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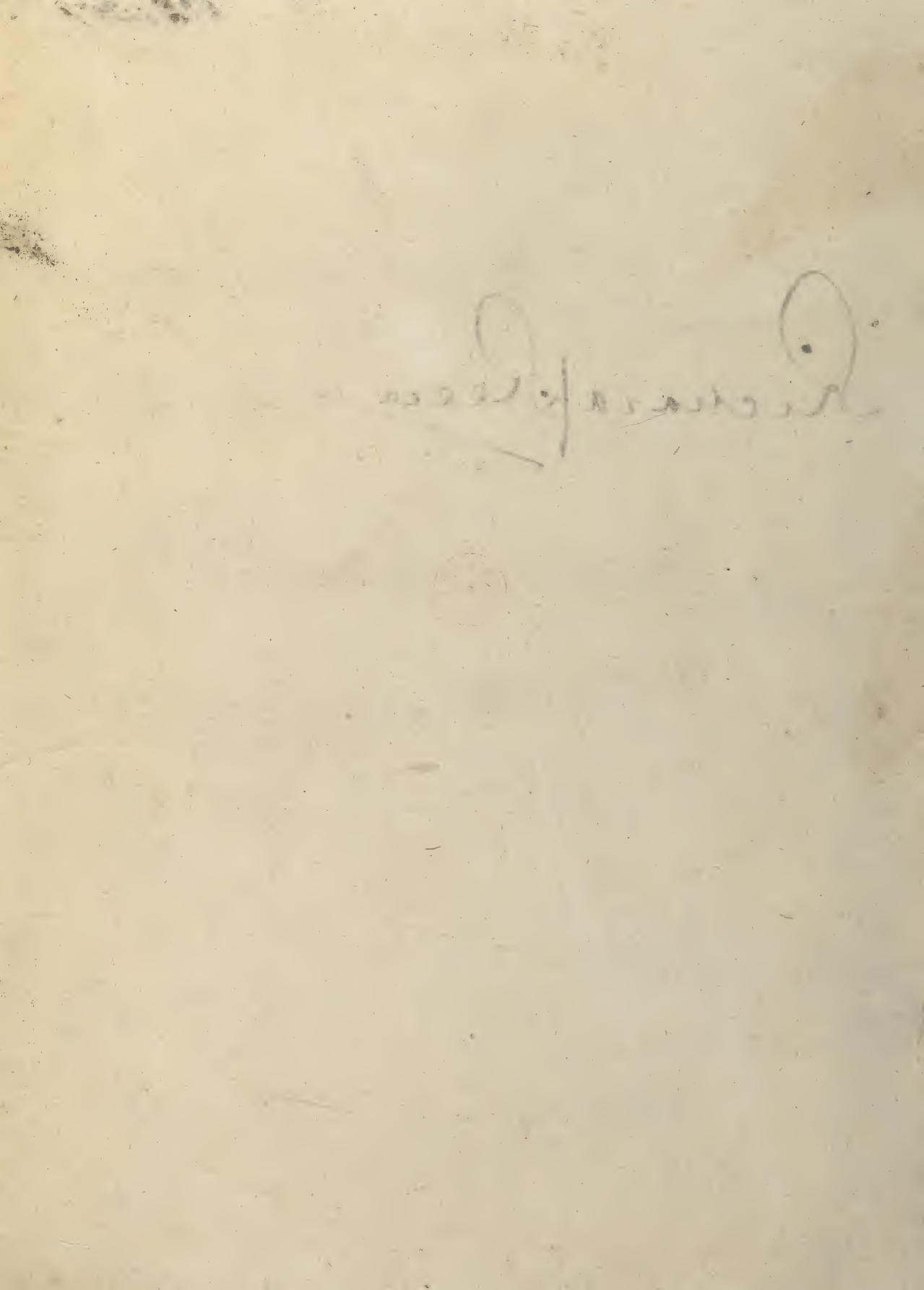
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DISCOVERED IN SOME OF THE WESTERN COUNTIES OF ENGLAND,

PARTICULARLY

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

AND KNOWN BY THE NAME OF

# THE COW POX.

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MY DEAR FRIEND,

IN the prefent age of fcientific inveftigation, it is remarkable that a difeafe of fo peculiar a nature as the Cow Pox, which has appeared in this and fome of the neighbouring counties for fuch a feries of years, fhould fo long have efcaped particular attention. Finding the prevailing notions on the fubject, both among men of our profeffion and others, extremely vague and indeterminate, and conceiving that facts might ap-

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pear at once both curious and ufeful, I have inftituted as ftrict an inquiry into the caufes and effects of this fingular malady as local circumftances would admit.

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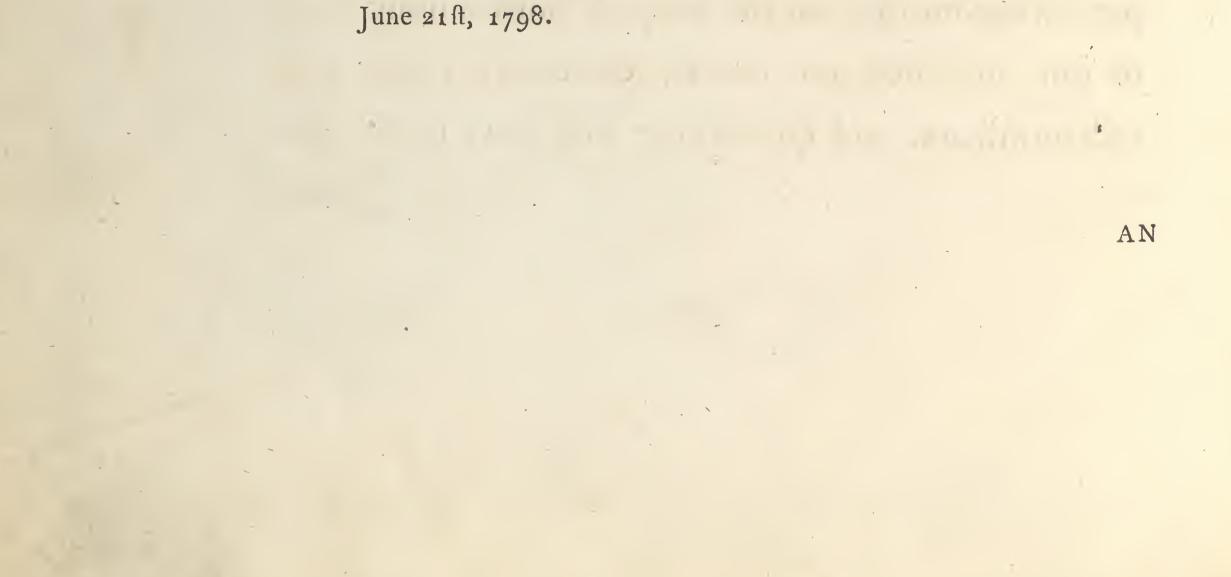
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THE deviation of Man from the flate in which he was originally placed by Nature feems to have proved to him a prolific fource of Difeafes. From the love of fplendour, from the indulgences of luxury, and from his fondness for amusement, he has familiarised himself with a great number of animals, which may not originally have been intended for his affociates.

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The Wolf, difarmed of ferocity, is now pillowed in the lady's lap\*. The Cat, the little Tyger of our island, whose natural home is the forest, is equally domefficated and careffed. The Cow, the Hog, the Sheep, and the Horfe, are all, for a variety of purposes, brought under his care and dominion.

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There is a difease to which the Horse, from his state of domestication, is frequently subject. The Farriers have termed it the Greafe. It is an inflammation and fwelling in the heel, from which iffues matter possessing properties of a very peculiar kind, which seems capable of generating a disease in the Human Body (after it has undergone the modification which I shall prefently speak of), which bears so strong

a refemblance to the Small Pox, that I think it highly probable it may be the source of that disease. a provide the second ないないないないないないない

\* The late Mr. John Hunter proved, by experiments, that the Dog is the Wolf in a degenerated state.

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In this Dairy Country a great number of Cows are kept, and the office of milking is performed indifcriminately by Men and Maid Servants. One of the former having been appointed to apply dreffings to the heels of a Horse affected with the Grease, and not paying due attention to cleanlinefs, incautioufly bears his part in milking the Cows, with some particles of the infectious matter adhering to his fingers. When this is the cafe, it commonly happens that a difease is communicated to the Cows, and from the Cows to the Dairy-maids, which fpreads through the farm until most of the cattle and domestics feel its unpleasant confequences. This difease has obtained the name of the Cow Pox. It appears on the nipples of the Cows in the form of irregular pustules. At their first appearance they are commonly of a palish blue, or rather of a colour somewhat approaching to livid, and are furrounded by an eryfipelatous in-B 2 flammation.

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flammation. These puflules, unless a timely remedy be applied, frequently degenerate into phagedenic ulcers, which prove extremely troublefome\*. The animals become indisposed, and the fecretion of milk is much leffened. Inflamed spots now begin to appear on different parts of the hands of the domestics employed in milking, and sometimes on the wrist, which quickly run on to suppuration, first affuming the appearance of the small vessions produced by a burn. Most commonly they appear about the joints of the fingers, and at their extremities; but whatever parts are afected, if the stremities; but whatever parts are afected, if the stremities on a circular form, with their edges more elevated than their centre, and of a

\* They who attend fick cattle in this country find a fpeedy remedy for ftopping the progrefs of this complaint in those applications which act chemically upon the morbid matter, fuch as the folutions of the Vitriolum Zinci, the Vitriolum Cupri, &c.

