

It is an Opinion amongst them, that the Know- ledge of Physick is not to be acquired, but is hereditary; no one can be a Doctor but the Son of a Doctor.

As to the other Set of People besides the Doctors, which are the Juglers or Conjurers. It is a received Opinion amongst the *Indians* in those Parts, that there are two Spirits, one whom they call *Manitou*, to which Spirit, they attribute all the Perfections of the Deity, the other Spirit they call *Vitico*, and that Spirit they imagine to be the Cause of all the Evil and Misfortune that happens to them, and concerns himself much with them. These Juglers pretend to an Intimacy with *Vitico*, erect a Tent which will just hold them, and is shaped much like a Butter-Churn; black their Faces, and then go alone into such Tent where they will make a great Variety of Noises in imitation of Animals, jump about, and make a great Stir. During the Time, all the *Indians* who are near, keep a profound Silence, and perhaps, when the Conjurer comes out, he will tell them *Vitico* would not come, or he hath seen him, and *Vitico* says so and so, as to what those *Indians* want to know who hired him to conjure for them; which will be sometimes private Persons, or those of a Tent, or of several Tents; if some of his Predictions chance to be compleated, he is then in Reputation; if not, he suffers only in his Character, but not the Art.