CHAP. V.

Of DECOCTIONS.

I. *Apozema potenter Expectorans*, An Apozem, or Decoction Compound powerfully expectorating.

Bate.] ℞ OF *the pectoral Decoction* ℔j. *Syrup of Scabious compound, Oxymel of Squils, A.* ℥ij. *Water of Walnuts compound* ℥ijs. *Infusion of Crocus Metallorum* ℥j. *mix them.* Three or four spoonfuls of it are given every morning, so as it may cause Vomiting three times.

Salmon.] § 1. The *Decoctum Pectorale* here intended is that in our *Pharmacop. Londinensis, lib.* 4. *cap.* 14. *sect.* 4.

§ 2. The Syrup of Scabious compound, and the Oxymel of Squils, are those in the Book cited, *lib.* 4 *cap.* 16. *sect.* 50, & 84.

§ 3. The *Walnut water*, that in *lib.* 4. *cap.* 1. *sect.* 29. of the same, from *Platerus*, which alone of it self is a good Vomit.

§ 4. The *Infusion of Crocus Metallorum* is the *Vinum Benedictum* in our said *Dispensatory, lib.* 4. *cap.* 12. *sect.* 7. where you may see its Composition, Vertues and Uses at large.

§ 5. This *Apozem* being thus compounded, serves to differing intentions, and is very powerful in evacuating tough, viscous, and tartarous Humors out of the Brest and Lungs, and other the adjacent Bowels.

§ 6. It cures Agues, chiefly Tertians and Quartans, cleanses and strengthens the Stomach, takes away the pain thereof, and cures the Cholick to admiration.

II. *Decoctum Album*, The white Decoction.

Bate.] ℞ *Pouder of Hartshorn calcined* ℥ij. *Fountain-water* ℔iij. *mix and boil to the half: then strain it immediately thro' a thin Linnen Cloth, with gentle pressing: to this milky Liquor add Syrup of the Juice of Oranges* ℥iij. *or q. s. mix them.* It is of extraordinary use for quenching Thirst in Fevers, *&c.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is excellent to abate the heat in all sorts of Fevers, burning and malignant, but in my opinion it will be more effectual if it be sweetned with Syrup of Limons.

§ 2. It rectifies a weak and disorderly Stomach, and takes away nauseousness and vomiting.

§ 3. And it may be used as a general Vehicle in all sorts of Fevers, and to give most Antifebriticks in: It is a Specifick in the Plague, Spotted Fever, Measles, Small-pox, *&c.*

III. *Decoctum Amarum*, The bitter Potion or Drink.

Bate.] ℞ *Tops of Centory the less, Agrimony, Camomil-flowers, A. M. ss. Seeds of Carduus, Citrons, A.* ℥ijs. *Marigold-flowers, p. ij. Roots of Gentian* ℥ij. *Sena* ℥vj. *Rhubarb* ʒj. *White-wine, Fountain-water*

water, A. ℔j. *mix and boil to the half, and strain out for three or four Doses.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is to be taken in the morning fasting to cleanse and rectify the Stomach and Bowels, restore their Tone, and to cause a good Appetite and Digestion.

§ 2. It prevails against Worms in Children, the Green-sickness in Virgins, and Obstruction of the Courses in Women: and indeed opens all other Obstructions of the *Viscera*, after an admirable manner, if taken for eight or ten mornings together.

§ 3. It is good against the Dropsie, Gout, Scurvy, Cholick, stoppages of the Lungs by tartarous matter, the Yellow and Black Jaundice, King's Evil, Rickets in Children, and other stubborn and rebellious Diseases, tho' of long standing, *&c.*

IV. *Decoctum Amarum Alterans*; The bitter Potion only alterative.

Bate.] *It is the same with the former, the Purgatives only being omitted.*

Salmon.] § 1. It has the former Vertues, and opens as much, but cannot carry off the Recrements of the Blood and Humors.

§ 2. It is only to be us'd to weak People, who cannot endure purging, and where purging is not requir'd; but then it ought to be us'd much longer.

