

such a swiftness, that it will be able to carry it to a great distance : And because such a *Valve* shutting a great hole would prove very difficult to be opened, when the pipe A A is of a great Bore, the aperture towards D may be left much smaller than the pipe ; the swiftness of the Air being so great, that even through a pretty small aperture, it presses the lead D as freely almost as if the whole Bore was quite open.

Having prepared a Barrel carrying a lead of 2 ounces, the Experiment was shewn before the *Royal Society*, and the Effect was found very considerable, the force being little less than that of the *Wind-Gun* by compression ; the same experiment being afterwards repeated with a longer Barrel, 'twas found that the length in this way of shooting was very little, if any advantage.

*Part of a LETTER from Dr. Salomon Reisel,
Chief Physician to the Duke of Wirtemburg, about an
extraordinary Tincture given to a Stone : Stutgardiae,
Febr. 120. 1686.*

A Urifaber Stutgardianus, qui & gemmis & Metallicis typis nummorum cudendorum insculpendis artificiosus est, nomine *Christophorus Muller*, Anno 1685, aurum *aqua regis* solutum, oleo *Tartari* præcipitatum atque edulcoratum, quod aurumi fulminans dicunt, dum in scutella, quam Maturellam vocant, ex lapide Chalcedonico coloris unici pellucidi onychini seu *Cornei*, vitro pro fusione præparato rubro mixtum, & aqua fontana imbutum tereret, ad facienda Encausta seu smalta ; de quibus *Anton. Nerius* vertente *Andrea Friesio*, egit lib. 6. *Artis Vitrariae* ; invenit iterato tertium eodem labore : quod color pulveris istius puniceus, qui per dies aliquot siccatus in vasculo manserat, quoisque inter terrendum

rendum etiam ad marginem effluxit, relictis tamen puris hinc inde spatiis Onychini coloris, durissimam hanc gemmam, quæ limam spernit, ita profunde penetraverit, non tantum in scutella, sed & ipso pistillo, & distinxerit maculis atque circulis sat ordinate ductis, ut color hic neque simplici aqua, neque lixivia, vel acriori alio liquore potuerit deleri, & quidem sine polituræ elegantioris detimento.

Talis itaque tintura per repetitas trituras dicti pulveris tentata denuo aliquoties, in similis coloris alio Vasculo, neque vero apparuit postea ut antea nunquam. Sed hoc impri- mis circa tinctionem hujus vasculi observandum est, quod secundum texturam gemmæ, tam nudo quam armato oculo, in tincta interna, & sincera externa parte vasis, notentur fibrae seu ductus circulares, juxta quos, bracteis succi lapidei novi per intervalla impositis, in ejusmodi molem excreuisse credendum est ; uti Bezoar aliisque lapides laminis super ac- crescentibus augentur, & ligna, in quorum ultimorum trun- co, circuli seu annuli designant succi annui numerum & in- crementa : adeo ut hic, purpureus ille color lineis pallidiori- bus & obscurioribus, prout vel densiores vel rariores poros, molliorem vel duriorem texturam offendit, circulares ambi- tus circa verticem aliquem, veluti circa medullam seu cor, ut appellant, aut granum aut paleam in aliis lapidibus & lig- niis, signaverit ; internistis quoque hinc inde maculis & spa- tiis obscurioribus. Veluti Illustr. Boyle, Specim. de Orig. & Virt. Genimaru[m], §. 1. pag. 22, 23, in Adamante & Grana- tis acies & commissuras tenuium bractearum aut planorum obseruavit ; quod granum artifices seu planam contexturam non dissimilem fissilitati ligni vocant.

Jam vero tingi posse quoque Marmora & Alabastra & Of- fa per lixiatiros & acres succos, hinc inde scriptum est : quod fortassis & de Gemmis sperandum est, quando Rob. Boyle Cit. §. 2. pag. 123. ex iis tinturam manifestam extractam esse scribit, alibi, p. 43. & 190. per vapores minerales tintos esse crystallos petrofos, atque pag. 45. ipsum Sapphirum per va- pores subterraneos.

Cum denique ex observatione nostra manifestum sit, revera tintam esse gemmam Chalcedoniam, quamvis fortuito acciderit, neque repetito processu simile quid evenerit, merebitur tamen meditationem, an ex astrorum fluxu, aliae abscondita potius vi venerit, & tentamen, an ex mixtura salium & succorum acrum possit imitando produci ejusmodi Tinctura, & quidem sine Igne, ut splendor & Pelluciditas gemmæ non destruatur, durities autem maneat, adeoque ipsa gemmæ pretiositas non tantum servetur, sed & per tinturam novam crescat.

