

scians the use of simple Medicins made of Herbs, used by plain Countrey-men, Nurses, Farriers, &c. affirming, that the chief of the Ancient Physicians, as *Celsus*, *Scribonius*, *Marcellus*, *Dioscorides* and others have done so.

He taketh notice, *First*, That the external likeness in some Plants is not to be altogether despised; affirming, that from thence it was discovered, that our *Ashwood*, like to *Guaiacum*, is conducive to the *Lues Venerea*, and other Maligne Diseases. *Secondly*, That neither the outward Signature is to be totally neglected; since the Ancients thereby did first discover, that *Hypericum* was good for wounds; *Pulmonaria* for the Lungs; *Saxifraga*, for the Gravel; *Walnuts* for the Distempers of the Head. V Where he notes, that these signes do not so much respect the parts of the Body, as their Distemper.

He concludeth with observing, that those Plants which afford Salts of the like Figure, seem to evince a likeness in their Vertues. Upon this accompt he compareth together *Wormwood* and *Pellitory on the Wall*; *Baulm* and *Fenzel*; *Licorish* and *Capillus Veneris*; *Rosemary* and *Bugosse*. &c.

The Treatise it self, to which this Epistle is an Introduction, is directed to Medical Practice, and enlarged with divers useful Observations for the sake of young Physicians.

V. DE LACTE LUNÆ *Dissertatio Medica*, Johannis Danielis Majoris, Ph.  
& M. D. Kiloni 1667 in 40.

**T**His Book came but very lately to our view; And that the extravagant Name of its Subject may not take off sober men from considering it, we shall at the very first tell them, that by this affected word of *Lac Lunæ* nothing else is meant here, than *Flores Argenti*, or a fine white porous and friable Earth, insipid and without scent, dissoluble in water, and tinging it with a milky colour, and sometimes raising a kind of ebullition in it; found commonly in Silver-Mines, and in them sublimed and sticking to the roofs of the rocky Hilts; having a drying and absterfive quality, and therefore good against the afflix of sharp humors in ulcerated parts; serving also for an excellent *Cosmetic*. All which particulars are at large deduced and discoursed upon by the Author; who observeth, *first*, That *Gesner* in his Book of *Fossils* taketh good notice of this Mineral Earth; and affirms it to be found in the Mountains of *Helvetia*, especially that, which is called *Mount Pilat*. From whom he thinks that others, as *Boethius a Boot*, *Olaus Wormius*, *Aldrovandus*, *Calccolarius*, and others, have taken the hint.

*Secondly*, He maketh the matter of this Earth to be the Metallick Vapors of Silver-Ore, by some fermentation raised and sublimed, and then condensed.

*Thirdly*, Having commended its *Absterfive* and *Cosmetique* quality, he giveth this following *Recipe*;

*Lact. Lunæ Drachm. VII.*

*Lacca Virginian. vel Florentin. Drachm. I.*

*Mofchi optim. gran II. vel III.*

*Misc. exacte fiat pulvis subtilis.*

which Powder, he saith, when 'tis to be used for the face or hands, may, for more conveniency, be moistened with some Essence of *Benjoïn*, *Rose-water* or *Orange water*; whereby the skin shall acquite a natural and florid whiteness, without any danger of mischief.

*Fourthly*, Inquiring into the particular places of the Generation of this Earth, he affirms it to be found, as in the above-named Mountains of *Helvetia*, so in the Mines of *New Spain*, and about the *Mexican Bay*, as also about *Perusium* in *Italy*, in an Isle near *Hamborough*, called *Heilige Land*, belonging to the Duke of *Holstein*, and in *Silisia* near *Busnitz*.

*Errata*, In Numb. 58. p. 1186. l. 17. r. to remove, p. 1192. l. 12. r. at Frauchin. p. 1200. l. 16. r. before noon.

In Numb. 59. p. 1041. l. 19. r. *Pupilla* which dilates, p. 1045. l. 20. r. pipe, I took.

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