§ 3. You may give it *ab* ℥*iv. ad viij.* either alone by it self, or in a Glass of White or Rhenish Wine, in the Morning fasting, and if need requires, as much at Night going to Bed.

V. *Decoctum Ambrosianum*; The Syrup or Decoction of *Ambrose.*

Bate.] ℞ *Grains of Panick bruised* ℥viij. *Fountain-water* ℔vj. *boil to the consumption of a third part, adding at the end Whitewine* ℥xij. *after it is a little cooled, strain it often thro'* Hippocrates'*s Sleeve, till it becomes limpid and pure.* It is also call'ed *Syrupus Ambrosianus.* It is given in time of sweating, half a Pint at a time. It is a noble Diaphoretick, us'd in the Dropsie, Gout, Rheumatism, or running Gout, malign Fevers, *&c.*

Salmon.] § 1. One Author will have it to be *Gromwel-seed*, whilst others will have it to be *Panick*; but most are of the opinion it should be the *Indian Millet*, to which I assent.

§ 2. *Weckerus* in his *Antidotary, lib.* 2. *sect.* 2. *p.*492. orders it to be boil'd till it cracks or is broken: of this Decoction he takes ℥ij. adding to it good Whitewine ℥ij. and so gives it to the Patient hot, covering them well down.

§ 3. It is said to provoke Sweat after a wonderful manner, and to be good against Fevers, chiefly Tertians, being given in the declination of the Fit, *Pharm. Lond. lib.* 1. *cap.* 7. *sect.* 94. *pag.* 149.

VI. *Decoctum Analepticum*; The Restorative Decoction.

Bate.] ℞ *River Crabs bruised,* № vij. *Whitewine, Fountain-water,* A. ℥xij. *boil to the half, strain out, and sweeten with Sugarcandy, q. s.* It is given to three spoonfuls against hectick Fevers often in the day.

Salmon.] § 1. That it is a good Restorative, I know: but if you would

would have it absolutely effectual against Hecticks, you ought to add to the Composition *Crystal Minerale* ℥ij.

§ 2. Then you may administer it thus: ℞ *Of this Decoction* ℥iss. *Milk-water* ℥iij. *Spanish-wine* ℥j. *Volatile Salt of Ox-flesh*, gr. vj. *mix for a Dose, to be given three times a day.*

§ 3. Or thus: ℞ *Milk-water* ℥iij. *of this Decoction* ℥iss. *Spirit of Cinnamon* ʒij. *Volatile Salt of Hogs-blood*, gr. vj. *mix them for a Dose*, to be given as before. This restores in all sorts of Consumptions.

VII. *Decoctum Antimoniale*, An Antimonial Decoction.

Bate.] ℞ *Lentish Wood, Misselto of the Oak, A.* ℥vj. *Betony, M. j. Sassafras rasped* ℥j. *crude Antimony grossly bruised, and ty'd up in a Rag,* ℥ij. *Spring-water, q. s. boil till it comes to* ℔ij. *then strain.* Dose, ℥vj. in the Morning warm, for purifying the Blood, *&c.* It is good against Catarrhs, Scabs, and all sorts of Defilements; and frees the Body from all sorts of noxious Humors.

Salmon.] § 1. It is a good Purifier of the Blood, and may serve in place of the vulgar Diets used against the French Disease.

§ 2. It is prevalent against all sorts of Fevers, whether continual or intermitting; but would be more powerful if in every Dose you dissolved at time of taking, gr. 15 or 20. of Crystal Mineral.

§ 3. The quantity of *Antimony* is too little; it ought to be ℥iv. at least; and if *Guaiacum* ℥ss. and its Bark ʒij. were added, the *Recipe* would be never the worse.

VIII. *Decoctum Antiphthisicum*, Decoction against an Ulcer of the Lungs.

Bate.] ℞ *River Crabs N°. xij. Elecampane-root, Roots of Florentine Orrice, Comfrey, A.* ℥j. *Liquorice* ℥ss. *Ladies Mantle, Ground-Ivy, Yarrow, Ribwort, Veronica, spotted Lungwort, the greater Housleek, A M.* ij. *Conserve of red Roses* ℥vj. *Fountain-water, q. s. boil to* ℔vj. *strain, clarifie with the Whites of Eggs, and add Spirit of Sulphur, q. s.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is not only good against a Consumption of the Lungs, but all other Consumptions whatsoever, and all inward Obstructions of the Bowels or other parts, which are the conjoyned cause of a Consumption.

