

eine, and the results of experiment he says "Thus ancient men having a little experience joined with common sense and common humanity, cured both themselves and neighbors of most of the distempers to which every nation was subject. But in process of time, men of a philosophical turn were not satisfied with this they began to enquire how they might account for these things. How such medicines wrought such effects. They examined the human body in all its parts, the nature of its flesh, veins, arteries, nerves, the structure of the brain, heart, lungs, stomach and bowels, with the springs of the several kinds of animal functions. They explored several kinds of animal, mineral, as well as vegetable substances, and hence the whole order of physic became gradually inverted. Men of learning began to set experience aside, to build physic upon hypothesis, to form theories of disease and their cure, and to substitute these in the place of experiment. Physicians now began to be in admiration as persons who were something more than human. And profit attended their employ as well as honor, so that they had two weighty reasons for keeping the bulk of mankind at a distance that they might not pry into the mysteries of the profession. They filled their writings with abundance of technical terms, utterly unintelligible to plain men. They represented the critical knowledge of astronomy, natural philosophy and what not. And thus honor and gain were secured, a vast majority of mankind being utterly cut off from helping either themselves or their neighbors, or even daring to attempt it."

Here are a few of the prescriptions.

For an Ague.—Go into a cold bath just before the cold fit—Nothing tends more to prolong an ague than indulging a lazy indolent disposition. Children have frequently been cured by wearing a waistcoat in which bark was quilted. Or, apply to each wrist a plaister of treacle and soot.

Canine Appetite, which is an insatiable desire for eating, if it be without vomiting is often cured by a small bit of bread dipped in wine and supplied to the nostrils.

An Asthma.—Live a fortnight on boiled carrots only. Or take an ounce of quicksilver every morning and a spoonful of acqua sulphurata.

A Cancer of the breast of thirteen years standing was cured by frequently applying red poppy water, plaintain and rose water, mixed with honey and roses. Use the cold bath, this has cured many. This cured Mrs. Bates of Leicestershire of a sciatica, cancer of the breast, a consumption, and a rheumatism which she had for twenty years. She bathed daily for a month and drank only water. Or apply goose dung and celandine, beat well together and spread on a fine rag. Dr. Chene says, a total ass-milk diet about two quarts a day without any other food, will cure a confirmed cancer.