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colour distantly approaching to blue. Absorption takes place, and tumours appear in each axilla. The fystem becomes affected — the pulse is quickened; and shiverings, with general lassitude and pains about the loins and limbs, with vomiting, come on. The head is painful, and the patient is now and then even affected with delirium. These fymptoms, varying in their degrees of violence, generally continue from one day to three or four, leaving ulcerated fores about the hands, which, from the fenfibility of the parts, are very troublesome, and commonly heal flowly, frequently becoming phagedenic, like those from whence they sprung. The lips, noftrils, eyelids, and other parts of the body, are sometimes affected with sores; but these evidently arife from their being needlessly rubbed or fcratched with the patient's infected fingers. No eruptions on the skin have followed the decline of the feverish fymptoms in any instance that has come

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come under my infpection, one only excepted, and in this cafe a very few appeared on the arms: they were very minute, of a vivid red colour, and foon died away without advancing to maturation; fo that I cannot determine whether they had any connection with the preceding fymptoms.

Thus the difease makes its progress from the Horse to the nipple of the Cow, and from the Cow to the Human Subject.

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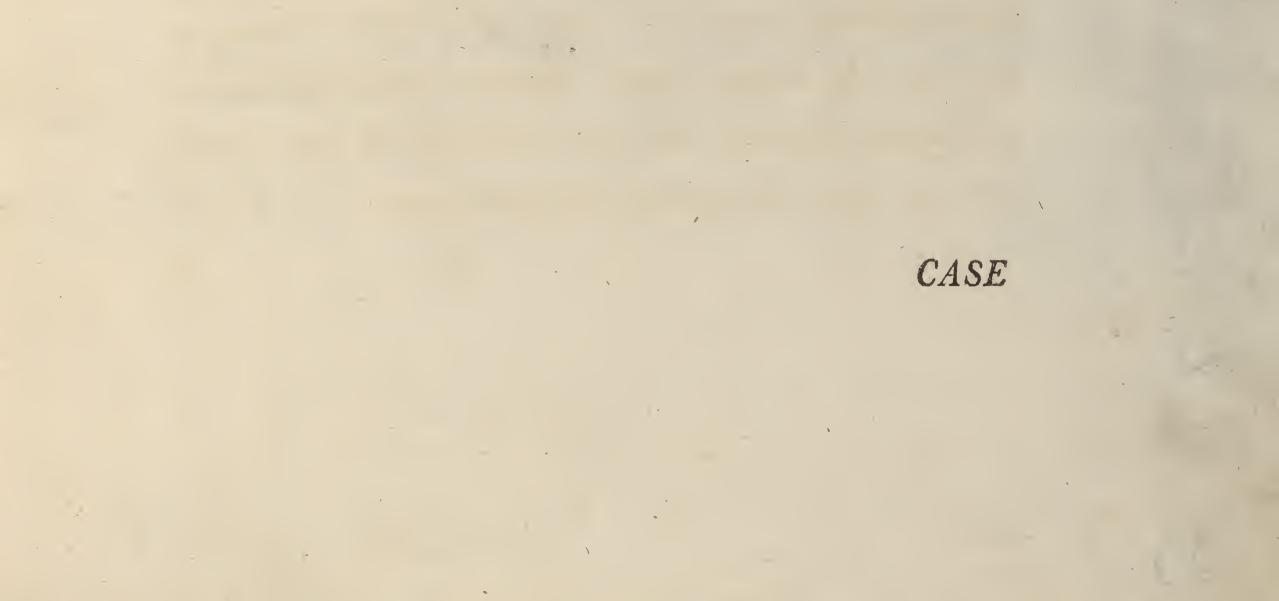
Morbid matter of various kinds, when abforbed into the fyftem, may produce effects in fome degree fimilar; but what renders the Cow-pox virus fo extremely fingular, is, that the perfon who has been

thus affected is for ever after fecure from the infection of the Small Pox; neither exposure to the variolous effluvia, nor the infertion of the matter into the fkin, producing this diftemper.

In fupport of so extraordinary a fact, I shall lay before my Reader a great number of instances \*.

\* It is neceffary to observe, that pustulous fores frequently appear spontaneously on the nipples of Cows, and inftances have occurred, though very rarely, of the hands of the fervants employed in milking being affected with fores in confequence, and even of their feeling an indifposition from absorption. These pustules are of a much milder nature than those which arise from that contagion which conftitutes the true Cow Pox. They are always free from the bluish or livid tint so confpicuous in the pustules in that disease. No erysipelas attends them, nor do they thew any phagedenic difposition as in the other case, but quickly terminate in a scab without creating any apparent diforder in the Cow. This complaint appears at various seafons of the year, but most commonly in the Spring, when the Cows are first taken from their winter food and fed with grass. It is very apt to appear alfo when they are fuckling their young. But this difease is not be confidered as fimilar in any respect to that of which I am treating, as it is incapable of producing any specific effects on the human Constitution. However, it is of the greatest consequence to point it out here, lest the want of discrimination should occasion an idea of fecurity from the infection of the Small Pox, which might prove delufive.

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# CASE I.

JOSEPH MERRET, now an Under Gardener to the Earl of Berkeley, lived as a Servant with a Farmer near this place in the year 1770, and occasionally affisted in milking his mafter's cows. Several horfes belonging to the farm began to have fore heels, which Merret frequently The cows foon became affected with the Cow attended. Pox, and foon after feveral fores appeared on his hands. Swellings and stiffness in each axilla followed, and he was fo much indifposed for several days as to be incapable of purfuing his ordinary employment. Previoufly to the appearance of the diffemper among the cows there was no fresh cow brought into the farm, nor any servant employed who was affected with the Cow Pox.

In April, 1795, a general inoculation taking place here, Merret was inoculated with his family; fo that a period of twenty-five years had elapfed from his having the Cow Pox C to

to this time. However, though the variolous matter was repeatedly inferted into his arm, I found it impracticable to infect him with it; an efflorefcence only, taking on an eryfipelatous look about the centre, appearing on the fkin near the punctured parts. During the whole time that his family had the Small Pox, one of whom had it very full, he remained in the houfe with them, but received no injury from expofure to the contagion.

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It is neceffary to obferve, that the utmost care was taken to afcertain, with the most for precision, that no one whose case is here adduced had gone through the Small Pox previous to these attempts to produce that difease.

Had thefe experiments been conducted in a large city, or in a populous neighbourhood, fome doubts might have been entertained; but here, where population is thin, and where fuch an event as a perfon's having had the Small Pox is always faithfully recorded, no rifk of inaccuracy in this particular can arife.

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SARAH PORTLOCK, of this place, was infected with the Cow Pox, when a Servant at a Farmer's in the neighbourhood, twenty-feven years ago \*.

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In the year 1792, conceiving herfelf, from this circumflance, fecure from the infection of the Small Pox, fhe nurfed one of her own children who had accidentally caught the difeafe, but no indifpofition enfued.—During the time fhe remained in the infected room, variolous matter was inferted into both her arms, but without any further effect than in the preceding cafe.

\* I have purpofely felected feveral cafes in which the difeafe had appeared at a very diftant period previous to the experiments made with variolous matter, to fhew that the change produced in the conflictution is not affected by time.

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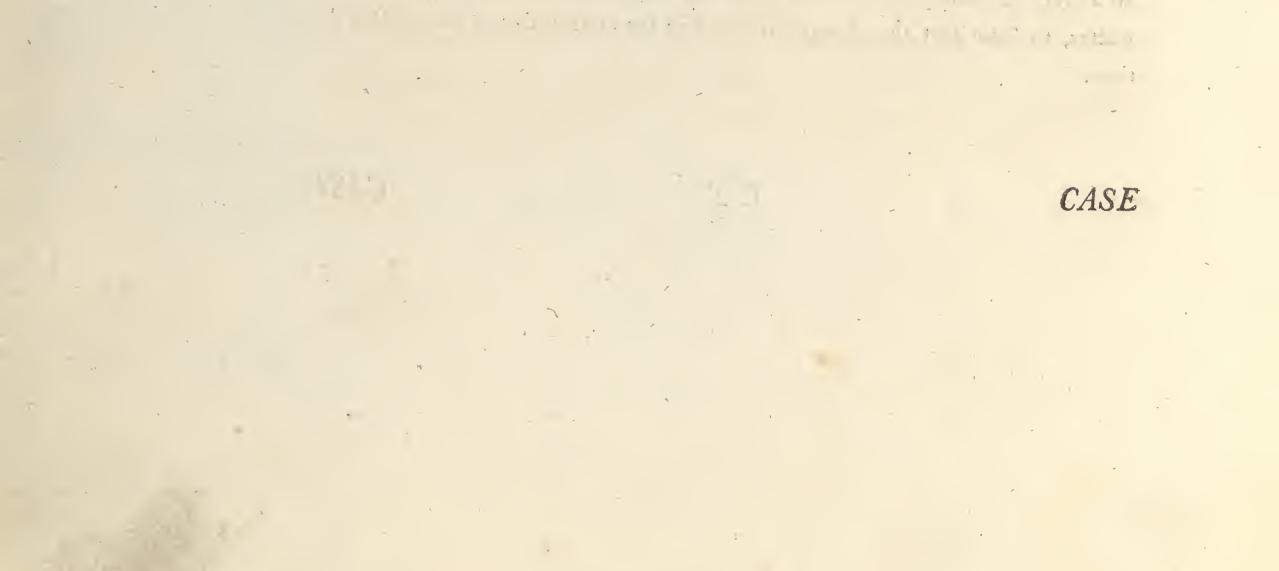
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JOHN PHILLIPS, a Tradefman of this town, had the Cow Pox at fo early a period as nine years of age. At the age of fixty-two I inoculated him, and was very careful in felecting matter in its moft active ftate. It was taken from the arm of a boy juft before the commencement of the eruptive fever, and inftantly inferted. It very fpeedily produced a fting-like feel in the part. An efflorefcence appeared, which on the fourth day was rather extensive, and fome degree of pain and ftiffnels were felt about the fhoulder; but on the fifth day thefe fymptoms began to difappear, and in a day or two after went entirely off, without producing any effect on the fyftem.