§ 2. You may use it thus: ℞ *Milk-water* ℥iv. *of this Decoction* ℥iij. *Volatile Salt of Hogs-flesh, gr. vj. mix for a Dose, to be given two or three times a day.*

§ 3. The Spirit (by which is intended the Oil) of Sulphur, is to be put in only to a grateful Acidity.

IX. *Decoctum Astacorum*, Decoction of Crevises, or Craw-fish.

Bate.] ℞ *River Craw-fish N° 20. Roots of round Birthwort* ℥ss. *Comfrey roots* ℥j. *Sanicle, Ladies Mantle, Bugle, Agrimony, Ground-Ivy, Betony, A. M. j. Aq. Font.* ℔vj. *Whitew.* ℔ij. *mix and boil all to the consumption of a third part; add Syrup of Limons, and Spirit of Sulphur, q. s. mix them.* It is invented for Wounds of the Thorax or Breast, *&c.* Dose six ounces twice a day, four hours before eating: Dress also the Wound twice a day with Cloths dipt

dip therein; It is a wonderful thing in all deplorable Cases.

Salmon.] § 1. You must put in the Syrup of Limons, and Oil of Sulphur to a grateful Acidity; but more of the former than of the latter, because it sweetens withal.

§ 2. It is an excellent Wound-drink, and is of good use against all rebellious Ulcers and Fistula's, which have been of long standing.

§ 3. It opens Obstructions of the Lungs, and heals Ulcers there, and therefore is of good use in the curing Consumptions, of what kind soever, give it as the former.

X. *Decoctum Digitalis*, Decoction of Fox-glove.

Bate.] ℞ *Leaves of Fox-glove new gathered ℥iv. or M. ij. Zant Currants cleansed by washing ℥ij. bruise them, and add Ale ℔ij. boil all to one half, and express out strongly:* It is used for a Vomit in the Epilepsie.

Salmon § 1. It may be a good thing in the Epilepsie for all that I know, but I have had no experience of it: I must confess I have a better Opinion of Antimonials in that case, because they do the work more briefly, and more effectually.

§ 2. For this Reason sake, I should advise it to be used with addition of *gr. ij.* or *iij.* of *Mynsicht's Emetick Tartar* in each Dose.

§ 3. The Dose of the Decoction simple as it is here prescribed, is ℥viij. more or less according to Age and Strength, to which you may add *gr. j. ij.* or *iij.* of an Antimonial as before directed, as necessity requires.

XI. *Decoctum Diureticum Augenii*, A Diuretick Decoction.

Bate.] *Roots of Smallage, Parsley.* A. *M. j. of Madder ℥ss. Lavender, Maidenhair, Dodder, Agrimony, red Cicers or Chick-peese,* A. *M. ss. Roots of Asarabacca ℥j. Calamus Aromaticus ℥ss. Seeds of Anise, Smallage, Parsley, Daucus, Caraways, Fænugreek,* A. ʒj. *Seeds of Melons, Cucumbers,* A. ʒiij. *Fountain-water ℔vj. boil all to the Consumption of ℔ij. strain and sweeten with Sugar, q. s.* It is given in difficulty of making water, *vj.* for a Dose.

Salmon.] § 1. It provokes Urine powerfully; but it will be much more effectual, if at time of taking it, you add to the Dose, *gr. xij.* ad *xx.* of pure Salt of Tartar.

§ 2. If *Winter Cherries ℥j. Juniper-berries ℥ss.* be added to the Composition, it will yet be much more effectual.