Hujus Tincturæ figuram & modum, si forte quem delectet, addere placuit, qualis noctu opposita Candelæ visa fuit, aliquomodo nec satis accurate delineatum. Tab. I. Fig. 6.

A CATALOGUE of Simple and Mixt Colours,
with a Specimen of each Colour prefixt to its proper
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Society.

Having sometime since seen a TABLE of the Simple Colours made use of in Limning and Painting, Printed in the Year 1680, at Stockholm; I have here endeavoured to give a more Philosophical, and useful one by the addition of some mixt Colours: Not that I pretend to give the Shades of all the mixt Colours, which were indeed infinite as the Compositions and Proportions of them may be unlimited; but I have mixt each of the Simple Yellows and Reds with each of the simple Blues, and these Mixtures give most of the mean Colours, viz. Greens, Purples, &c. To know what each of these mixt Colours is compounded of, you need but look to the Top of the Table directly over the Colour enquired after, where you may find the One Ingredient, and at the Side in the

Tab 1.

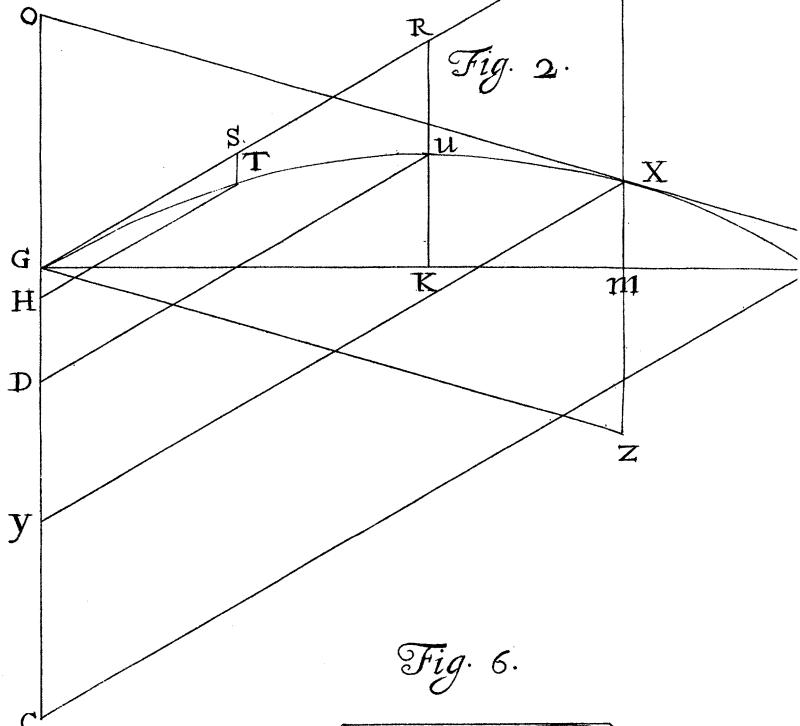
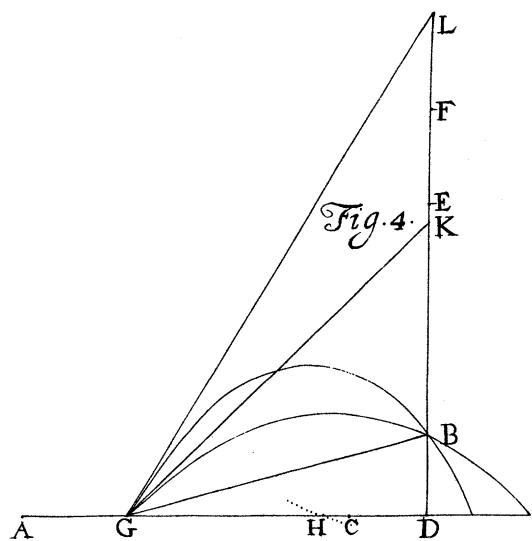
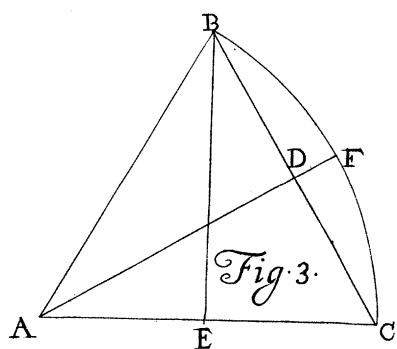
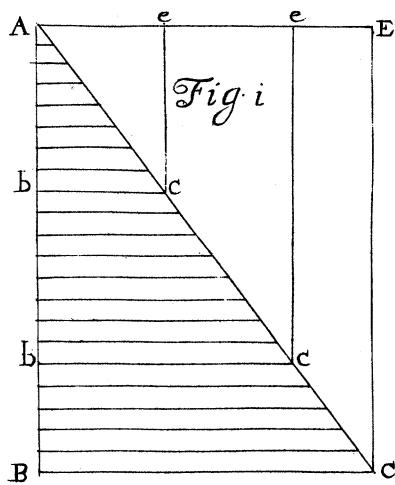