## CASE IV.

MARY BARGE, of Woodford, in this parifh, was inoculated with variolous matter in the year 1791. An efflorefcence of a palifh red colour foon appeared about the parts where the matter was inferted, and fpread itfelf rather extensively, but died away in a few days without producing any variolous fymptoms\*. She has fince been repeatedly employed as a nurfe to Small-pox patients, without experiencing any ill confequences. This woman had the Cow Pox when fhe lived in the fervice of a Farmer in this parifh thirty-one years before.

\* It is remarkable that variolous matter, when the fyftem is difpofed to reject it, fhould excite inflammation on the part to which it is applied more fpeedily than when it produces the Small Pox. Indeed it becomes almost a criterion by which we can determine whether the infection will be received or not. It feems as if a change, which endures through life, had been produced in the action, or difposition to action, in the veffels of the skin; and it is remarkable too, that whether this change has been effected by the Small Pox, or the Cow Pox, that the difposition to fudden cuticular inflammation is the same on the application of variolous matter.

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# CASE V.

MRS. H——, a refpectable Gentlewoman of this town, had the Cow Pox when very young. She received the infection in rather an uncommon manner : it was given by means of her handling fome of the fame utenfils \* which were in ufe among the fervants of the family, who had the difeafe from milking infected cows. Her hands had many of the Cow-pox fores upon them, and they were communicated to her nofe, which became inflamed and very much fwoln. Soon after this event Mrs. H—— was expofed to the contagion of the Small Pox, where it was fcarcely poffible for her to have efcaped, had fhe been fufceptible of. it, as fhe regularly attended a relative who had the difeafe in fo violent a degree that it proved fatal to him.

\* When the Cow Pox has prevailed in the dairy, it has often been communicated to those who have not milked the cows, by the handle of the milk pail.

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In the year 1778 the Small Pox prevailed very much at Berkeley, and Mrs. H—— not feeling perfectly fatisfied refpecting her fafety (no indifposition having followed her exposure to the Small Pox) I inoculated her with active variolous matter. The fame appearance followed as in the preceding cafes—an efflorefcence on the arm without any effect on the conftitution.

# CASE VI.

IT is a fact fo well known among our Dairy Farmers, that those who have had the Small Pox either escape the Cow Pox or are disposed to have it slightly; that as soon as the complaint shews itself, among the cattle, affistants are procured, if possible, who are thus rendered less susceptible of it, otherwise the business of the farm could scarcely go forward.

In the month of May, 1796, the Cow Pox broke out at Mr. Baker's, a Farmer who lives near this place. The

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disease was communicated by means of a cow which was purchased in an infected state at a neighbouring fair, and not one of the Farmer's cows (confifting of thirty) which were at that time milked escaped the contagion. The family confifted of a man servant, two dairymaids, and a fervant boy, who, with the Farmer himfelf, were twice a day employed in milking the cattle. The whole of this family, except Sarah Wynne, one of the dairymaids, had gone through the Small Pox. The confequence was, that the Farmer and the fervant boy escaped the infection of the Cow Pox entirely, and the fervant man and one of the maid fervants had each of them nothing more than a fore on one of their fingers, which produced no diforder in the fystem. But the other dairymaid, Sarah Wynne, who never had the Small Pox, did not escape in so easy a manner. She caught the complaint from the cows, and was affected with the fymptoms described in the 5th page in fo violent a degree, that fhe was confined to her bed, and rendered incapable for feveral days of purfuing her ordinary vocations in the farm.

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March 28th, 1797, I inoculated this girl, and carefully rubbed the variolous matter into two flight incifions made upon the left arm. A little inflammation appeared in the ufual manner around the parts where the matter was inferted, but fo early as the fifth day it vanished entirely without producing any effect on the fystem.

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ALTHOUGH the preceding hiftory pretty clearly evinces that the confliction is far lefs fufceptible of the contagion of the Cow Pox after it has felt that of the Small Pox, and although in general, as I have obferved, they who have had the Small Pox, and are employed in milking cows which are infected with the Cow Pox, either efcape the diforder, or have fores on the hands without feeling any general indifpofition, yet the animal economy is fubject to fome variation in this refpect, which the following rela-

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tion will point out:

In the fummer of the year 1796 the Cow Pox appeared at the Farm of Mr. Andrews, a confiderable dairy adjoining to the town of Berkeley. It was communicated, as in the preceding inftance, by an infected cow purchased at a fair in the neighbourhood. The family confifted of the Farmer, his wife, two fons, a man and a maid fervant; all of whom, except the Farmer (who was fearful of the confequences), bore a part in milking the cows. The whole of them, exclusive of the man fervant, had regularly gone through the Small Pox; but in this cafe no one who milked the cows escaped the contagion. All of them had fores upon their hands, and fome degree of general indifposition, preceded by pains and tumours in the axillæ: but there was no comparifon in the feverity of the difease as it was felt by the fervant man, who had escaped the Small Pox, and by those of the family who had not, for, while he was confined to his bed, they were able, without much inconvenience, to

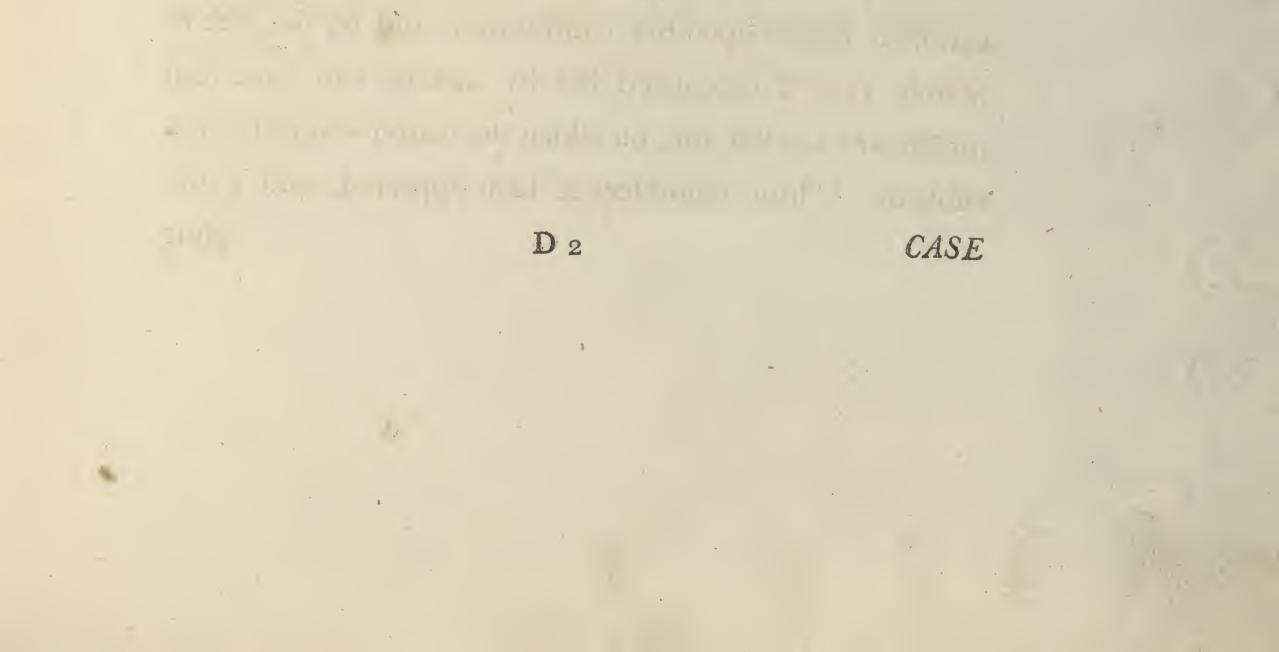
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February the 13th, 1797, I availed myfelf of an opportunity of inoculating William Rodway, the fervant man above alluded to. Variolous matter was inferted into both his arms; in the right by means of fuperficial incifions, and into the left by flight punctures into the cutis. Both were perceptibly inflamed on the third day. After this the inflammation about the punctures foon died away, but a fmall appearance of eryfipelas was manifeft about the edges of the incifions till the eighth day, when a little uneafinefs was felt for the fpace of half an hour in the right axilla. The inflammation then haftily difappeared without producing the moft diftant mark of affection of the fyftem.

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CASE VIII.

ELIZABETH WYNNE, aged fifty-feven, lived as a fervant with a neighbouring Farmer thirty-eight years ago. She was then a dairymaid, and the Cow Pox broke out among the cows. She caught the difeafe with the reft ofthe family, but, compared with them, had it in a very flight degree, one very fmall fore only breaking out on the little finger of her left hand, and fcarcely any perceptible indifpofition following it.