§ 3. And at last to make the Medicine compleat, being boiled and strained, you ought to every *℔ss. adde* S. V. *℥j.*

XII. *Decoctum Dysentericum*, A Decoction against the Bloody-flux.

Bate.] ℞ *The under Crust of three Loaves of wheaten Bread: boil them in Fountain-water ℔vj. ad ℔j. in which infuse for two hours Cloves bruised ʒij. strain, and add Claret-wine ℔j. white Sugar, q. s.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is not only good against Bloody-fluxes, but all other Fluxes of the Bowels, but more especially if to each Dose of it you add ℥j. of strong Cinnamon-water.

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§ 2. Utendi modus. ℞ *Of this Decoction* ℥vj. *strong Cinnamon-water* ℥j. *Tincture of Catechu* ℥ss. *mix for a Dose to be given twice a day.*

§ 3. If the Flux be violent, and of long continuance, you must add to the former things of our *Guttæ Vitæ.* ℈j.

XIII. *Decoctum Ictericum*, A Decoction against the Yellow Jaundice.

Bate.] ℞ *Goose dung, Ivory rasped, A.* ℥j. *Swallows-dung with the whole Nest, Harts-tongue, Flowers of Hypericon. A. M. ij. Saffron* ʒss. *White wine, Fountain water, A.* ℔ij *boil to the one half, strain, and add white Sugar, q. s. and clarify with Whites of Eggs; Dose,* ℥v. *those things being done before, which ought to be done.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is an approved thing by manifold Experience against the Yellow Jaundice; but would be more effectual if Hempseed bruised ℥j. were added to the Composition.

§ 2. Modus Utendi. ℞ *Of this Decoction* ℥iv. *or v. Tincture of Turmerick* ℥ss. *Volatile Sal Armoniack, Salt of Tartar, A. gr. vij.* mix for a Dose to give in the Morning fasting.

§ 3. At Night going to Bed give the Patient *gr. iij.* or *iv.* of my *Volatile Laudanum*, to sweat withal for thirty or forty Nights together.

XIV. *Decoctum Limaceum*, Decoction of Snails.

Bate.] ℞ *Garden-Snails freed from their Shells and cleansed, N°* xij. *New Red Cows Milk* ℔ij. *boil to the one half: strain, and add Rose-water* ℥j. *Sugar-candy* ℥ss. *mix for a draught*, to be taken every Morning for the whole Month of *May.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is designed for the Cure of Consumptions in the Lungs, Pinings, Hecticks, and the like.

§ 2. Give it thus. ℞ *Of this Gelly of Snails, q. v. strong Cinnamon-water* (but this is an Hectick must be omitted) ℥j. *Volatile Salt of Ox-flesh, gr. viij. mix for a Dose.*

§ 3. If there be a violent Flux of the Bowels withal, give, *gr. iij.* or *iv.* of my Volatile *Laudanum* every Night going to Bed.

XV. *Decoctum ad morsum Canis Rabidi*, A Decoction against the Biting of a Mad-Dog.

Bate.] ℞ *Rue* ℥vj. *Garlick, London Treacle, A.* ℥iv. *filing of Jupiter* ℥iv. *clear Ale* ℔iv. *boil to the Consumption of the half, and digest a while.* Let the sick take of the strained Decoction six Spoonfuls twice a day for nine days together; and apply the *Magma* to the place affected.

Salmon.] § 1. Modus Utendi. ℞ *Of this Decoction five or six Spoonfuls or more pouder of the Liver of a mad Dog* ℈j. *ad* ʒss. *mix*, and give it in the Morning fasting, and last at Night going to Bed.

§ 2. Or thus. ℞ *Of this Decoction, q. s. Volatile Salt of the whole mad Dog, gr. vij. mix*, and give it as the former; this has never been known to fail.

§ 3. This Volatile Salt is made from the whole Animal, being killed, then cut into thin bits, all the Flesh and Skin, and throughly dryed, and at last distilled by Retort as we have taught in our *Seplasium, Lib.* 7. *Cap.* 60. *Sect.* 24. and *Cap.* 61. *Sect.* 6. of the same.

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XVI. *Decoctum Pacificum*, A Decoction easing Pain.

