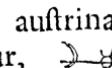


## XII. Mercurius a Venere occultatus Maii 17.

1737. in Observatorio Regio Grenovici,  
ab J. Bevis, M. D. observatus.

Tem. Appar. P. M.

H. M. S.

- I 37 03 PRæcedens Limbus Veneris Meridianum transit, centro a Vertice  $25^{\circ} 46' 35''$ . Mercurium vero intra telescopium nequaquam conspiciebam.
- 9 04 09 Centrum Mercurii Limbum Veneris præcedentem præcedebat  $12''$  Temporis.
- 06 20 Repetit. eodem tempore præcedebat, quo prius.
- 28 00 Mercurio Filum parallelum Micrometri decurrente, Cuspis Veneris austrina ab eodem Filo rescinditur,  unde Venerem Mercurium obtefturam, vel faltem stricturam colligebam; Micrometrum itaque extrahebam, quo melius instantem Contactum discernerem Tubo 24 Pedum.
- 43 04 Mercurius haud plus distat a Venere quam decima vel duodecima parte Diametri Veneris: Deinde inimicæ Nubes.
- 51 10 Venus iterum clarissime effulget, Mercurius vero totus sub Venere latet. Nubes jam Venerem rursus excipiunt, ulteriore tam rari spectaculi contemplationem prohibentes.

Maii

*Maii 18. P. M.*

Distantia Meridiana Solis a Vertice  
 $30^{\circ} 04'$ .

1 31 53 Limbus præcedens Veneris Meridian.  
 transit. Centro distant a Vertice  
 $25^{\circ} 57' 15''$ .

Mercurium culminantem neque hac die  
 videre licuit, cœlo licet admodum  
 sereno.

*N. B.* Distantiæ a vertice a refractioni-  
 bus non purgantur.

*Vide Fig. 2. in TAB.*

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XIII. *The Use of a new Azimuth Compass  
 for finding the Variation of the Compass  
 or Magnetic Needle at Sea, with greater  
 Ease and Exactness than by any ever yet  
 contriv'd for that Purpose; by Captain  
 Christopher Middleton, F. R. S.*

**T**O discover the Declination of the Magnetic  
 Needle, or Variation of the Compass at Sea,  
 with some tolerable Degree of Certainty and Exact-  
 ness, is a thing of great Use and Importance in the  
 Art of Navigation.

The Instruments and Methods hitherto used for  
 this Purpose, (as we could easily demonstrate, if it  
 were needful) are subject to several Inconveniences, Er-  
 rors and Defects; to remedy which, this new *Azimuth  
 Com-*

Fig. 1.

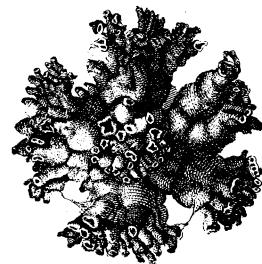


Fig. 2.

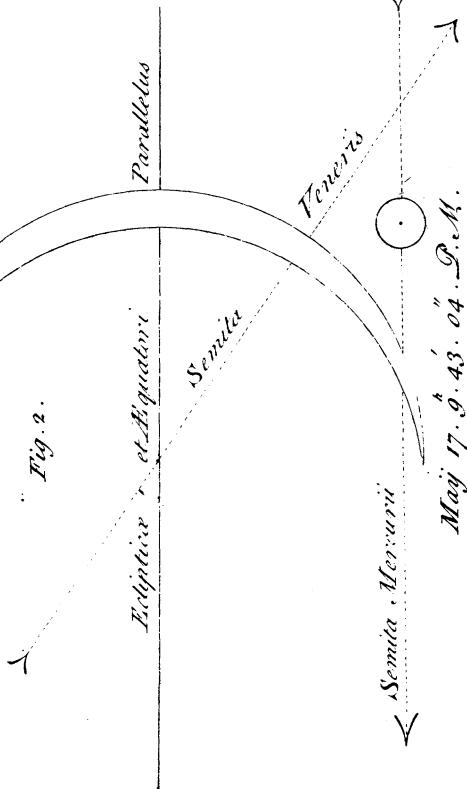


Fig. 4.

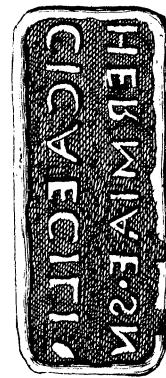
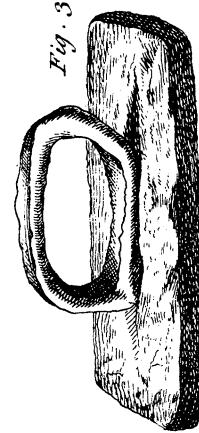


Fig. 3.



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