As the malady had fhewn itfelf in fo flight a manner, and as it had taken place at fo diftant a period of her life, I was happy with the opportunity of trying the effects of variolous matter upon her conftitution, and on the 28th of March, 1797, I inoculated her by making two fuperficial incifions on the left arm, on which the matter was cautioufly rubbed. A little efflorefcence foon appeared, and a tin-

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ALTHOUGH the Cow Pox fhields the conflictution from the Small Pox, and the Small Pox proves a protection against its own future poison, yet it appears that the human body is again and again fusceptible of the infectious matter of the Cow Pox, as the following history will demonstrate:

William Smith, of Pyrton in this parifh, contracted this difeafe when he lived with a neighbouring Farmer in the year 1780. One of the horfes belonging to the farm had fore heels, and it fell to his lot to attend him. By thefe

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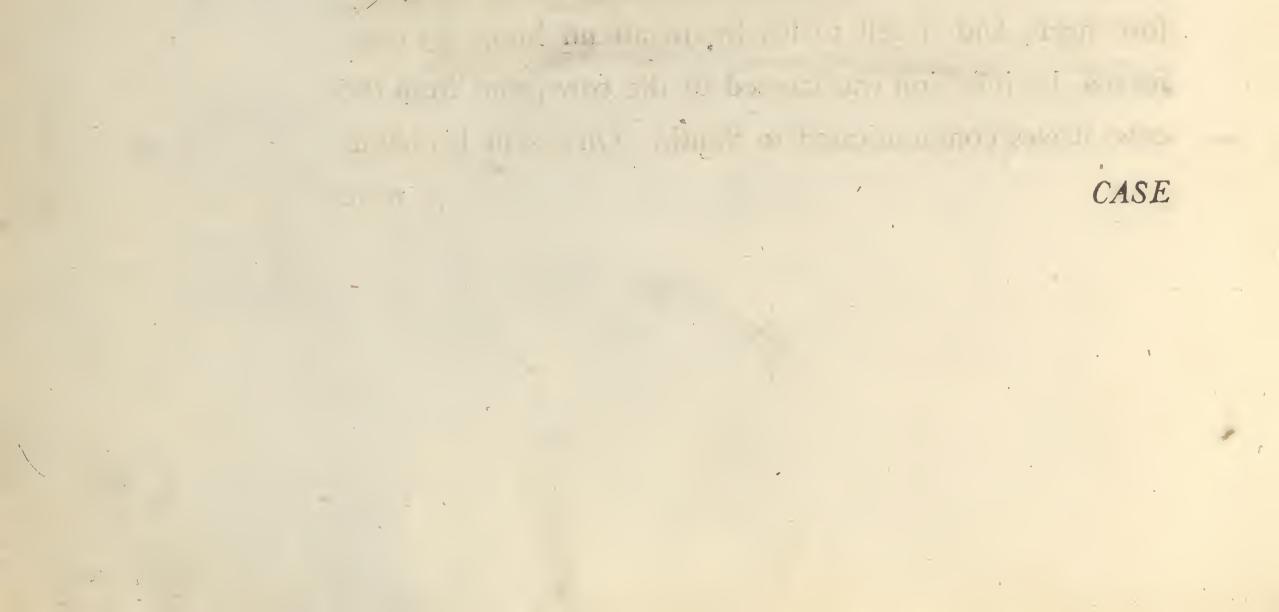
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In the year 1791 the Cow Pox broke out at another farm where he then lived as a fervant, and he became affected with it a fecond time; and in the year 1794 he was fo unfortunate as to catch it again. The difeafe was equally as fevere the fecond and third time as it was on the firft \*.

In the fpring of the year 1795 he was twice inoculated, but no affection of the fystem could be produced from the variolous matter; and he has fince affociated with those who had the Small Pox in its most contagious state without feeling any effect from it.

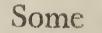
\* This is not the cafe in general — a fecond attack is commonly very flight, and fo, I am informed, it is among the cows.



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CASE X.

or of the second state of the s SIMON NICHOLS lived as a fervant with Mr. Bromedge, a gentleman who refides on his own farm in this parish, in the year 1782. He was employed in applying dreffings to the fore heels of one of his mafter's horfes, and at the fame time affifted in milking the cows. The cows became affected in consequence, but the disease did not NAS CALIFORNIA CONTRACTOR DE LA CALIFORNIA CONTRACTOR DE LA CALIFORNIA CONTRACTOR DE LA CALIFORNIA CONTRACTOR D shew itself on their nipples till several weeks after he had begun to drefs the horfe. He quitted Mr. Bromedge's fervice, and went to another farm without any fores upon him; but here his hands foon began to be affected in the common way, and he was much indifposed with the usual fymptoms. Concealing the nature of the malady from Mr. Cole, his new master, and being there also employed in milking, the Cow Pox was communicated to the cows.

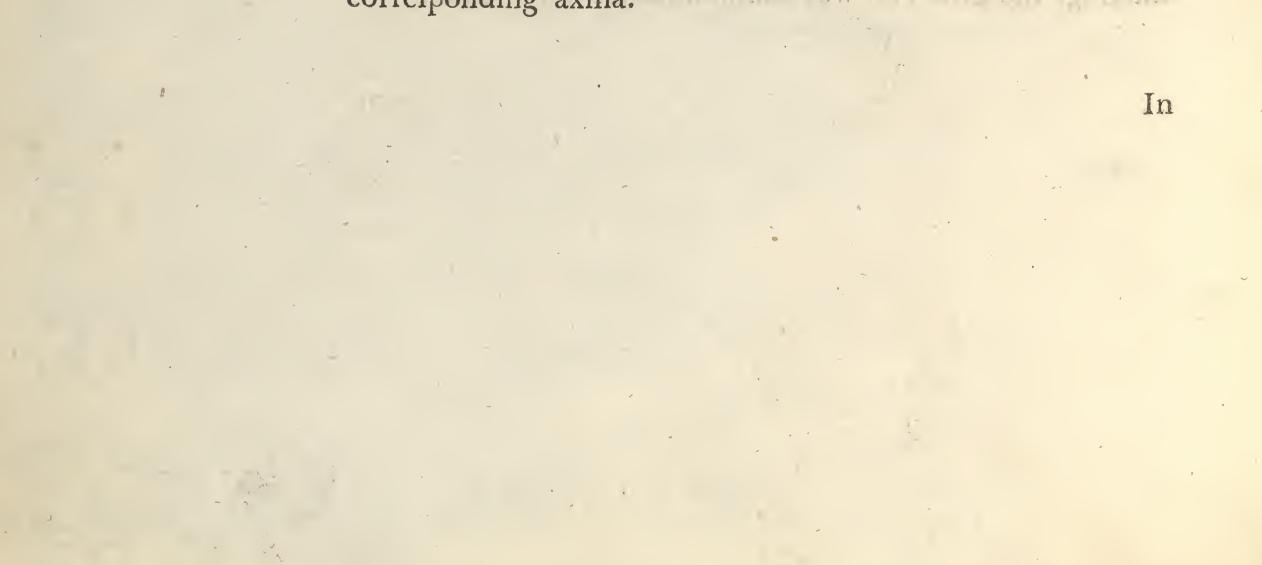


Some years afterwards Nichols was employed in a farm where the Small Pox broke out, when I inoculated him with feveral other patients, with whom he continued during the whole time of their confinement. His arm inflamed, but neither the inflammation nor his affociating with the inoculated family produced the leaft effect upon his conftitution.

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WILLIAM STINCHCOMB was a fellow fervant with Nichols at Mr. Bromedge's Farm at the time the cattle had the Cow Pox, and he was unfortunately infected by them. His left hand was very feverely affected with feveral corroding ulcers, and a tumour of confiderable fize appeared in the axilla of that fide. His right hand had only one fmall fore upon it, and no fore difcovered itfelf in the corresponding axilla.



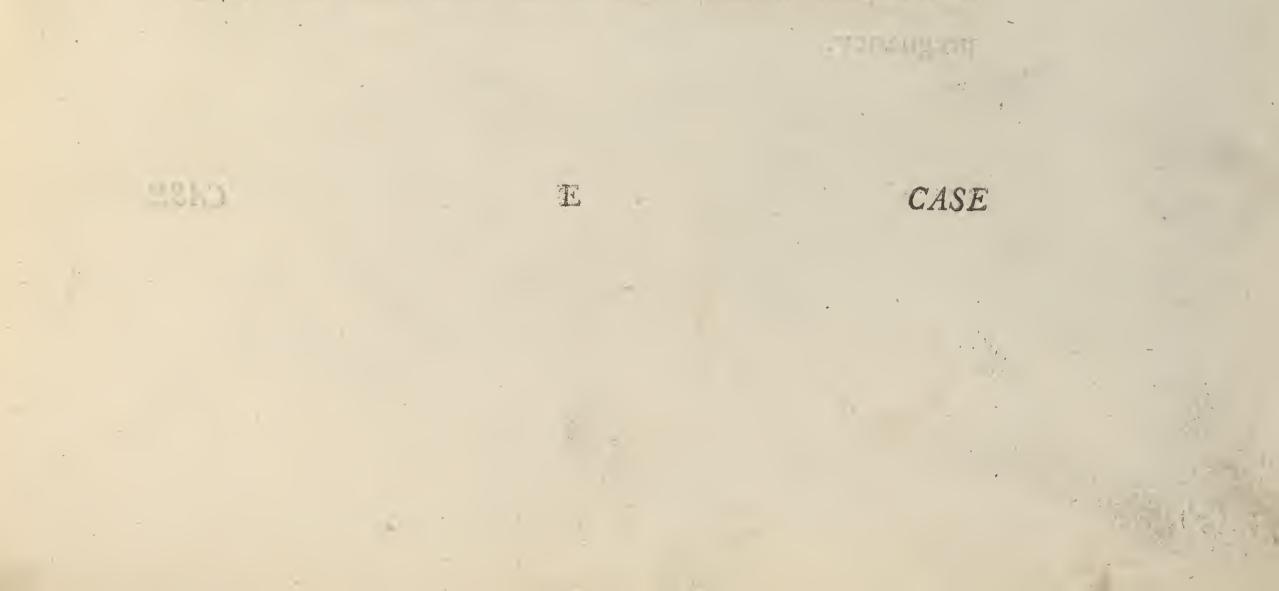
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In the year 1792 Stinchcomb was inoculated with variolous matter, but no confequences enfued beyond a little inflammation in the arm for a few days. A large party were inoculated at the fame time, fome of whom had the difeafe in a more violent degree than is commonly feen from inoculation. He purpofely affociated with them, but could not receive the Small Pox.

