

cum solutionibus vitriolorum pure martialium, & præ cæteris cum liquore Martis sôlari, omnium pulcherrimo colore cæruleo inficiebatur. Cum primis quatuor solutionibus vitriolicis vero eodem se modo habuit, ac cæteri spiritus frumenti fucati, imo non secus ac ipse spiritus vini Gallici.

XI. Tandem cum fatis essem confirmatus, rem cum ramentis ligni quercini optime succedere, experiri libuit, quantum infusi vel extractionis ligni quercini, ad minimum pro aliquali saltem cœruleato colore producendo requireretur.

Varias ergo quantitates minuendo semper parci res, à dimidia drachma ad viginti, quindecim & pauciores guttas descendendo, probavi, adeo ut unica gutta sufficeret totam semiunciam spiritus frumenti qualitate imprægnando, quæ ad colorem cœruleum, licet non adeo saturatum, unica saltem gutta liquoris mineræ martis accedente, producendum requiritur.

III. *An Account of a Fork put up the Anus, that was afterwards drawn out through the Buttock; communicated in a Letter to the Publisher, by Mr. Robert Payne, Surgeon at Lowestoff.*

James Bishop, an Apprentice to a Ship-Carpenter in Great-Yarmouth, about 19 Years of Age, had violent Pains in the lower Part of the *Abdomen*, for 6 or 7 Months; it did not appear to be any Species of the Colick; he sometimes made bloody *Urine*, which induced me to believe it might be a Stone in the Bladder. He was very little relieved by *Physick*; at length a hard Tumor appeared in the Left Buttock, on or near the *Gluteus Maximus*, 2 or 3 Inches from
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the Verge of the *Anus*, a little sloping upwards. A short time after he voided purulent Matter by way of the *Anus*, every Day for some Time; the Tumor broke; I suspected a Fistula *in Ano*, but could not get the Probe, by the Orifice of the Sore, into the *Rectum*. Shortly after the Prongs of a Fork appeared through the Orifice of the Sore, above half an Inch beyond the Skin. As soon as the Prongs appeared, his violent Pains ceased; I divided the Flesh between the Prongs, according to the best of my Judgment; and after that made a circular Incision about the Prongs, and so with a strong Pair of Pincers extracted it, not without great Difficulty, Handle and all entire; the End of the Handle was besmeared with the Excrement, when I drew it out; it is 6 Inches and a half long, a large Pocket-Fork; the Handle is Ivory, but is dyed of a very dark-brown Colour; the Iron Part is very black and smooth, but not rusty. He is likely to do well in a short Time, the Operation being performed the 11th of *October* last; he would not own how it came, till a Relation of his, a Gentleman in this Neighbourhood, who sent him to me to be under my Care, the Reverend Mr. *Gregory Clark*, Rector of *Blundeston*, on whom, in a great Measure, his Dependence is, threatened never to look upon him more, unless he would give him an Account how it came; and he told him, that, being covetive, he put the said Fork up his Fundament, thinking by that Means to help himself, but unfortunately it slipped up so far, that he could not recover it again.

Lowestofft, 7 Miles from
Great-Yarmouth, 5th
Novemb. 1725:

Robt Payne.

P. S. He says he had no Trouble or Pain, till a Month, or more, after it was put up.

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