipped in Oleo hyperici cum gummo and with a needle made of Whale bone fit for such purposes, I did draw the said Flamula through the wound, and did leaue both the ends thereof hanging forth at the orifices of this wound, putting also a small tent in the dependant or lowest part of the wound, and the largest orifice which was at the inside of his thigh, and there it did rest for the space of two daies, applying also therto for the staying of the blood Galen his powder: and aboue the wound I laid a very good defensive: after I did rowle it by according to art. The second day at night he did require me to dresse him againe, for because the night befoze he said he was troubled with a feuer, as he supposed it to be, & so was perswaded by others, and for that cause he entertained a Whisition a countrey man of his, for to cure his ague, and also to see his wound: Now when the wound was opened, it was without tumoz or any other euil symptome, only I found a bloody sanies: for that cause I vled next with the Flamula a very good digestiue, the which I dipped in Oleo rosarum, & melle rosar. ana. q. s. & so left the vse of oile of Hypericon. When the next day in the morning, he complained of extreme paine which he had suffered all that night: then I opened the wound, and I did find as aforesaid, wherewith he was

was somewhat disquieted in his body and mind: Then I dressed him again, and he was very quiet and well all that day, and at night the wound tended towards digestion, which was (me thought) very well to be liked of: but the next day in the morning it was worse than before, a stinking bloody sanies, and the next day at night the matter was indifferent, yet in the morning by no means I could procure concoct and digest matter: notwithstanding the best digestives and other good medicines I used. So the Physician and the rest of his countrymen thought somewhat amisse in me, for that the patient his wound did heale and prosper no better: and in like maner I thought somewhat in the Physician, for that he could not find out the reason and cause of his supposed fever. To come to the purpose, at the next opening in the presence of his Host of the house where he did lie, which was his interpreter, I desired him to demaund of the patient, when and where his paines did most afflict and trouble him, he answered in the night time and chiefly in his head, and also in his shoulders, legs, and armes, all which were very sore græued and tormented: then I was bolder to proceede in examination, and asked him, if he had any breakings out in som particular parts of his body, he answered no, but onely a few scabs in his head, the which he did not perceine, but since he was hurt and kept in his bed: and further he said he was very sore græued with the Hemorrhoides or piles, which for the basenes of the place, he said he was unwilling to acquaint any man with. When I plainly told him he was touched with the French disease, so being loth to give offence said little more at that time, because I perceived he had my words in disdain, until he considered better with himself: & against my next coming, he caused the Physician to meete with me: so after he had also seene and heard the whole matter, he likewise confirmed my sayings, that certainly it was the disease aforesaid: Why said the patient to the Doctor, doth our countrey yeeld such fruit & I being no Frenchman: He answered, God in his iustice plagueth most part of the world with that disease onely for sin & wickednes: so order was taken by vs presently, & we entred him into cure for that sicknes: but here you shall vnderstand, that in all this time I did neuer alter or change mine intention of curing, neither did I leaue of the vse of the Flamula, until the wound was perfectly digested, which we could by no meanes procure until he was entred sixe daies in the diet, then altogether I left of digestives and the vse of the Flamula, and used but short tents with good injections, and also very often Oleum hyperici, with other convenient remedies meete for this cure, which I haue plentifully published in this booke.

There were neither Hemorrhoids nor piles, vnder his correction but the F.P.

R. Olei Rosarum & } ana. ℥.j.  
 Olei Chamæmeli }  
 Olei spermatis ceti ℥.β.  
 Misce.

And many times likewise I used Vnguentum Dialtheæ, Oleum laurinum, & Vnguentum Vulpinum, and moreover I resolved all the confused & bruised blood, which was inclosed vnder the skin, with the aforesaid oiles, and also with application of these plaisters following,

R. Emplastri de Mucilagibus }  
 Emplastri de Meliloto } ana. ℥.ij.  
 Emplastri de flore vnguentorum }  
 Olei Chamæmeli } ana. ℥.vj.  
 Olei Rosarum }  
 Misce.

At the fiftene daies end I opened the wound againe, where I found it as I said befoze, perfectly healed, and also the fractured ribs very apparently to haue receiued consolidation: & thus I end this short discourse, omitting to speake of the order of his diet, which was sparing ynough in the highest degré.

