

by the Use of emollient Fomentations. He now is perfectly found, and in a good State of Health, walks strait, and his Thigh is not any shorter than the other. This is the true State of the Case. I am,

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Bradford, Jan. 15. 1739.

Your humble Servant,

William Wright.

III. *An Account of a monstrous Fœtus, resembling a hooded Monkey: Communicated by Mr. William Gregory of Rochester.*

A Woman, aged 44, of an athletic Body, conceived with Child a little before *Christmas* 1730. upon which ensued all the usual Symptoms of Pregnancy. Soon after Conception, some Fellows who travel the Country, with a *Bear* and a *Monkey*, placed themselves before the Woman's Door, in order to make Diversion for the Populace. The *Monkey* had a Hood on, which reached to his Shoulders, of which the Woman took prodigious Notice; and all the time the *Monkey* was playing his Tricks, in turning over a Stick, &c. the Woman could not keep her Eyes off from him. Some small time after, the Woman met a Man of a thin, pale, dismal Aspect, upon whom she looked very earnestly, and thought his Face to be (to a Tittle) like the *Monkey's* Face. When the Woman was quick with Child, and the *Fœtus* began to move, the Woman felt it turn over
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and over, many times successively, just as the *Monkey* turned over the Stick; and as often as it moved, it was in the same Manner. In the Seventh Month of her Pregnancy, she was taken ill, with a Vomiting, Gripes, and Looseness, which soon ceased without the Help of Medicine; upon which the Woman's Belly began to grow less, and the *Fœtus* did not move so often, nor so strong, as before. The Woman began to be very uneasy, thought her Case dangerous, and that she was not with Child; upon which she consulted me. I examined how she was from the Beginning, and found her Case as above related: I then gave it as my Opinion, that she was with Child, and begged she would not take any Medicine, until her Time of Reckoning was expired, which (with much Difficulty) I prevailed upon her to consent to. I was sent for in a Month after, and was desired to give her something to bring down her great Belly, she believing herself not with Child. I was still of Opinion she was with Child, and told her, that what she felt move in her Belly, was in all Probability a Child; and the Fulness of her Breasts, and other Symptoms, were strong Proofs of her being with Child. I endeavoured to convince her, that there was no Danger in her Case, as far as I could apprehend; she being then in tolerable good Health, and able to attend the Affairs of her Family. I again prevailed upon her to desist from taking Medicine for a Month longer: The Month elapsed, and no great Alteration. She felt something move faintly about the Expiration of the Ninth Month, when I visited her, and was then in tolerable good Health, though very uneasy at her great Belly: I told her, that she might be mistaken in

her Reckoning, and that she would go a Month longer: She was positive she was not mistaken, for that she had missed her *Menstrua* some time before *Christmas*, which she never used to miss, but when with Child; and now she could not believe herself with Child, by reason her full Time of Pregnancy was expired. I told her the Danger of taking purging Medicines, whilst she was with Child; and gave her Instances in the Neighbourhood, of the fatal Consequences of some Mens Practice in the like Case; by which I again prevailed upon her to tarry another Month, at the Expiration of which I gave my Patient a Visit, and found her much as she was when I saw her before. Now Ten *Lunar* Months were elapsed, and my Patient felt nothing move in her Belly for Six Weeks past: I then confessed I had mistook her Case, but gave her Hopes there was still a Probability of removing her Distemper, and restoring her to Health; in order to which I immediately sent her an Infusion of *Sena, Rhubarb, Sal. Tartar. &c. cum Syr. de Rhamno*, which she did not take for Two Days after, being the 5th of *September* 1731. My Patient took the Potion about Five in the Morning, and before Six she was taken with the most exquisite Travail-pains: A Messenger was dispatched for me, but, before I could come to her Assistance, she was delivered; the *Fœtus* came, with the *Placenta, Membranes*, and Humours, all whole, which were preserved until I came, which was soon after; and, to my great Surprize, found the *Fœtus* as before-mentioned. I took out my Incision-knife, and divided the *Membranes*; so took out the *Fœtus*, with the Twist in the Navel-string, as it now appears; the
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Membranes were very strong, but the Humours were very foul, and but small in Quantity, though not fetid. My Patient, who is a Woman of Probity and good Understanding, declared, from strong Reasons, that she conceived at the Time above-mentioned, and was delivered as mentioned before; the Twists in the Navel-string are Demonstration, that the *Fætus* moved in the *Matrix*, in the manner my Patient described. The Oddness of the Case made me more particular in giving a true History of it, which, I hope, will be an Excuse for my Prolixity. I need not here mention the exact Resemblance of the *Fætus* to a hooded *Monkey*: The *Fætus* itself will shew it more particularly than I can relate it.

I aver the above Case to be strictly true, to the best of my Knowledge, as witness my Hand this 30th Day of *April* 1733.

From Rochester.

William Gregory.

IV. *The Case of Mary Howell, who had a Needle run into her Arm, and came out at her Breast.*

MART Howell, late of *Oswaldestry* in *Shropshire*, Spinster, had on the 3d Day of *March* 1732. a small Needle, which she had stuck upon the Sleeve of her Gown, by her accidentally running against a Door, drove, with some Thread twisted about it, into her Left Arm, about Six Inches below her Shoulder; and a young Woman, (one *Mary Price*)