

the Earth, be scorched up and wither'd, nor pass into the pores of Plants:

*Sixthly*, he delivers the Artificial manner of Extracting and Refining of Niter; after he had first inform'd his Reader, How it may be known, whether a place be impregnated with Niter or no?

*Seventhly*, he giveth the *Vertues* and *Uses* of Niter; *first* in *Physick*; where he affirms it to be not only *Cooling*, at least by removing hot humors, whereby the Body may become cooler; but also *Resolving*, *Purgative* and *Diuretical*: Upon the score of all which properties 'tis used not only in *Burning Feavers*, in the form of the *Lapis prunella*, (the preparation of which he describeth;) but also in those Diseases, in which are to be discharged by *sweat* and *Urine*, hot, sharp, choleric and obstructive humors. Having dispatched this Medicinal use, he proceeds *next* to the use of Niter in *Chymistry*; where he observeth that by it may be made a pleasant and cooling Acid; or a hot and burning Corrosive: that sometimes it revives the Vomitive and Purgative vertue of *Antimony*, sometimes it kills the Vomitive, and reviveth only the Purgative, and sometimes it destroyes both, and quickens neither the Diuretick or Diaphoretick, &c. besides that it Calcineth, Sublimeth and Dissolveth *Minerals* and *Metals*. *Thirdly*, he adds the Use of Niter in *Artillery*; where he discourses of the reason of the Composition and Force of *Gun-powder*, together with the Use and Office of every Ingredient of the same. *Fourthly* and lastly, he sets down the Uses of Niter for *Refiners*, *Dyers* and *Cooks*.

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THE Author of the Discourse concerning *Mineral waters*, in Numb. 60. beginning p. 1074, desireth, that these lines may be inserted p. 1081. after the word *Dysenteries*, l. 19. viz. Neither do I think this water any thing the worse because of the *Alome*, but much the better for it in *Hypochondriack* maladies: For by its adstringency it defends the Tone of the Liver and the other natural parts, which otherwise are apt to be debilitated by purging and penetrating medicines; it being, according to *Galen's* advice, ever necessary to intermix some Adstringents with *Hepatick* remedies; in *Art. Med.* c. 95. to which agree very good writers, antient and modern.

Errat. p. 1096. l. 2. r. if he hit.

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