

the Shoulder-blades, which resembled those of Sheep. [See an Article in the *Scots Magazine* for *October* 1748. printed at *Edinburgh* in 8vo.] In a Letter to me, he adds, that probably this was a [Pelagian or] Ocean Fish, wandering by chance into the Frith of *Forth*; and, by the Tide ebbing, being left upon a considerable Shoal, or flat Sand, near *Leith*, was discover'd from Land in a State of Distress; whereupon some Fishermen plunged into the Sea, and with a Net surrounded it, and brought it to Shore.

XXI. *A Letter from John Burton M. D. to C. Mortimer M. D. & Secr. R. S. concerning the Extirpation of an Excrecence from the Womb.*

S I R,

Read July 5. 1750. I HAVE at last got a Drawing of an Excrecence * growing from the Inside of the *Os Tincæ* on the right Side; which I herewith send you, (see TAB. I. *Fig.* 6.) along with as full and perfect an Account of the Case as I can.

The Wife of one *Chapman*, a Whitesmith, at *Selby*, ten Miles off, upwards of seven Years ago lay in of her last Child, and had a tolerable easy Labour: Soon after which, she had what she called the *Fluor albus*, that continued ever since, and increased upon her; insomuch that she says, she has sometimes

* It is exactly the Dimensions of the Original, which weighed 5 Ounces and a half. That Part below the prick'd Line appeared out of the *Vagina*; that above reach'd from the *Labia* to the *Os Uteri*.

sometimes had such a Discharge, as to wet the Place she sat upon thro' all her Petticoats, &c.

For some Months before we were concerned for her, she began to complain of a Pain and Weight in the *Uterus*; which increased as the Substance grew in Bulk; and at last the Excrescence was so large as to appear outwards, and then it grew very fast.

The Patient consulted her Midwife, who thought the Womb had come out; but was so prudent as not to do any thing; and desired they would call in better Advice. Accordingly they sent for Mr. *Fell*, an eminent Man-midwife and Surgeon in this City; who, not having met with a Case like that, desir'd me also to go and see her; which was in *December* last (1749). The Substance not only fill'd, but extended, the Entrance into the *Vagina*. I introduced a Finger into the Passage, and soon found the Excrescence to be less in Bulk there than what appear'd without the Body; and to be in Shape as you see in the Drawing. I follow'd the Substance till I reach'd the *Os Uteri*, which I found chiefly fill'd up, with the Neck or smallest Part of this Substance, leaving only a small Part of the *Os Tinca* to be perceived on the left Side, obliquely towards the Back. I tried to penetrate the *Os Tinca* with the End of my Finger, but could not; however, I so far open'd it, as to let out a sort of bloody *Ichor*, which was a little offensive in Smell.

I asked her, if, when her Discharges were so large as to wet her Seat, they differ'd in Smell from those which came in less Quantities; and if they smelted something like what then came from her when I search'd her, which she answer'd in the Affirmative: From whence I concluded she had an Ulcer

cer just within the *Os Uteri*, from the Edge of which this *Fungus* or Excreescence grew. The Patient complain'd of Pain in the *Uterus* and Back, was very faint, and frequently was provoked to vomit, with a feeble Pulse, and sometimes Sweat.

Upon Consultation, we thought proper to tie a Ligature as high up within the *Vagina* as the Surgeon could reach: Which being done, and some internal Medicines being order'd, we return'd home; and in two or three Days we went again, but found no great Alteration as to the uterine Complaint; except that the Part below the Ligature was somewhat more livid, and the fetid Smell was much greater, and very like that of a confirmed running Cancer: And as the Matter was somewhat confin'd in the Passage, I order'd them to wash the *Vagina* by an Injection made of the common emollient Decoction, with *Mel Rosarum* and a little *Tinct. Myrrhæ*. This was frequently done; by which the Smell was less offensive; and two Days after the Excreescence dropp'd off at the Ligature.

The Patient has since, in part, recover'd her Strength; tho' she is not in a good State of Health, and her *Fluor albus*, as she calls it, is still troublesome to her.

This was the last Account I have had of her. The Excreescence was very solid, of a dark liver Colour, and, whilst adhering to the *Uterus*, was quite insensible. When cut in two, it resembled the solid Substance that is taken out of Cancers. I am,

S I R,

Yerk, March 28,
1750.

Your very humble Servant,

John Burton.