Bate.] ℞ *Salt of Tartar made with Nitre* ℥viij. *fresh Flowers of Corn Poppy, Juniper-berries, Roots of black Hellebor, A.* ℥viij. *Aqua Benedicta simple* ℔viij. *boil with a gentle fire, (the Vessel being close covered or well closed) for twenty four hours: which being cooled strain out, thro'* Hippocrates *his Sleeve.* Let three Spoonfuls of it be given at Bed-time, and five Spoonfuls every Morning, in a little White-wine, sweetned with Sugar.

Salmon.] § 1. This is *Matthews* his Receipt which he published in his *Unlearned Alchymist* many Years ago: but you have a more exact Process thereof in our *Pharm. Lond. Lib.* 4. *Cap.* 11. *Sect.* 23. which is more effectual to the purposes intended.

§ 2. It eases all manner of Pains after an admirable manner, and prevails against Rheumatisms, and Pains of the Stone and Gout.

§ 3. It is singular also against Fevers, and Surfeits; as also the Gripings of the Guts and Cholick and may safely be given to Infants, in small Dose. See the *Aqua Benedicta, Cap.* 1. *Sect.* 7. of this Book.

XVII. *Decoctio Polychresta*, A Decoction of many Vertues.

Bate.] ℞ *Roots of Polypody of the Oak* ℥ij. *of Cichory* ℥ij. *Roots of Mons Rhubarb* ℥vj. *Sena* ℥ij. *sweet Fennel seeds, Liquorice, A.* ℥j. *Raisons stoned* ℥iv. *Fountain-water, q. s. infuse and boil four hours; then strain. To* ℔iiss. *of the strained Liquor add depurated Juice of Sea Scurvy-grass* ℥viij. *red Sugar, Manna, A.* ℥iij. *mix, and clarifie with Whites of Eggs.* Dose, ℥iv. *ad viij.* early every Morning, for purifying the Blood.

Salmon.] § 1. It is a good general Purger, yet with all purges but gently; and is of excellent use for such as cannot swallow Pills, Bolus's, Pouder, *&c.*

§ 2. It is singular against the Scurvy, and all its Symptoms, as also against all Diseases which proceed from salt, sharp, acid, or tartarous Humours, as the Dropsie, Jaundice, Rheumatism, Stone, Gout, *&c.*

§ 3. Modus Utendi. ℞ *Of this Decoction* ℥vj. *black Cherry or Milk-water* ℥iv. *Salt of Scurvy-grass* ℈j. *mix for a Dose.*

XVIII. *Decoctum Preservatorium*, A preservative Decoction.

Bate.] ℞ *Malaga-wine* ℔iiij. *Rue, M. j. black Pepper bruised, Ginger, A.* ℥ij. *Nutmegs* ʒj. *boil to the Consumption of the third part: strain and add Venice-Treacle* ℥ij. *Mithridate* ʒj. *strong Angelica water* ℥iv. *mix them.* Dose, one Spoonful as a Preservative from the Plague; and three Spoonfuls at a time for the cure thereof.

Salmon.] § 1. Modus Utendi. ℞ *Of this Decoction* ℥ss. *or more: Spiritus Aperiens, gut.* 20. *Carduus-water* ℥ij. mix, for a Preservative Dose.

§ 2. ℞ *Of this Decoction* ℥ij. *Aquæ Bezoarticæ nost.* ℥iss. *Spiritus Aperiens, gut.* 20. *mix for a curative Dose.*

§ 3. Or thus. ℞ *of this Decoction* ℥iss. *Aquæ Mirabilis* ℥ij. *Salis Tartari Vitriolati, gr.* viij. *ad* xij. mix, for the purpose last mentioned.

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XIX. *Decoctum ad Rachitidem*, A Decoction for the Rickets in Children.

Bate.] ℞ *Roots of Polypodie of the Oak, of Smallage, of Fennel, A. ℥j. Liquorice, Aniseed, A. ℥ss. Harts-tongue, Maiden-hair, Dodder, Betony, Celandine, Tamarisk, A. M. j. blue Currants ℥iij. Barley-water ℔iv. boil to one half and strain*, Two, three, or four Spoonfuls thereof are given at a time, twice or thrice a day; in the mean time purging once a Week with *Syrup. de Cichorio cum Rhab.*

Salmon.] § 1. Utendi Modus. ℞ *Of this Decoction, q. s. Tincture of Antimony, gut. 12. Volatile Salt of Urine, gr. ij. or iij. mix*, for a Dose in the Morning fasting.