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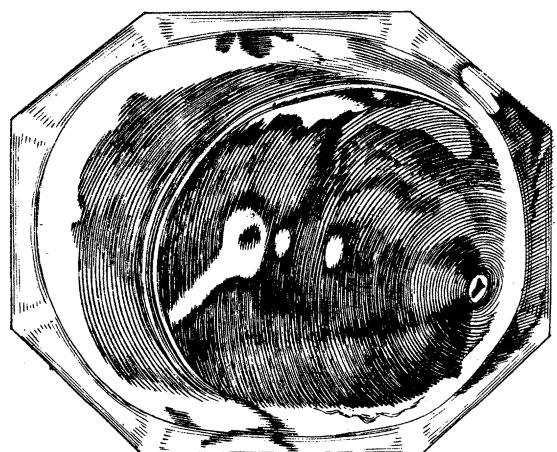
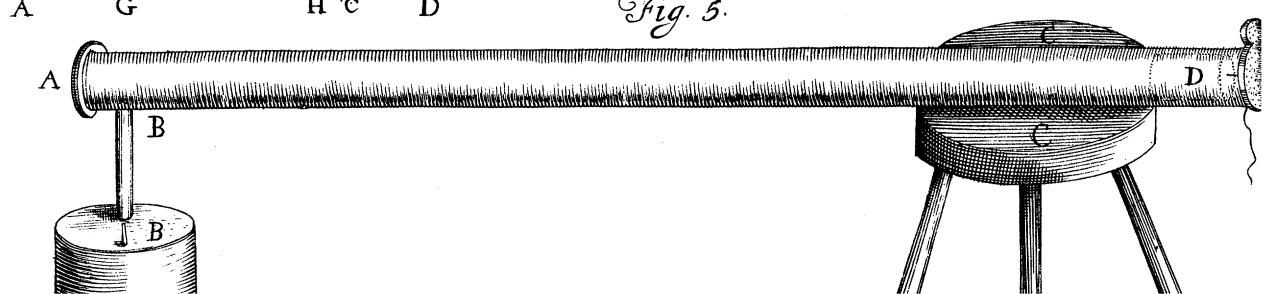
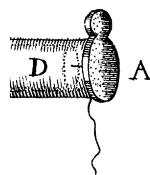
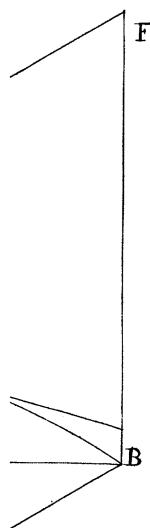
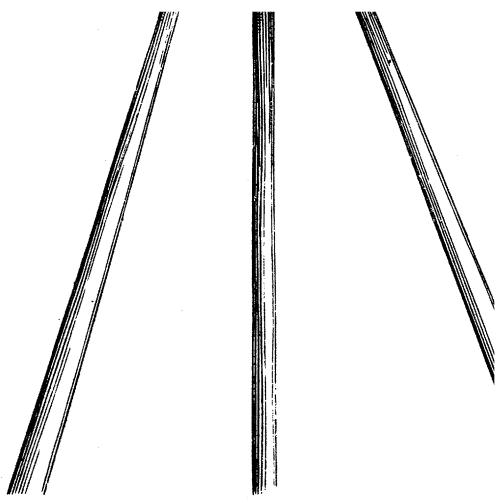
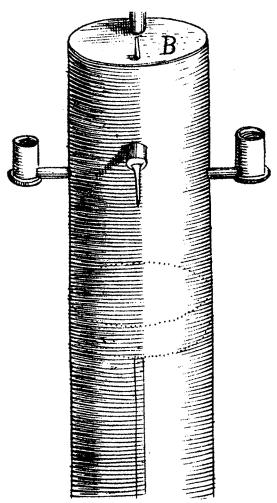
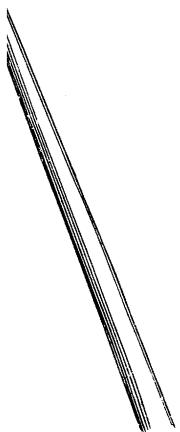


Fig. 5.









