

For the Shortness of Breath, I have advis'd the giving " Whale-Oil, Treacle of Sugar, each a Pint; " Flower of Brimstone four Ounces: Give it in a " Mash of Malt, or Bran and Water, twice or " thrice a Day."

For the Scouring, first give the *Crocus*-Purge above-mention'd; then give them every six or eight Hours the following Draught.

" Take Whiting one Pound, bruise it; pour
 " boiling Water upon it, a Quart or more; let
 " it stand to settle; pour off the clear Water,
 " and fling it away; then put a Quart of warm
 " Water to the wet Whiting; and add Bole-
 " *Armeniac* in Powder two Ounces, *Venice*-
 " Treacle one Ounce, *English* Malt-Spirits half
 " a Pint."

These Proposals being founded upon the Appearance of the Symptoms, I hope they will be attended with the wish'd-for Success.

XI. *A Letter from Mr. D. P. Layard, Surgeon, to C. Mortimer, M. D. Secr. R. S. inclosing an Account of a Fracture of the Os Ilium, and its Cure.*

S I R,

Read Dec. 5.
1745.

I nclosed I send you a Case, which, as the Learned *Heister* observes, *rarely happens.*

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happens *. If you think it may be worthy the Notice of so distinguished a Body as the *Royal Society*, I beg the Favour of you, Sir, to present it, as a small Token of my great Respect. I am, with the greatest Regard,

S I R,

Dean-Street, Soho, Dec. 3.
1745.

Your most humble,¹

and affectionate Servant,

D. P. Layard.

The Case of John Easdon, Coachman to the Right Honourable the Earl of Darnley.

ON the 8th of *February* 1745, *John Easdon*, Coachman to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Darnley*, about 22 Years of Age, was jammed between a Waggon and a Coal-Cart, as he was getting up into the Waggon; the Cart-Wheel pressed on the upper Part of the left *Os Ilium*, and, by a sudden Jolt, squeezed him against the Waggon, so as to raise him from the Waggon-Wheel on which he stood; then the Cart going on, the poor Man fell on the Ground.

Being carried to my Lord's Stables, I examined the Part, and found (just below the *Contusion* made by the
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* *Os innominatum rariò frangitur.* Heister Instit. Chirurgic. Tom. 1. pag. 200.

the Pressure of the Cart-Wheel) a Fracture running quite across the *Costa* of the left *Os Ilium*, about three Fingers Breadth below the *Crista* of the said Bone; the End of the upper fractur'd Part being forced in towards the Cavity of the *Abdomen*.

The Patient being laid on his Back, on the Edge of the Bed, I applied a Napkin on the *false Ribs*, which was pulled tight by two Assistants, in order to press the Contents of the *Abdomen* downwards: Another Assistant pressed the *Abdomen* on the right Side, while, by pressing the *Crista* of the fractured *Os Ilium* gently inwards, I brought both the Edges of the Fracture to a mutual Contact.

The Fracture being reduced, the Napkin applied on the *false Ribs* was tightened, and kept on during the whole Cure with the *Scapulary*. I applied proper Compresses, and a Pasteboard cut according to the Figure of the Bone, over which I applied the * *Spica Bandage*. The Patient was kept in Bed for about three Weeks, lying on his Back, the affected Side being supported with a soft Pillow. By this means, and by observing what is generally recommended in all Fractures; the Patient was perfectly cured, and walked very well at the Month's End.

* Vide Heister. *Institut. Chirurgic. Tom. 2. pag. 1217.*