The cure of a certaine man, that was thrust through his body with a sword, which did enter first vnder the cartilage or gristle, called of the Anatomists *Mucronata Cartilago*, and the point of the sword passed through his body and so out at his backe, in such maner that he which wounded the man did run his way, and did leaue the sword sticking in his bodie: so the wounded man did with his owne hands pull out the sword, whom after I cured as shall be heere declared.

Cap. 21.



Speciall note or obseruation of a certaine dangerous and desperate cure in my simple iudgement, woorthy of admiration, of a certaine traveller into the coasts of India, and other far countries, being a very valiant and strong person: who (as I said) receiued a wound through his body, which entred in vnder *Mucronata Cartilago*, but by the wonderfull worke of God the sword escaped the liuer, the

the stomacke, and the intestines or guts: for there were no manifest signes of any of those parts to be offended and hurt, neither any euill accidents happened, during all the time of this cure, but onely the grudging of a feuer, which followeth such wounds, as the shadow doth the body: and that was shortly prevented by bleeding, and loosing of the belly with soluble clisters. Presently vpon his hurt receiued, I was called vnto this cure, and likewise one master Doctor *Wotton*: but to speake the truth, after I did behold the maner of his hurt, and seeing the weapon so imbued with blood, I did in my mind greatly lament his mishap, and tolde those that were in presence, that I doubted much there was no hope of cure in him, but that death would very shortly follow, and so I was vnwilling to dresse him, supposing he would die vnder my hand. When the wounded patient desired me (as I loued a man) that I would dresse him, and take him in cure: for (said he) my hart is good, although my wound be great. When I called to my remembrance the learned counsell of *Celsus*, who willety vs in no wise to meddle with him that cannot be preserved, nor to deale with him that is slaine already: yet to counteruaile this, I read in other good authoꝝ, that we ought in conscience to attempt all that may possible be done, either by art or reason for the safetie of the patient: but first warily to foꝛetell what danger the patient is in, befoꝛe ye shall either make or meddle with him, that you may defend your selues from the slander of euill speakers. For say these excellent men, many by a wonderfull and miraculous maner do escape death and are cured. Therefore as I haue said in the Chapters going befoꝛe, if we shall leaue the wounded man destitute of all aide and helpe, and so he die, we shall woꝛthily be called and esteemed wicked, and without all charitie and humanitie. But (friendly reader) often times it so falleth out, that many woꝛthy and skilfull Artists, are most fearfull, and very vnwilling to enterprize and attempt any such great and dangerous cures, partly by reason of the slanders of backbiters, and others of the like rude soꝛt of euill speakers: for if it so fall out at any time, that some one disoꝛdered or vnfoꝛtunate patient die, or chaunce to escape vncured, by reason of the greatnes of the grieue or disease, then a man shall be condemned without mercie, notwithstanding all honest endeouours truly perfoꝛmed, neuer once considering that we cannot enter into Gods diuine pꝛouidence, to foꝛetell, know, and vnderstand, whether it be his good will and pleasure, to grant health and recouerie vnto the sicke or wounded patient or not. Howbeit this I know assuredly, a man shall get moꝛe discredit and infamous reports by such bad patients, than euer they got credit by all the famous cures they haue done all the daies of their liues. But I suppose there is no Surgeon that is a true

Christian,

Christian, will willingly and of set purpose, as some have said, do that which redoundeth to his patients hurt and ouerthrow, which cannot be but to his owne shame and vtter vndoing in this world, besides the high displeasure of almightie God in the world to come. I hope and am fully perswaded, it will be too hard for any of those slanderers to search out, & worse to find any such foul & odious abuses to raigne & be amongst vs. But to returne, I say, after much intreating, I enterprised this cure as followeth: I did first take two shot tents artificially made, the one for the fore part of his breast, and the other for behinde his backe: vpon the which tents I applied Galen his powder, mixed with hares haire, and the whites of eggs, and so put them into the wound: and vpon the said tents outwardly certaine pledgets, being also spred with the foresaide restrictive. Moreover, the wound was defended both before and behind, with very good defensives, and also artificiall bolstering and rowling: he so rested vntill the third day, for feare of the bleeding. In the meane space, the foresaid Doctoz of Physicke with others agreed, forthwith to giue the patient some excellent wound drinke: the Doctoz consented that we should administer such as by our owne experience and practise, we had well approued. When I told him of the singular vertues, which I had heard and scene of a certaine wound drinke, called Potus Antiochia, which was first put in practise in London, by a very skilfull Chirurgion called Master Archenbolk. The strange cures which the said drinke hath done, are wonderfull to heare, and this wounded man was cured chiefly with this drinke of Antioch. The maner and order of ministring and making of it, is as followeth,