§ 2. Or thus. ℞ *Of this Decoction, q. s. Rob of Raisons ℥ss. Spirit of Man's Blood or of Sal Armon. gut. 10. mix*, for a Dose.

XX. *Decoctum Rubiæ Tinctorum*, Decoction of Madder.

Bate.] ℞ *Roots of Madder ℥ij. Aniseeds, Liquorice, A. ℥ss. Fountain-water ℔iv. boil to one half and strain.* Dose ℥4. twice a day, for twenty days: It is a most powerful Cure for redness of the Face, Pustules, *&c.*

Salmon.] § 1. ℞ *Of this Decoction ℥iv. Tincture of Antimony, gut. 20. mix*, for a Dose to be given Morning and Evening.

§ 2. ℞ *Of this Decoction ℥iv. Tincture of Mars, Tincture of Coral. A. gut. 20. Volatile Salt of Urine, gr.* iij. *mix*, for a Dose.

§ 3. Or thus. ℞ *Of this Tincture of ℥iv. Tincture of Ox-galls, gut. 40. Pouder of Vipers, gr. 20. mix*, for a Dose to be given twice a day.

XXI. *Decoctum Rubicundum*, The Red Decoction.

Bate.] ℞ *Harts-horn calcined ℥. Cochinele whole ℥ss. Fountain-water, q. s. boil to ℔iss. strain, add Cinnamon Barley-water ℥iss. best white Sugar, q. s.* It is a draught often given in the Measles, Small-Pox, *&c.*

Salmon.] § 1. Though I would not have the *Cochinele* reduced to a subtil Pouder, yet I know by Experience, it is necessary that it should be bruised.

§ 2. It may be ordinarily given both day and night to quench Thirst; but once at night particularly thus: ℞ *Of this Decoction ℥iv. or vj. Spiritus Anticolicus nost. gut. 20. mix*, for a Dose: in the intermediate times give it alone.

XXII. * *Decoctum Reguli*, A Decoction of the Metal of Antimony.

Bate.] *It is made by boiling the Regulus of Antimony, or a Cup made of the same, weighing ℔ss.* Plus-minus, *in White wine ℔iss. to the Consumption of a third part.* It is used for a Vomit.

Salmon. § 1. If it was boiled in Water it would do nothing, but it is the Acid of the Wine, which extracts the Emetick property of the *Regulus.*

§ 2. It cleanses the Stomach admirably of Acid, viscous and tartarous Humors, and is a Specifick in the Epilepsie, Apoplexy, Lethary, Vertigo, Megrim, Palsie, and other Diseases of the Head and Brain.

§ 3. The whole quantity may be given to a strong Man, otherwis

wise you must proportion the Dose to the Age and Strength of the Patient.

XXIII. * *Decoctum Rhabarbari*; Decoction of Rhubarb.

Bate.] ℞ *Rhubarb* ℥ij. *Currants bruised* ℥iv. *Roots of Sorrel* ℥iij. *sweet Fennel-seeds* ʒj. *Fountain-water* ℔iiij. *boil all to* ℔ij. *strain, and add white Sugar* ℥j. *clarifie*, S. *A.* Dose, four ounces thrice a day, in a Rheumatism, *&c.*

Salmon.] § 1. It opens Obstructions of Liver, Spleen, and other Bowels, carries off the Recrements of the first and second Concoctions, and strengthens the Tone of the Stomach, and other parts.

§ 2. It may be given, *ad* ℥vj. at a time, and that four times a day, either alone or mixt with Milk-water, or other fit Vehicle.

XXIV. * *Decoctum Scorbuticum*, A Decoction against the Scurvy.

Bate.] ℞ *Cones of the Fir-tree, No iv. cut each of them into four parts; to which add leaves of green Wheat* ℥ij. *Whitewine* ℔iiij. *boil to* ℔ij. *strain, and being cold, put to it Spirit of Scurvygrass* ℥ſs. *Syrup of Oranges, and Syrup de Pomis alterans, A.* ℥iſs. *mix them.* Dose four ounces twice or thrice a day.

