

pathy. We know how a Tagliacotian nose,<sup>1</sup> enfeoffed with a community of vitality and vegetation by right of transplantation upon the face of a gentleman at Brussels, hath grown cadaverous and dropt off at the instant of that porter's death at Bononia out of whose arm it was first executed. And how carefully good housewives avoid the boiling over of their milk lest the atoms thereof subtiliated by the intense heat of fire should be attracted by the cow's udder (for the source or fountain of every effusion acteth a magnetical part and draweth to itself the subdivisions of that same effusion situate within the orb of its alliciency) and so an inflammation be caused by the opposition of the atoms of fire concomitant. And indeed he shall find out of a book of great authority the true magnetical cure of most diseases as of the Dropsie, Gout, Jaundies, &c. by including the warm blood of the patient in the shell and white of an egg which exposed to a gentle heat and mixt with a bait of flesh ye shall give together with the blood to a hungry dog or swine and the disease shall instantly pass from you into the dog and utterly leave you; no otherwise than the leprosie of Naaman did by the execration of the Prophet transigrate into Gehazi. Nay is there not even now in France an Abbe who cureth fever of all kinds by sympathy? For he taketh but the patient's spittle and mingleth it with an egg and so giveth it unto a dog and the dog dieth and the patient is made whole.

And do we not all know that a woman weaning her child, to the end that her breasts may the sooner dry up, strokes her milk into a fire of glowing coals and thereupon her paps suddenly become flacid and the fountain of her milk is stopped.

Hath anyone with his excrements defiled the threshold of thy door and thou intendest to prohibit that nastiness for the future, do but lay a red-hot iron upon the excrement and the immodest sloven shall in a very short space grow scabby in his buttocks; the fire torrifying the excrement and by dorsal magnetism driving the acrimony of the burning into his impudent anus.

So it is vain if not wicked of the plaintiff to deny the operation of sympathetic powder or unguent—and he is wrong in being puffed up in his own conceit and setting himself above those who are older and wiser than himself.

Yet he saveth that his method of cure is one which is well-known in the profession, though that is denied by other surgeons

<sup>1</sup>Tagliacotian nose. An operation performed by the Bolognese surgeon, Tagliacozzi (1516-1590), who used a flap taken from the arm, but not entirely severing it until union had taken place, to form a new nose.