

A Journey to *Paris*, Dr. *Hans Slone*, Fellow of the Royal Society, and Dr. *Arbuthnot*, a *Scotch-Man*, Chief Physician to the Prince of *Denmark*; but there are others who have the Preference by means of their Practice, as well from the Queen as the Chief of the Quality.

Gresham College stands in *Bishops-gate-Street*, and of late, has been ^{*Gresham Colleges*} Famous for the *Royal Society*, which meet together on *Wednesday* in every Week; this College had its Foundation under King *Charles the Second*, about 1663, and consisting of a President, Council and Fellows. The Musæum of Natural Rarities in the College is Curious enough, excepting the Anatomical Preparations, which are Trifling and of no Value; I much wonder they should keep the Skeleton of a *Mouſe* among the rest of their Curiosities, which was made by a Friend of mine at *Ratisbon*, who was then in *London*, and has great Encomiums upon it by the most Skilful Anatomists; tho' the Man knew nothing of Anatomical Matters. Mr. *Daniel Colwal* gave the Chief Part of the Natural Rarities, which he had brought

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from both the *Indies* to this Place; a Catalogue of which, and all contain'd in this Repository, Dr. *Nehemiah Grew* Publish'd under the Title of the *Museum of the Royal Society*. Here is the *Arundelian Library*. In my time there was an Eminent Member of this Society call'd Dr. *Woodward*, who was a Practical Physician and a wonderful Man in the Knowledge of Nature, which his *Natural Geography*, lately Publish'd, (meaning his *Essays, &c.*) [*Confuted by J. A. and W. W. in their unanswerable Examination of it.*] makes evident, and which was Commented upon in *Switzerland* by Dr. *Scheuchzer* a Friend of ours. The said Doctor is Master of an Inestimable Treasure of Minerals and Shells which are Petrified, part of which he himself collected in *Britain*, and the rest he has with much Diligence obtain'd from all the Corners of *Europe*, as Specimens of the Scarcest and most Curious Minerals and Petrified Shells. He has likewise a Choice Collection of Books in *Physick* and *Philosophy*; and it is to be Lamented that this Famous Man is not Master of the *Latin* Tongue,

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nor can you Understand him unless he Speaks Earnestly, and then it is with much Difficulty and straining of the Voice that he shows his Curiosities, which when you See, you must take care you Touch not with the tip of your Finger, neither look into his Books except he hold 'em to you in his own Hands. Before I leave speaking of this College, I must remember Dr. *Sloan*, who Worthily enjoys the Honour of being Secretary to this Illustrious Society, tho' his Dwelling House is remote from the College, he living in *Southampton-Square*. I cannot possibly tell you what a Collection of Natural Exoticks this Excellent Physician has got of all kinds, which he collected in part, from the *West Indies*, and which in great measure were munificently bestow'd upon him by a kind Benefactor: Among the rest were *Tortoise Eggs* which were found by himself upon the Coast of *Jamaica*; he also shew'd me a Glass Bottle, which a Curious Mariner took up on the Shore in the *Mediterranean*; this was almost grown over with White Coral, which was very Pleasant and Curious to look

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upon, and which gave some light to the diligent Enquirers after Natural Curiosities, to observe the manner of the Generation of Marine Bodies; but the Glass Bottles differ'd nothing from those we have now adays with *Spanish Wine*, or flat like your *Frontignac* Bottles. I shall say nothing of *Dr. Sloane's Library*, which for Physical Books is not to be match'd in *London*; but I heard it Commended by *Dr. Hudson*, Library Keeper at *Oxford*, who said that if there were some Medicinal Books wanting in the *Bodleian Library*, he doubted not but *Dr. Sloane's* cou'd Supply it.

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There is another mighty Ornament and Honour both to the Physicians and Surgeons of *London*, which is *Dr. Cyprianus* who was sent for from *Holland* in *King William's Time*, by *Sir Thomas Millington* the King's First Physician, who in a short time got the Envy of all from his Eminent Cures, and particularly his Fame in Cutting for the Stone: The first of which Operations he perform'd in *England*, was upon the said *Sir Thomas Millington* President of the College of Physicians, and who was then above Sixty Years of Age, whom he happily Cur'd: So
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