Salmon.] § 1. It is an odd kind of Medicine, than which, I am sure, there are many better: As for the Liquor of the green Wheat, I see not what a mighty power it has as a Remedy in this case.

§ 2. However, to make it more effectual, after the Decoction is made and strained, it will be better if you augment the Spirit of Scurvygrass *ad* ℥iſs. and leaving out the *Syrupus de Pomis alterans*, encrease the Syrup of Oranges *ad* ℥iv. or something more.

XXV. * *Decoctum ad Sitim*, A Decoction to quench Thirst.

Bate.] ℞ *Sorrel, M.* ij. *Fountain-water, q. s. boil to* ℔j. *strain, and add the Juice of twelve Limons: Rhenish-wine* ℔ij. *white Sugar* ℥iv. *vel q. s. so as it may be made very grateful.* It may be drank at pleasure.

Salmon.] § 1. It abates the heat of burning Fevers, and quenches Thirst admirably; but, in my Opinion, may be drank more freely if it was less sower.

§ 2. It cuts tough Flegm, and opens Obstructions of the Lungs, causing a free breathing.

§ 3. It may be us'd where no Fevers is present, for it excites the Appetite, and causes a good digestion: but if the Stomach seems to to be too cold, it will be good to add a little of our *Aqua Bezoartica* to it, or some such like.

XXVI. *Decoctum ad Strumas*, A Decoction against the King's Evil.

Bate.] ℞ *Herb Robert, Brook-lime, A. M. iij. dead Nettles, M.* vj. *Liquorice, Anſeeds, A.* ℥j. *Raisons* ℥iv. *Sena* ℥iij. *Catharmus* ℥ij. *Agarick* ʒvj. *Fountain-water* ℔viij. *infuse and boil to* ℔iv. Dose, four ounces four times a day: and besides, in the interim (the purging Simples being omitted) it may be drank as ordinary Drink: outwardly to the place affected apply *Unguentum Digitalis.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is not only good against the King's Evil, but also against Catarrhs, Rheumatisms, Gouts,

Gouts, and the Sciatica, and other like Pains in any part of the Body.

§ 2. It purges well, and carries off the Morbifick cause of rebellious Diseases almost to a miracle.

§ 3. If you add *Juniper-berries* ℥iſs. well bruised to the Composition, they will strangely augment the vertue of the Medicament.

XXVII. *Decoctum Traumaticum*; A Wound Drink, or Drink for wounded People.

Bate.] ℞ *Tops of Hypericon, Pauls Betony, both sorts, Periwinkle, Agrimony, A. M. ij. Roots of China, Comfrey, white Sanders, Nephritick-wood, A.* ℥j. *Dates cut, N°* 30. *Liquorice* ℥iſs. *infuse all for twelve hours in Lime-water, q. ſ. strain: to* ℔iv. *thereof add Syrup of Mouse-ear, Syrup of the Juice of Fluellin, A.* ℥ij. *mix and keep it in a cold place.* Dose, ℥iv. *Horis Medicis.*

Salmon.] § 1. You may drink it six ounces at a time in the Morning fasting: as much an hour before Dinner; the like at five in the Afternoon; and six ounces last going to Bed.

§ 2. But if you would have it to have a certain Operation, you ought to add to every Dose, of *Aqua Mirabilis* (or some such like spirituous Cordial Water) ℥j. and then it will do wonders, and be almost of tenfold vertue to what it was before.

§ 3. There are but few who truly understand the great Vertues of *S. V.* in the healing of Wounds and Ulcers, whether inward or outward; but such as do know what I say to be true.

XXVIII. * *Decoctum ad Tussim*, A Decoction against a Cough.

Bate.] ℞ *Leaves of Houndstongue, M. iv. Hyssop, Maidenhair, Colts-foot, A. M. j. Aniseed, Liquorice, A.* ℥vj. *Barley-water* ℔vj. *boil to* ℔iv. *strain and sweeten with Sugar-candy, q. ſ.* Dose, four ounces, three or four times a day.