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During the fickening of fome of his companions, their fymptoms fo ftrongly recalled to his mind his own ftate when fickening with the Cow Pox, that he very pertinently remarked their ftriking fimilarity.

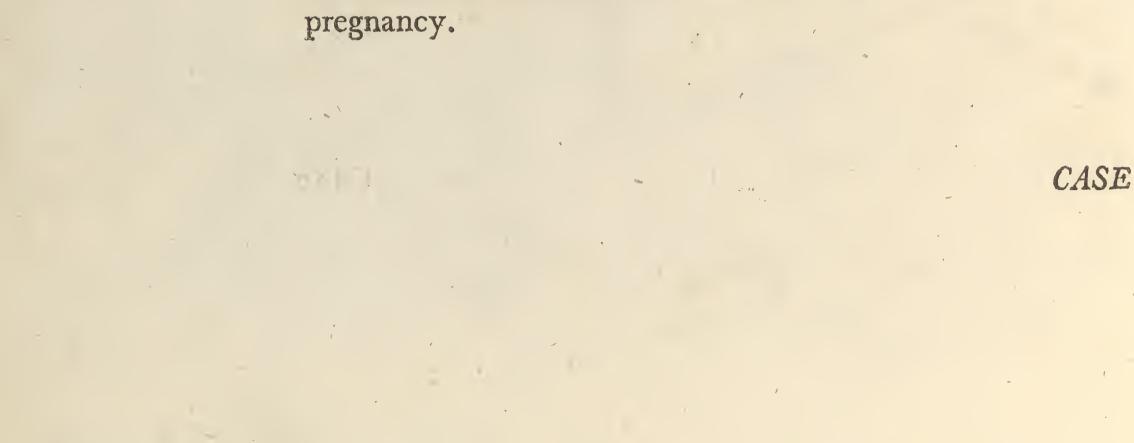
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THE Paupers of the village of Tortworth, in this county, were inoculated by Mr. Henry Jenner, Surgeon, of Berkeley, in the year 1795. Among them, eight patients prefented themfelves who had at different periods of their lives had the Cow Pox. One of them, Hefter Walkley, I attended with that difeafe when she lived in the fervice of a Farmer in the fame village in the year 1782; but neither this woman, nor any other of the patients who had gone through the Cow Pox, received the variolous infection either from the arm or from mixing in the fociety of the other patients who were inoculated at the fame time. This state of security proved a fortunate circumstance, as many of the poor women were at the fame time in a flate of



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One inftance has occurred to me of the fyftem being affected from the matter iffuing from the heels of horfes, and of its remaining afterwards unfufceptible of the variolous contagion; another, where the Small Pox appeared obfcurely; and a third, in which its complete exiftence was pofitively afcertained.

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First, THOMAS PEARCE, is the fon of a Smith and Farrier near to this place. He never had the Cow Pox; but, in confequence of dreffing horfes with fore heels at his father's, when a lad, he had fores on his fingers which fuppurated, and which occasioned a pretty fevere indispofition. Six years afterwards I inferted variolous matter into his arm repeatedly, without being able to produce any thing

more than slight inflammation, which appeared very foon E 2 after after the matter was applied, and afterwards I exposed him to the contagion of the Small Pox with as little effect \*.

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Secondly, Mr. JAMES COLE, a Farmer in this parifh, had a difeafe from the fame fource as related in the preceding cafe, and fome years after was inoculated with variolous matter. He had a little pain in the axilla, and felt a flight indifpolition for three or four hours. A few eruptions fhewed themfelves on the forehead, but they very foon difappeared without advancing to maturation.

\* It is a remarkable fact, and well known to many, that we are frequently foiled in our endeavours to communicate the Small Pox by inoculation to blackfmiths, who in the country are farriers. They often, as in the above inftance, either refift the contagion entirely, or have the difeafe anomaloufly. Shall we not be able now to account for this on a rational principle?

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Although in the two former inflances the fyftem feemed to be fecured, or nearly fo, from variolous infection, by the abforption of matter from fores produced by the difeafed heels of horfes, yet the following cafe decifively proves that this cannot be entirely relied upon, until a difeafe has been generated by the morbid matter from the horfe on the nipple of the cow, and paffed through that medium to the human fubject.

Mr. ABRAHAM RIDDIFORD, a Farmer at Stone in this parifh, in confequence of dreffing a mare that had fore heels, was affected with very painful fores in both his hands, tumours in each axilla, and fevere and general indifpofition. A Surgeon in the neighbourhood attended

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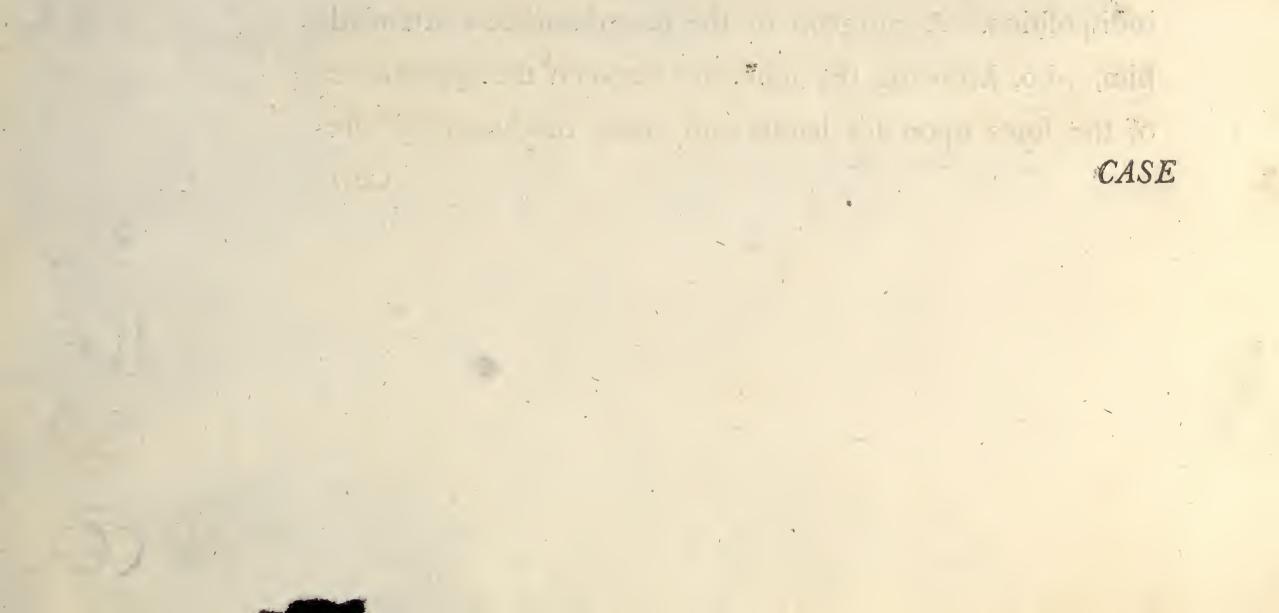
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Cow Pox, and being acquainted alfo with the effects of that difeafe on the human conflitution, affured him that he never need to fear the infection of the Small Pox; but this affertion proved fallacious, for, on being exposed to the infection upwards of twenty years afterwards, he caught the difeafe, which took its regular courfe in a very mild way. There certainly was a difference perceptible, although it is not eafy to deferibe it, in the general appearance of the puftules from that which we commonly fee. Other practitioners, who visited the patient at my request, agreed with me in this point, though there was no room left for fuspicion as to the reality of the difease, as I inoculated fome of his family from the puftules, who had the Small Pox, with its usual appearances, in confequence.

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# CASE XVI.

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SARAH NELMES, a dairymaid at a Farmer's near this place, was infected with the Cow Pox from her mafter's cows in May, 1796. She received the infection on a part of the hand which had been previoufly in a flight degree injured by a fcratch from a thorn. A large puftulous fore and the ufual fymptoms accompanying the difeafe were produced in confequence. The puftule was fo exprefive of the true character of the Cow Pox, as it commonly appears upon the hand, that I have given a reprefentation of it in the annexed plate. The two fmall puftules on the wrifts arofe alfo from the application of the virus to fome minute abrafions of the cuticle, but the livid tint, if they ever had any, was not confpicuous at the time I faw the

patient. The puftule on the fore finger shews the disease in an earlier stage. It did not actually appear on the hand of this this young woman, but was taken from that of another, and is annexed for the purpose of representing the malady after it has newly appeared.

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CASE XVII.

THE more accurately to obferve the progrefs of the infection, I felected a healthy boy, about eight years old, for the purpofe of inoculation for the Cow Pox. The matter was taken from a fore on the hand of a dairymaid \*, who was infected by her mafter's cows, and it was inferted, on the 14th of May, 1796, into the arm of the boy by means of two fuperficial incifions, barely penetrating the cutis, each about half an inch long.