- Rx. Bugulae
- Fragariae
- Consolidae mediae
- Consolidae minoris
- Consolidae maioris
- Raphani rustici
- Rubi
- Vrticae foemineae
- Osmunda
- Canabis
- Saniculae
- Crasulae
- Tanaceti
- Anagallidis masculi
- Auriculae muris
- Violarum purpurearum

ana. m. i.

Potus Antiochia.

Gariophyllatae

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Garyophyllatæ cum radicibus, & foliis m. v. *Avens*  
 Geranii Cretici m. v.  
 Betonicæ cum radicibus, & foliis m. v.  
 Pedis columbini cum radicibus, & foliis, m. iij.

**Rubie** tinctorum of the roots, the third part in waight of al the herbes, before rehearsed, first wash all the herbes cleane, then after stampe them in a stone moxter, which done, put them all in a new earthen pot well nealed, and put thereto also a gallon of good white wine: then set them on an easie fire of coles, & let the boile very gently till the one halfe be consumed, then straine them into a faire cleane vessell, & ad to them, of the best and purest clarified honie one gallon, so that there be of ech an equall quantitie: then boile them together, as it is said in the ancient copie, the time and space yee may say the Psalm of Mercie: and it must alwaies be giuen blood warme, one spoonfull at a time (first and last) morning and evening, in well water, three spoonfulls at a time, being sodden and kept vpon purpose: and I know that this drinke hath been ministered after it was ten yeeres old. I say I did by friendship get (of one Master *Bedon* Chirurgeon) so much of this drinke, that chiefly cured this wounded man. As touching such locall remedies, which I also daily used, were these following,

A digestiue.

R. Terebinthina lota in Aqua vita ʒ. iij.  
 Vitellorum nouorum nucieto ii.  
 Sir. ros. ʒ. iij.  
 Mastichis ʒ. i.  
 Croci q. s.  
 Misce.

Pour into a glass

I used at euery dressing with this digestiue, to take of Olei rosarum, ʒ. i. Mel rosarum ʒ. ʒ. And I dipped the tents and pledgets being warmed, in the said oile and Mel: and after the wound was perfectly digested, then I did mundifie it with this mundificatiue, and such like.

A Mundificatiue

R. Terebinthina ʒ. vj.  
 Mel rosarum ʒ. iij.  
 Myrrhæ  
 Iridis } ana, ʒ. iij.  
 Aristolochiæ  
 Farinæ hordei q. s.  
 Misce.

After the wound was well clesed, then I used this incarnatiue with great profit,

R. Olei

## curing Gunshot.

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℞. Olei com. ℥. iiii.

Ceræ nouæ ℥. j.

Terebinthinæ ℥. ℞.

Colophonix ℥. ii.

Picis Græciæ ℥. i.

Thuris

Mastichis

Croci ℥. i.

Misce.

ana. ℥. i.

An Incarna-  
tiue.

The rest of the cure I accomplished with other meete and conuenient remedies, which are with vs daily in vse. And so I end this small note, with the true saying of master Doctoz Foster, who in a learned lecture of Chirurgery, which he did read in the Whisitions colledge in London, said, that the reason why in these daies we do not perfozme the like famous cures, which were done by the worthy Grecians, and Arabians, and other old and ancient fathers, is for that we do not vse those old and ancient remedies, which daily they did put in practise, to their great credit, woꝝship, and gaine. Hoꝝeouer I say, after this patient was cured, fīue yēeres after following, he came to London, partly to see me, and to giue thanks, in the pꝛesence of master Baily, and master Beden, both Chirurgeons of saint Bartholomewes hospitall in Smithfield, and there in the pꝛesence of vs with others, he did shew the places that were wounded, both where the swoꝝd went in, and where it went out: since that time I did neuer see him, neither do I heare whether he be aliue or not, &c.