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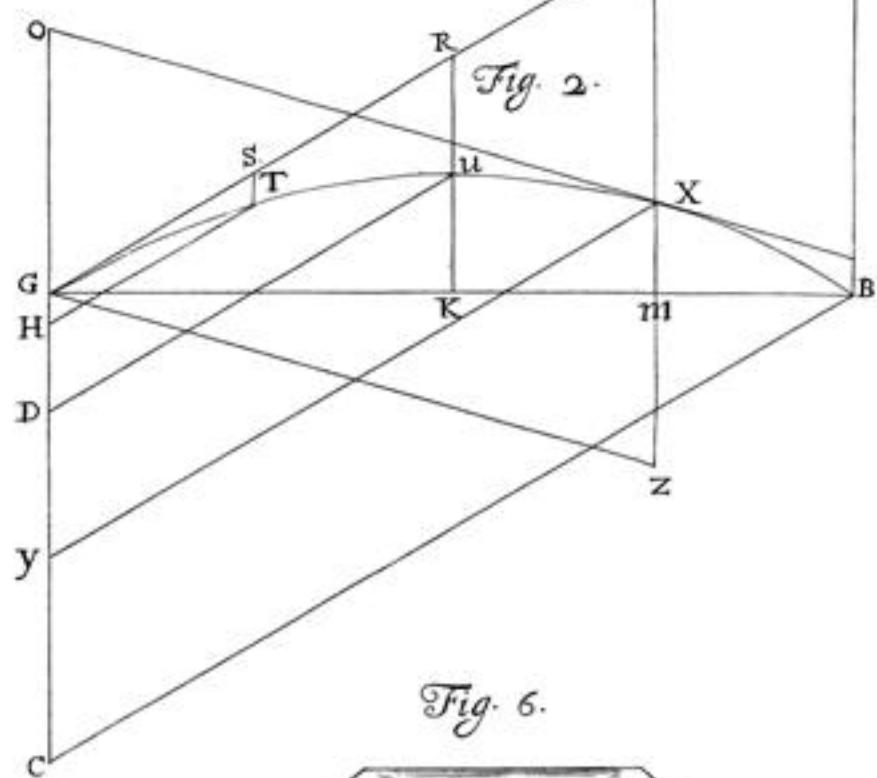
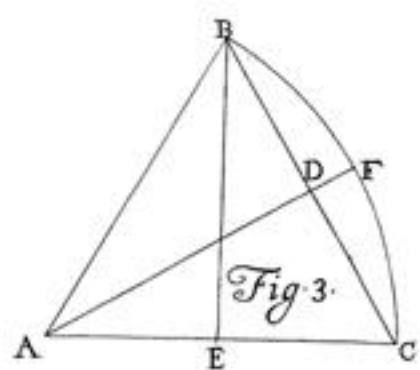
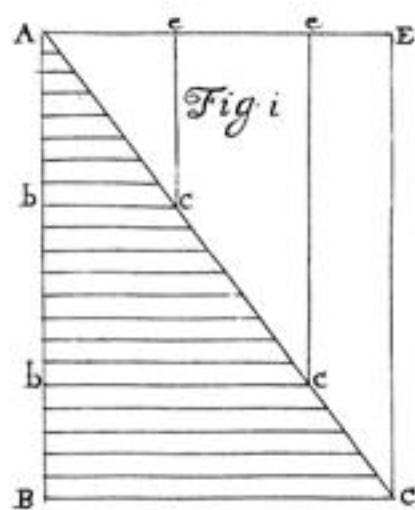


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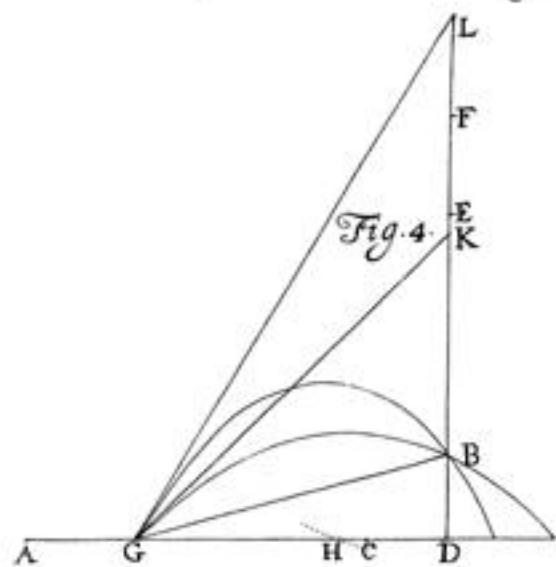


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