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\* From the fore on the hand of Sarah Nelmes. — See the preceding cafe and the plate.

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On the feventh day he complained of uneafinefs in the axilla, and on the ninth he became a little chilly, loft his appetite, and had a flight head-ach. During the whole of this day he was perceptibly indifpofed, and fpent the night with fome degree of reftleffnefs, but on the day following he was perfectly well.

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The appearance of the incifions in their progrefs to a ftate of maturation were much the fame as when produced in a fimilar manner by variolous matter. The only difference which I perceived was, in the ftate of the limpid fluid arifing from the action of the virus, which affumed rather a darker hue, and in that of the efflorefcence fpreading round the incifions, which had more of an eryfipelatous look than we commonly perceive when variolous matter has been made use of in the fame manner; but the whole died away (leaving on the inoculated parts fcabs and

fubsequent eschars) without giving me or my patient the least trouble.

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In order to afcertain whether the boy, after feeling fo flight an affection of the fyftem from the Cow-pox virus, was fecure from the contagion of the Small-pox, he was inoculated the 1ft of July following with variolous matter, immediately taken from a puftule. Several flight punctures and incifions were made on both his arms, and the matter was carefully inferted, but no difeafe followed. The fame appearances were obfervable on the arms as we commonly fee when a patient has had variolous matter applied, after having either the Cow-pox or the Small-pox. Several months afterwards, he was again inoculated with variolous matter, but no fenfible effect was produced on the conflictution.

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Here my refearches were interrupted till the fpring of the year 1798, when from the wetnefs of the early part of the feafon, many of the farmers' horfes in this neighbourhood were affected with fore heels, in confequence of which the Cow-pox broke out among feveral of our dairies, which afforded me an opportunity of making further obfervations upon this curious difeafe.

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A mare, the property of a perfon who keeps a dairy in a neighbouring parish, began to have fore heels the latter end of the month of February 1798, which were occafionally washed by the servant men of the farm, Thomas Virgoe, William Wherret, and William Haynes, who in confequence became affected with fores in their hands, followed by inflamed lymphatic glands in the arms and axillæ, shiverings succeeded by heat, lassitude and general pains in the limbs. A fingle paroxyfm terminated the disease; for within twenty-four hours they were free from general indifposition, nothing remaining but the fores on their hands. Haynes and Virgoe, who had gone through the Small-pox from inoculation, described their feelings as very fimilar to those which affected them on fickening with that malady. Wheret never had had the Small-pox. Haynes was daily employed as one of the milkers at the farm, and the difease began to shew itself among the cows about ten days after he first assisted in washing the mare's heels. Their nipples became fore in the usual way, with blueish pustules; but as remedies were early applied they did not ulcerate to any extent.

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JOHN BAKER, a child of five years old, was inoculated March 16, 1798, with matter taken from a pufule on the hand of Thomas Virgoe, one of the fervants who had been infected from the mare's heels. He became ill on the 6th day with fymptoms fimilar to those excited by Cow-pox matter. On the 8th day he was free from indisposition.

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There was fome variation in the appearance of the pufule on the arm. Although it fomewhat refembled a Small-pox pufule, yet its fimilitude was not fo confpicuous as when excited by matter from the nipple of the cow, or when the matter has paffed from thence through the medium of the human fubject.—(See Plate, No. 2.)

This experiment was made to afcertain the progrefs and fubfequent effects of the difeafe when thus propagated. We

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We have feen that the virus from the horfe, when it proves infectious to the human fubject is not to be relied upon as rendering the fyftem fecure from variolous infection, but that the matter produced by it upon the nipple of the cow is perfectly fo. Whether its paffing from the horfe through the human conftitution, as in the prefent inftance, will produce a fimilar effect, remains to be decided. This would now have been effected, but the boy was rendered unfit for inoculation from having felt the effects of a contagious fever in a work-houfe, foon after this experiment was made.

CASE XIX.

WILLIAM SUMMERS, a child of five years and a half old was inoculated the fame day with Baker, with matter taken from the nipples of one of the infected cows, at the farm alluded to in page 35. He became indifpofed on the 6th day, vomited once, and felt the ufual flight fymptoms till the 8th day, when he appeared perfectly well. The progrefs of the pufule, formed by the infection of the virus

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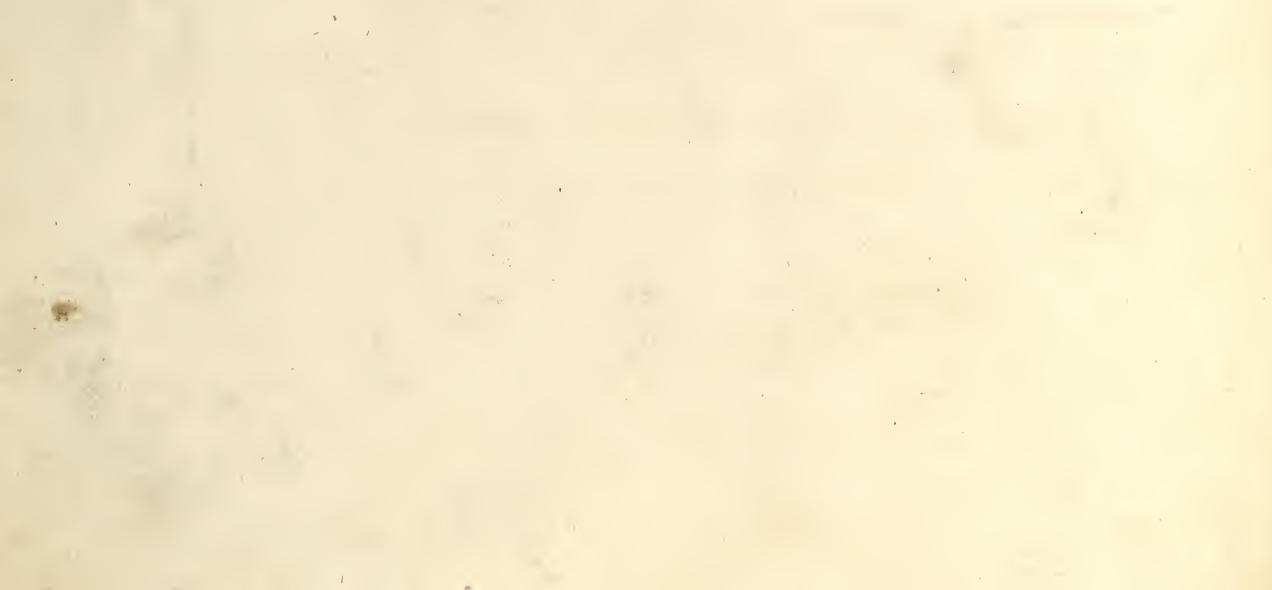
Timelas to that of main FROM William Summers the difease was transferred to Hint Schuch who was William Pead a boy of eight years old, who was inoculated inventated with Variatur March 28th. On the 6th day he complained of pain in the matter at Twowth axilla, and on the 7th was affected with the common fympher inoculated for the toms of a patient fickening with the Small-pox from inoculation, which did not terminate 'till the 3d day after the feizure. So perfect was the fimilarity to the variolous Con You at a few weeks B Spafie Hrough the bina fever that I was induced to examine the skin, conceiving to the Jakes fast con of the there might have been some eruptions, but none appeared. The efflorescent blush around the part punctured in the gentleman who attended boy's arm was fo truly characteristic of that which appears Him more than Five your Mohuithe landing the of it. The drawing was made when the puffule was begin-tern & Symptomatic Twee ing to die away, and the areola retiring from the centre. hat on an Appearance les (See Plate, No. 3.) indet as above by &. Jenner CASE NI

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APRIL 5th. Several children and adults were inoculated from the arm of William Pead. The greater part of them fickened on the 6th day, and were well on the 7th, but in three of the number a fecondary indifpolition arole in confequence of an extensive eryfipelatous inflammation which appeared on the inoculated arms. It feemed to arife from the ftate of the puftule, which fpread out, accompanied with fome degree of pain, to about half the diameter of a fix-pence. One of these patients was an infant of half a year old. By the application of mercurial ointment to the inflamed parts (a treatment recommended under fimilar circumftances in the inoculated Small-pox) the complaint fubfided without giving much trouble.

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infection from the infertion of the virus under the cuticle of the arm in three diffinct points. The puftules which arofe in confequence, so much resembled, on the 12th day, those appearing from the infertion of variolous matter, that an experienced Inoculator would scarcely have discovered a shade of difference at that period. Experience now tells me that almost the only variation which follows confists in the pultulous fluids remaining limpid nearly to the time of its total disappearance; and not, as in the direct Small-pox, becoming purulent.-(See Plate, No. 4.)