The cure of a yoong man, which receiued a wound  
into the right eie, with the point of  
a dagger. Cap. 22.



Here was committed vnto my cure, a yoong man, which receiued a wound into his right eie, with the point of a dagger, so that Coꝝnea, or the hoꝝny membrane did fall flat, vpon the chꝛistall humoꝝ, by reason most part of the white humoꝝ Albumineus, issued out of the wound, he had been in cure with a certaine Surgeon thꝛee daies, and then I was called vnto the cure of this patient, whom I found greatly pained with inflammation, a sharpe feauer, and want of sleepe, &c. For which cause by good aduise, and diligent circumspection, he was appointed to be let blood, and likewise clisters, and a ve-

ry thin diet was administred vnto him, vntill all these accidents were removed. And for the moze speedie mitigating of his paines, there was in like maner applied vpon his necke and shoulders cupping glasses, and on his forehead and temples, this excellent repercussive medicine,

Rx. Emplastrum Diachalcitheos lib. ℥.

Olei rosarum ℥. ij.

Succi plantaginis, & } ana. ℥. i.

Solani *viridis* } ana. ℥. i.

Albuminum ouorum numero ii.

Aceti ros. q. s.

Misce.

And sometimes I used this with like profit,

Rx. Olei rosarum ℥. ii. ℥.

Omnium Santalorum ℥. ii.

Bol Armenij ℥. ij. ℥.

Albuminum ouorum numero ii.

Vini granatorum q. s.

Misce.

And vnto the wound in the eie, I did drop in this remedie warmed,

Rx. Mucilag. sem. cydoniorum extractæ

in aqua rosarum

Tragaganthæ

Lactis muliebris &

Albuminis oui

Misce.

Then ouer that I applied thicke pledgets of fine tow, well wet in this composition following, being warmed a little,

Rx. Lactis muliebris

Vitellorum, & Albuminum oui

Succi semperuini, &

Olei rosarum

Misce.

With this maner of dressing, I continued six daies, and was constrained threë times a day to dresse his eie, & also againe about twelue of the clock at night: for euer as the medicine did grow warme, then the inflammation and paines increased. But after I had got the victory ouer the paine and inflammation, then there did manifestly appere a certain quantitie of matter, as it were imprisoned, betwene Cornea and Voea, the which I did remove, and take away, with this medicament following,

Rx. Aqua

℞. Aquæ rosarum ℥.ij.  
 Vini albi ℥.j.  
 Sir. rosati solutivi ℥.℞.  
 Sacchari candi ℥.ii.  
 Succu fœniculi ℥.℞.  
 Albuminis oui q.s.

Misce.

After the matter was removed, then I changed this course, and used these remedies following, wherewith the eie was deliuered from all the foresaid accidents,

℞. Tutia præparata ℥.j.  
 Aloes succotrina ℥.℞.  
 Camphoræ ℥.j.  
 Aquæ rosarum lib.℞.  
 Vini granatorum lib.℞.

Misce.

Powder that which is to be powdered, and mire all these together, and seeth them vpon the coles, and reserue them to your vse. Last of all I ended this cure with Mellis virginici, Sacchari candi, Tutia præparata, Aloes, ana. q. s. After I used this alone, and sometimes dissolved in it Aqua rosarum, and at other times in like sort I used Collyrium album sine opio, in Lacte muliebri, & Aqua rosarum, ana. q. s. And thus he was healed, of this wound in his eie, by my selfe: oftentimes I haue also cured the like, being ioyned with other Chirurgions in this citie of London; as master *Baker*, one of hir Maiesties Chirurgions, and also master *Banister*, &c. And this may suffice for a briefe note of this cure.

The cure of a certaine Clothier, dwelling neere vnto the north parts of this land, which was dangerously wounded, fower inches in bredth, aboue the left knee, in such fort, that the *Rotula* or round bone of the knee, did hang downe very much: whom I cured as heerafter shall be declared.

Cap. 23.

**N**ot long since, a certaine Clothier, with two of his neighbors and friends, early in the morning, betwene fower and five of the clocke, did take their iourney from London, towards the countrey where they did dwell: they had not travelled fully two miles, but they