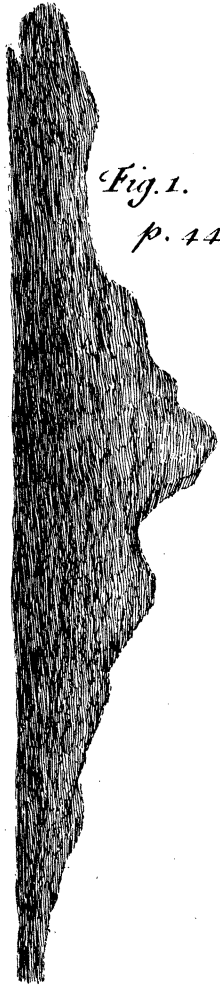


Fig. 1.

p. 443.

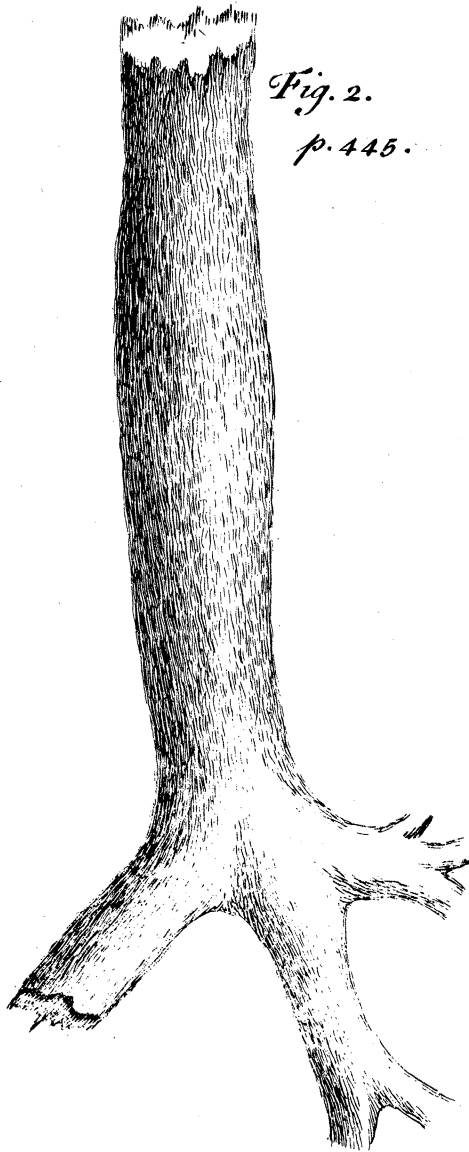


Fig. 2.

p. 445.

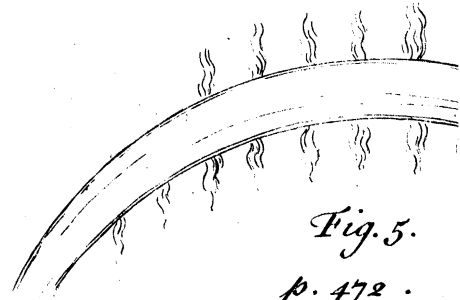


Fig. 5.

p. 472.



Fig. 3.

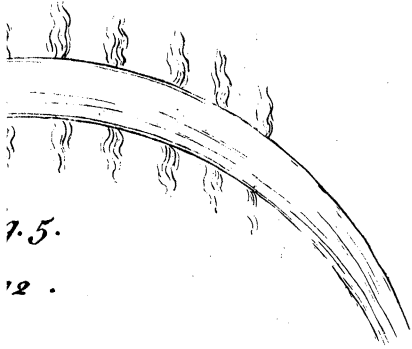
p. 456.

E CIMELIO RE



Fig. 4.

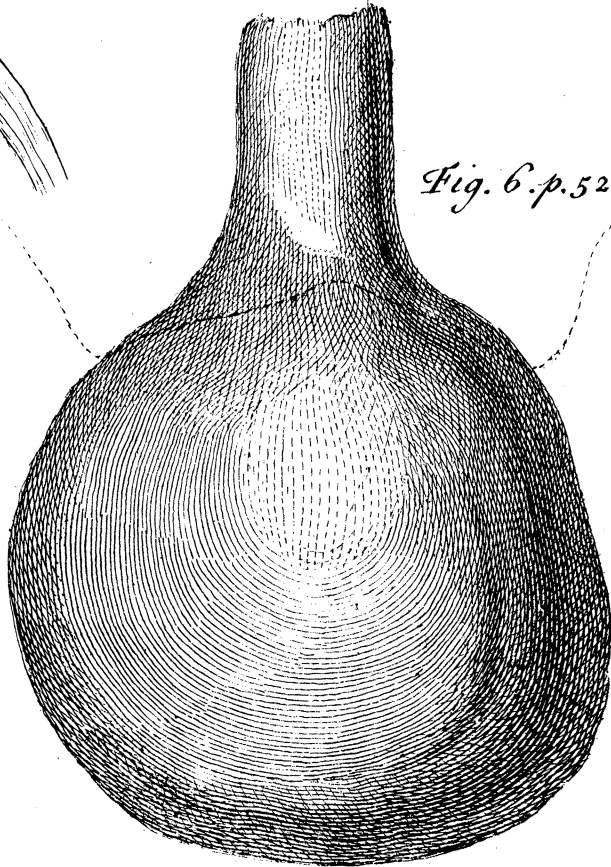
p. 458.