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FROM the arm of this girl matter was taken and inferted April 12th into the arms of John Macklove one year and a half old,

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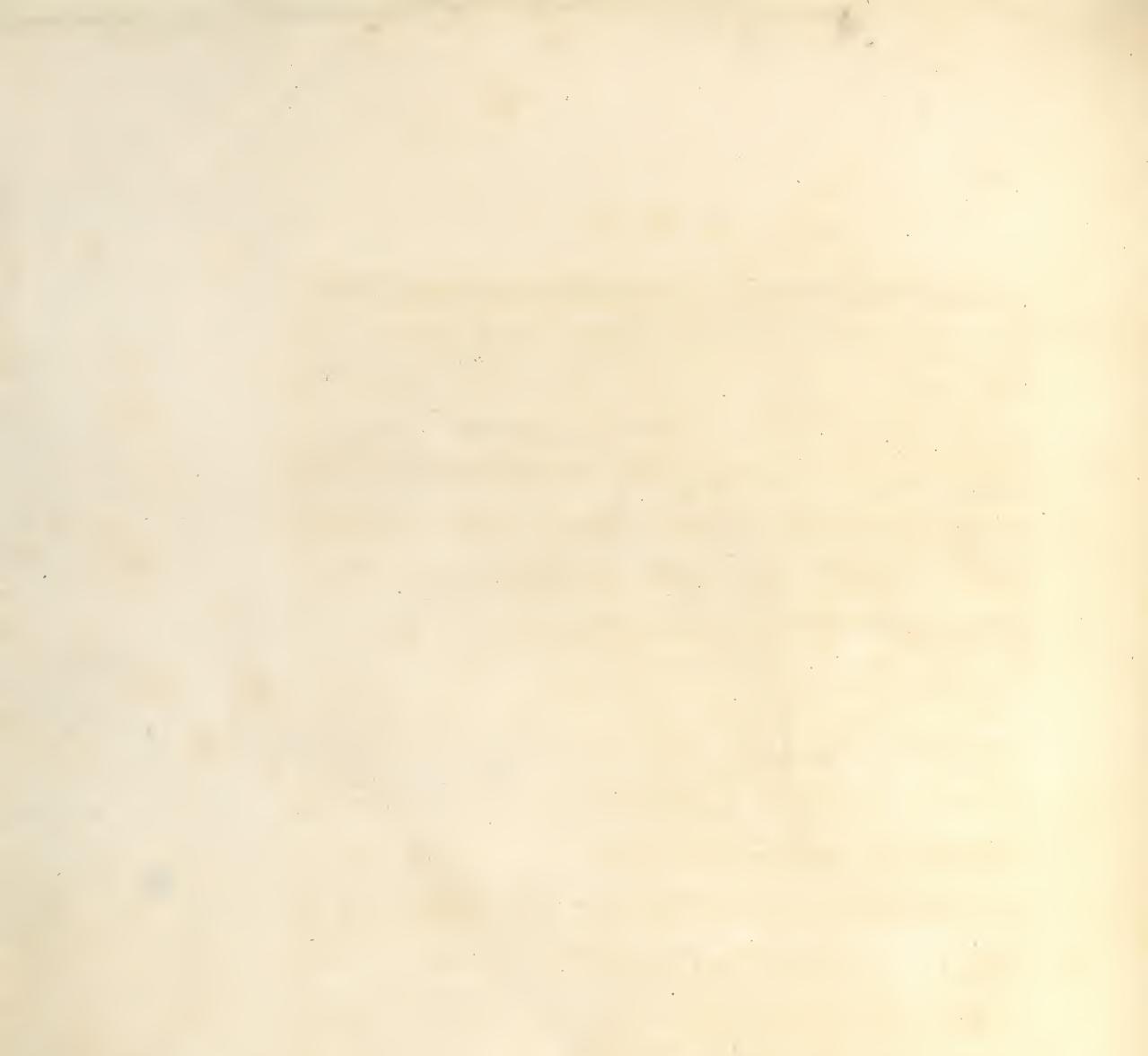
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Among these Robert F. Jenner did not receive the infection. The arms of the other three inflamed properly and began to affect the system in the usual manner; but being under fome apprehensions from the preceding Cafes that a troublesome erysipelas might arise, I determined on making an experiment with the view of cutting off its fource. Accordingly after the patients had felt an indifposition of about twelve hours, I applied in two of these Cases out of the three, on the veficle formed by the virus, a little mild caustic, composed of equal parts of quick-lime and soap, and suffered it to remain on the part fix hours \*. It seemed to give the children but little uneafinefs, and effectually answered my intention in preventing the appearance of eryfipelas. Indeed it feemed to do more, for in half an hour after its application, the indifposition of the children ceased +. These precautions were perhaps unnecessary as

\* Perhaps a few touches with the lapis scepticus would have proved equally

efficacious.

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the arm of the third child, Mary Pead, which was fuffered to take its common courfe, fcabbed quickly, without any eryfipelas.

# CASE XXIII.

FROM this child's arm matter was taken and transferred to that of J. Barge, a boy of feven years old. He fickened on the 8th day, went through the difeafe with the ufual flight fymptoms, and without any inflammation on the arm beyond the common efflorefcence furrounding the puftule, an appearance fo often feen in inoculated Small-pox.

After the many fruitlefs attempts to give the Small-pox to thofe who had had the Cow-pox, it did not appear neceffary, nor was it convenient to me, to inoculate the whole of thofe who had been the fubjects of thefe late trials; yet I

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thought it right to fee the effects of variolous matter on fome of them, particularly William Summers, the first of these patients who had been infected with matter taken from [ 43 ]

from the cow. He was therefore inoculated with variolous matter from a frefh puftule; but, as in the preceding Cafes, the fyftem did not feel the effects of it in the fmalleft degree. Ihad an opportunity alfo of having this boy and William Pead inoculated by my Nephew, Mr. Henry Jenner, whofe report to me is as follows: "I have inoculated Pead and Barge, two of the boys whom you lately infected with the Cow-pox. On the 2d day the incifions were inflamed and there was a pale inflammatory flain around them. On the 3d day thefe appearances were ftill increafing and their arms itched confiderably. On the 4th day, the inflammation was evidently fubfiding, and on the 6th it was fcarcely perceptible. No fymptom of indifpofition followed.

To convince myfelf that the variolous matter made ufe of was in a perfect flate, I at the fame time inoculated a patient with fome of it who never had gone through the Cow-pox, and it produced the Small-pox in the ufual regular manner."

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These experiments afforded me much fatisfaction, they proved that the matter in passing from one human subject to another, through five gradations, lost none of its original properties, J. Barge being the fifth who received the infection fuccessively from William Summers, the boy to whom it was communicated from the cow.

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fhall now conclude this Inquiry with fome general obfervations on the fubject and on fome others which are interwoven with it.

Although I prefume it may be unneceffary to produce further teftimony in fupport of my affertion " that the Cow-pox protects the human conflitution from the infection of the Small-pox," yet it affords me confiderable fatisfaction to fay, that Lord Somerville, the Prefident of the Board of Agriculture, to whom this paper was fhewn by Sir Jofeph Banks, has found upon inquiry that the flatements were confirmed by the concuring teftimony of Mr. Dolland, a furgeon, who refides in a dairy country remote from this, in which thefe

# obfervations were made. With refpect to the opinion adduced "that the fource of the infection is

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is a peculiar morbid matter arifing in the horfe," although I have not been able to prove it from actual experiments conducted immediately under my own eye, yet the evidence I have adduced appears sufficient to establish it. mentales indications let manager in indice un horm

They who are not in the habit of conducting experiments may not be aware of the coincidence of circumstances necessary for their being managed fo as to prove perfectly decifive; nor how often men engaged in professional pursuits are liable to interruptions which disappoint them almost at the instant of their being accomplished: however, I feel no room for hefitation respecting the com-

mon origin of the disease, being well convinced that it never appears among the cows (except it can be traced to a cow introduced among the general

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general herd which has been previoufly infected, or to an infected fervant), unlefs they have been milked by fome one who, at the fame time, has the care of a horfe affected with difeafed heels.

The fpring of the year 1797, which I intended particularly to have devoted to the completion of this inveftigation, proved, from its drynefs, remarkably adverfe to my wifhes; for it frequently happens, while the farmers' horfes are exposed to the cold rains which fall at that feafon that their heels become difeafed, and no Cow-pox then appeared in the neighbourhood.

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horse affects his dreffer with fores, and as rarely that a milk-maid escapes the infection when she milks infected cows. It is most active at the commencement of the disease, even before it has acquired a' pus-like appearance; indeed I am not confident whether this property in the matter does not entirely cease as soon as it is secreted in the form of pus. I am induced to think it does cease\*, and that it is the thin darkish-looking fluid only, oozing from the newly-formed cracks in the heels, fimilar to what fometimes appears from eryfipelatous blifters, which gives the difeafe. Nor am I certain that the nipples of the cows are at all times in a state to receive the infection. The appearance of the difease in the spring and the

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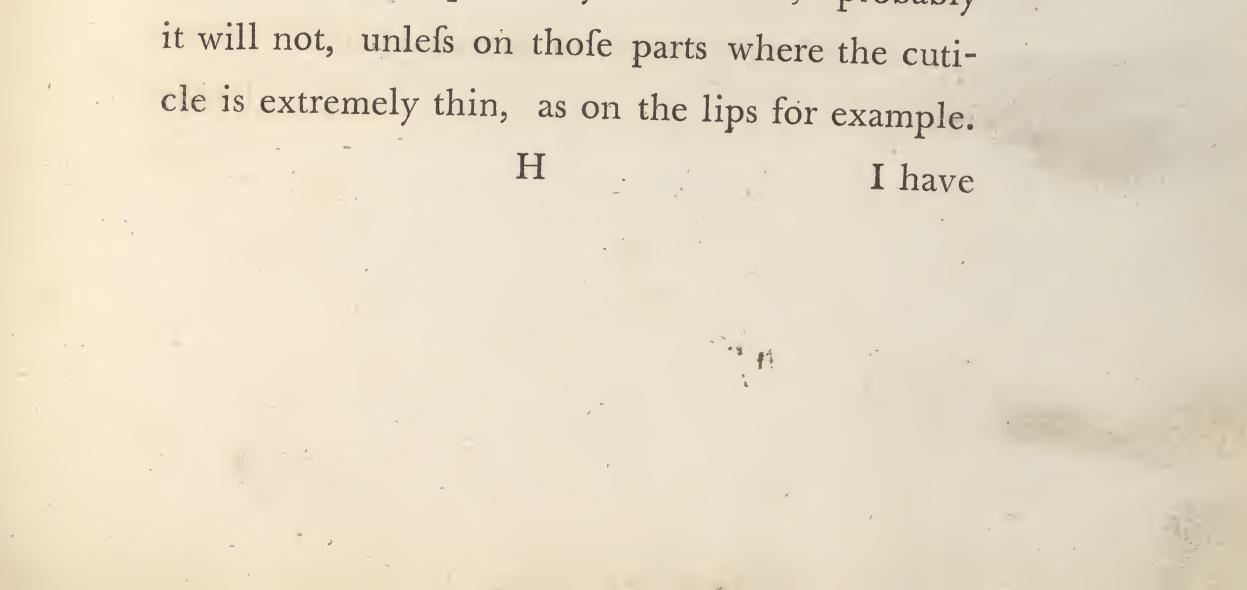
\* It is very eafy to procure pus from old fores on the heels of horfes. This I have often inferted into fcratches made with a lancet, on the found nipples of cows, and have feen no other effects from it than fimple inflammation.

