

centuries, which our allopathic friends always thrust into our upstart faces—were respectively found by the ‘capacious mind’ which meddled with ‘things, the real meaning of which is understood,’ to be admirable\* in inflammations, (like the lancet and tartar emetic,) bites of mad-dogs, stone in the kidneys, consumption, worms of children, (the earth-worms did *their* business—a kind of Isopathy, therefore, like bugs for bug-bites,) hemorrhages, erysipelas, gout and burns, not to mention others that are not mentionable.

“At p. 152, we are introduced to something still more philosophical, and more conclusive of the soundness of the ancient foundations. But here I: at a great disadvantage, and feel almost as if I must shut the book, and leave Dr. Simpson to crow by himself. For while he, with little violence to decency, can give in plain English the worst therapeutic ravings of the most harebrained homœopathist (so-called,) I dare not do the same with the allopathic bill of fare, without sending my imaginative readers to their scent-boxes and snuff-mills. What can I make in English of the *Aqua stercoris animalium*, or *De oleo excrementorum*, or *Facultas stercoris humani*? I can’t venture to translate. Suffice it to say of these things ‘the meaning of which,’ as Leibnitz says, ‘is understood,’ that they are so offensive as to be better left in their classical dress. But I may translate some notices of their indubitable virtues, in order to do homage to the foundations and antecedents of that modern experience which has grown so naturally out of the good old stock, and preserve so strikingly the family features.† I shall give the unmentionable their dues, each in succession under the signs of No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3.

“Under No. 1 it is mentioned generally, that so and so ‘possess wonderful and excellent virtues;’ the *stercus gallinæ*—

\* “Radically cure,” and “wonderfully benefit,” are the judicious phrases expressive of their action.

† An allopathic physician of eminence, not a hundred miles from this, uses “cow-tea” (which is neither milk nor beef-tea) in *diabetes*. A rude attempt at homœopathic practice!