7.5.

12.

Fig. 6. p. 520.



Two circular medals or coins are shown. The top one features a figure holding a staff and a shield, with the text 'CONCORDIA P. VID' around the edge. The bottom one features an eagle with spread wings, with the text 'HIPONCIA. Θ. ΝΙΟΥ' around the edge.

9.3.

56.

LIO REGIO

9.4.

58.



Fig. 1.
p. 443.



Fig. 2.
p. 445.

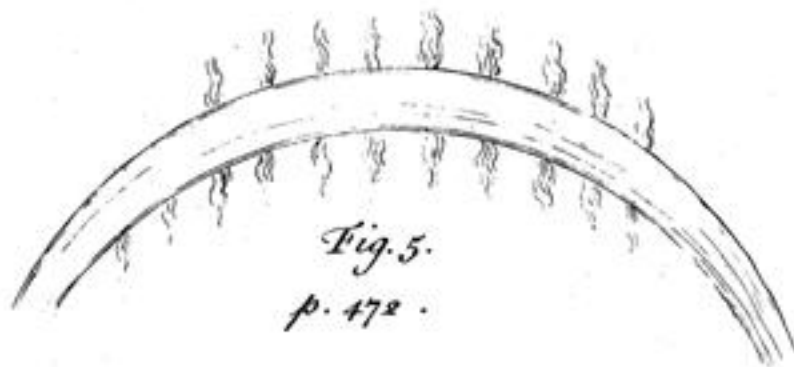


Fig. 5.
p. 472.



Fig. 3.
p. 456.

E CIMELIO REGIO

Fig. 4.
p. 458.

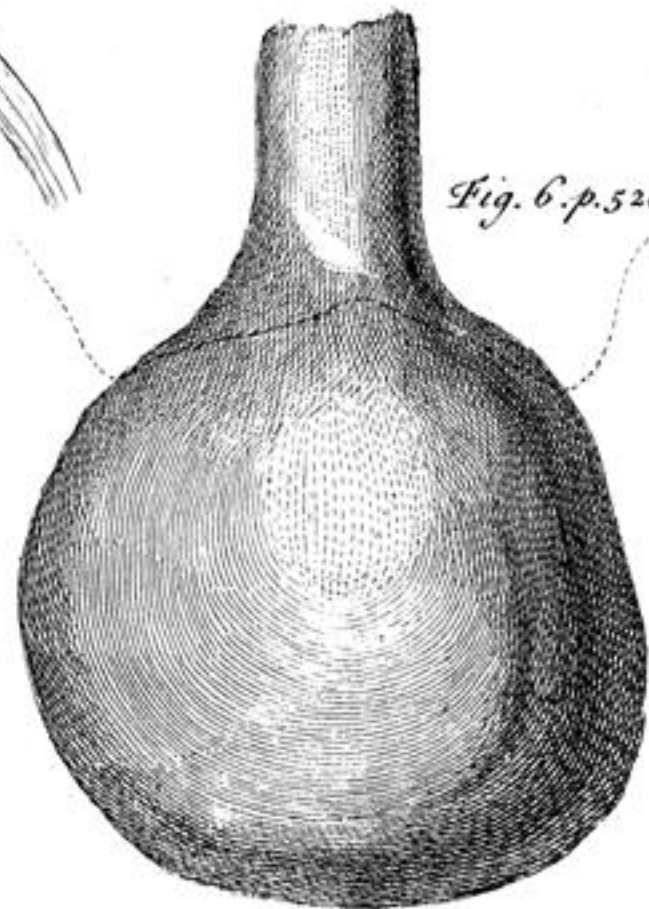


Fig. 6. p. 520.