Salmon.] § 1. Modus Utendi. ℞ *Of this Decoction* ℥iv. *Tincture of Catechu* ℥ſs. *Spirit of Opium* ʒiij. *mix,* for a Dose to be taken as need shall require.

§ 2. At Night going to Bed give it thus: ℞ *Of this Decoction* ℥iv. *Tincture of Catecu* ℥iſs. *Guttæ Vitæ noſt. gut.* 30. *mix them for a Dose.*

§ 3. Outwardly bathing very hot with it, it eases pains of the Gout.

XXIX. * *Decoctum Ulmi*, A Decoction of Elm-bark.

Bate.] ℞ *The inner Bark of the Elm-tree new gathered* ℥iv. *Fountain-water* ℔iij. *boil to one half; to the ruibcund strained Liquor, (which will be like Claret-wine) add Syrup of Rasberries, and Syrup of Mulberries, A.* ℥iſs. *mix them for a most excellent Gargariſm.* It is good against the roughness and soreness of the Tongue, the Thrush, all affects of the Mouth from heat, and Ulcers of what kind soever: being drank as common Drink, mixt with a little Whitewine, it has cured the Leprosie, and Elephantiasis: it causes a very stinking kind of Sweat.

Salmon.] § 1. 'Tis without doubt an excellent thing for all Distempers of the Mouth and Throat, but may sometimes be advanced in Ver-

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Vertue for those purposes, by adding a little Claret-wine to it.

§ 2. If inwardly taken against the Leprosie, &c. you ought to give with it Morning and Night ʒſs. or ℈ij. of Pouder of Vipers, by which means it will become a Specifick in that case.

§ 3. Mixt also with a proportional quantity of Spirit of Opium and Salt of Vipers, it becomes a famous Sudorifick.

CHAP. VI.

Of STRUPS.

I. * *Diatessaron Potabile*, The Julep of four things.

Bate.] ℞ *Spirit of French Wine, or French Brandy ℥iv. Juice of Limons ℥ij. Syrup of Violets ʒv. fair Water ℥xij. mix and make a Julep of a grateful taste:* to be drank before the Febrile Paroxism.

Salmon.] § 1. This is in truth nothing but a kind of small *Punch*, but good enough to be given in Fevers, and it will quench Thirst to admiration.

§ 2. But it will the better perform that Work, if it has a larger proportion of Spirits added to it, and then it may be drank the more freely and largely, and with the less danger.

§ 3. If you would make a pleasant and grateful sort of *Punch*, you must compose it with the following quantities. ℞ *Fair Water, choice Brandy* A. *a Quart; pure Lime-Juice a Pint: double refined Sugar* ℔j. *mix and dissolve, and if you so please, add one Nutmeg grated.*

§ 4. It makes merry and chearful, strengthens the Stomach, revives the Spirits, fortifies the Heart, stops Vomiting to a wonder, and quenches Thirst beyond all imagination: nor is any Wine so grateful to the Pallate as this, if made according to this way, and with these proportions.

II. Julapium Antiscorbuticum, A Julep against the Scurvy.

Bate.] ℞ *Chalybeated Wine* ℔ſs. *Tinctura Sacra ℥iij. Spirit of Scurvy-grass ʒv. Spirit of Lavender compound ℥ſs. Tartar Vitriolate* ℈j. *Syrup of Scurvy-grass ℥iſs. mix them.* Let it be given ten spoonfuls at a time every morning.

Salmon.] § 1. How the Chalybeated Wine is made, see *chap.* 4. *sect.* 12. aforegoing.

§ 2. It is indeed a singular Remedy against the Scurvy, opens all manner of Obstructions of the *Viscera*, alters the habit of the Body, absorbs Acids, and sweetens the Juices.

§ 3. To young Children and Infants you must give less, and if they be of a hot Constitution, you may omit the Syrup of Scurvy-grass, and sweeten it with Syrup of Plantane, or our *Syrupus Nephriticus.*

III. Ju-

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