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early part of the fummer, when they are difpofed to be affected with fpontaneous eruptions fo much more frequently than at other feafons, induces me to think, that the virus from the horfe muft be received upon them when they are in this flate, in order to produce effects: experiments, however, muft determine thefe points. But it is clear that when the Cow-pox virus is once generated, that the cows cannot refift the contagion, in whatever flate their nipples may chance to be, if they are milked with an infected hand.

Whether the matter, either from the cow or the horfe will affect the found skin of the human body, I cannot positively determine; probably



I have known an inftance of a poor girl who produced an ulceration on her lip by frequently holding her finger to her mouth to cool the raging of a Cow-pox fore by blowing upon it. The hands of the farmers' fervants here, from the nature of their employments, are conftantly expofed to thofe injuries which occafion abrafions of the cuticle, to punctures from thorns and fuch like accidents; fo that they are always in a ftate to feel the confequences of expofure to infectious matter.

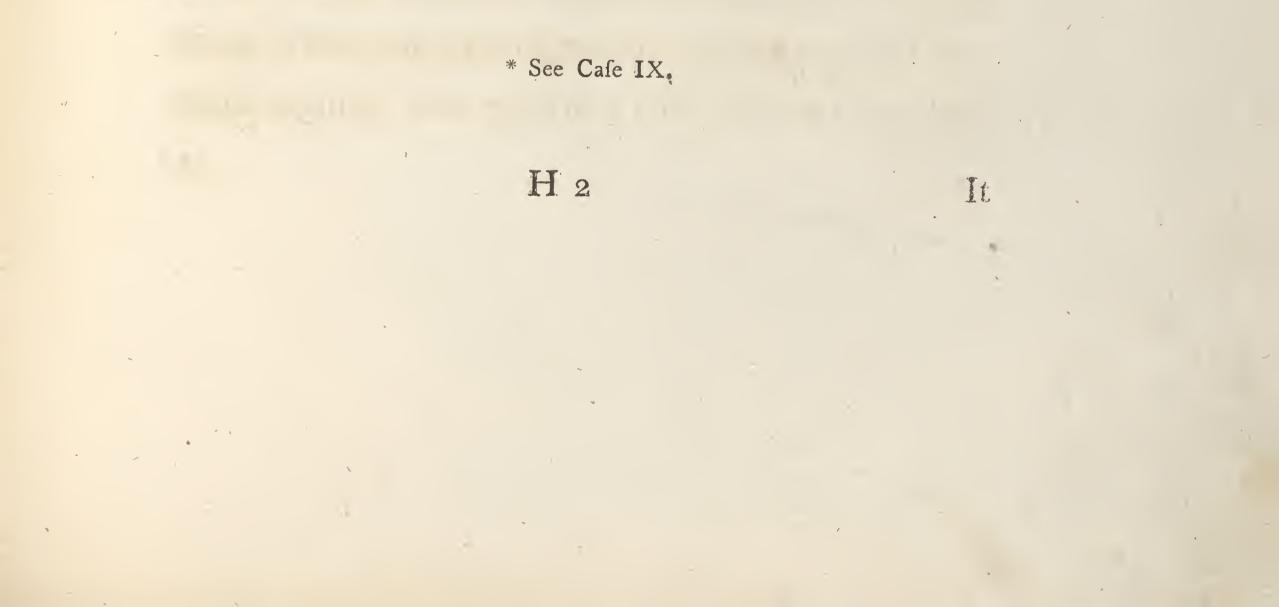
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It is fingular to obferve that the Cow-pox virus, although it renders the conflictution unfusceptible of the variolous, should, nevertheles, leave it unchanged with respect to its own action. I have already

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already produced an inftance \* to point out this, and fhall now corroborate it with another.

Elizabeth Wynne, who had the Cow-pox in the year 1759, was inoculated with variolous matter, without effect, in the year 1797, and again caught the Cow-pox in the year 1798. When I faw her, which was on the 8th day after fhe received the infection, I found her affected with general laffitude, fhiverings, alternating with heat, coldnefs of the extremities, and a quick and irregular pulfe. Thefe fymptoms were preceded by a pain in the axilla. On her hand was one large puftulous fore, which refembled that delinated in Plate No. 1.



It is curious alfo to obferve, that the virus, which with refpect to its effects is undetermined and uncertain previoufly to its paffing from the horfe through the medium of the cow, fhould then not only become more active, but fhould invariably and completely poffers those fpecific properties which induce in the human conftitution fymptoms fimilar to those of the variolous fever, and effect in it that peculiar change which for ever renders it unfusceptible of the variolous contagion.

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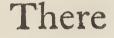
May it not, then, be reafonably conjectured, that the fource of the Small-pox is morbid matter of a peculiar kind, generated by a difeafe in the horfe, and that accidental circumftances may have again and again arifen, ftill working new changes upon

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it, until it has acquired the contagious and malignant form under which we now commonly fee it making its devastations amongst us? And, from a confideration of the change which the infectious matter undergoes from producing a difease on the cow, may we not conceive that many contagious diseases, now prevalent among us, may owe their present appearance not to a simple, but to a compound origin? For example, is it difficult to imagine that the meafles, the fcarlet fever, and the ulcerous fore throat with a spotted skin, have all fprung from the fame fource, affuming fome variety in their forms according to the nature of their new combinations? The fame queftion will apply refpecting the origin of many other conta-

gious difeafes, which bear a ftrong analogy to each other.



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There are certainly more forms than one, without confidering the common variation between the confluent and diffinct, in which the Small-pox appears in what is called the natural way.—About feven years ago a fpecies of Smallpox fpread through many of the towns and villages of this part of Gloucefterfhire: it was of fo mild a nature, that a fatal inftance was fcarcely ever heard of, and confequently fo little dreaded by the lower orders of the community, that they fcrupled not to hold the fame intercourfe with each other as if no infectious difeafe had been prefent among them. I never faw nor heard of an inftance of its being confluent. The moft

accurate manner, perhaps, in which I can convey an idea of it is, by faying, that had fifty individuals been taken promifcuoufly and infected

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by expofure to this contagion, they would have had as mild and light a difeafe as if they had been inoculated with variolous matter in the ufual way. The harmlefs manner in which it fhewed itfelf could not arife from any peculiarity either in the feafon or the weather, for I watched its progrefs upwards of a year without perceiving any variation in its general appearance. I confider it then as a *variety* of the Smallpox\*.

In some of the preceding cases I have noticed the attention that was paid to the state of the

\* My friend Dr. Hicks, of Bristol, who during the prevalence of this dif-

temper was refident at Gloucester, and Physician to the Hospital there, (where it was seen soon after its first appearance in this country) had opportunities of making numerous observations upon it, which it is his intention to communicate to the Public.

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variolous matter previous to the experiment of inferting it into the arms of those who had gone through the Cow-pox. This I conceived to be of great importance in conducting these experiments, and were it always properly attended to by those who inoculate for the Small-pox, it might prevent much subsequent mischief and confusion. With the view of enforcing so necessary a precaution, I shall take the liberty of digressing so far as to point out some unpleasant facts, relative to mismanagement in this particular, which have fallen under my own observation.

A Medical Gentleman (now no more), who

for many years inoculated in this neighbourhood, frequently preferved the variolous matter intended for his ufe, on a piece of lint or cotton, which, in

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its fluid state was put into a vial, corked, and conveyed into a warm pocket; a fituation certainly favourable for speedily producing putrefaction in it. In this flate (not unfrequently after it had been taken feveral days from the puftules) it was inferted into the arms of his patients, and brought on inflammation of the incifed parts, fwellings of the axillary glands, fever, and fometimes eruptions. But what was this difeafe? Certainly not the Small-pox; for the matter having from putrefaction lost, or fuffered a derangement in its specific properties, was no longer capable of producing that malady, those who had been inoculated in this manner being as much fubject to the contagion of the Small-pox, as if

they had never been under the influence of this artificial difeafe; and many, unfortunately, fell I victims

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victims to it, who thought themfelves in perfect fecurity. The fame unfortunate circumftance of giving a difeafe, fuppofed to be the Small-pox, with inefficaceous variolous matter, having occurred under the direction of fome other practitioners within my knowledge, and probably from the fame incautious method of fecuring the variolous matter, I avail myfelf of this opportunity of mentioning what I conceive to be of great importance; and, as a further cautionary hint, I fhall again digrefs fo far as to add another obfervation on the fubject of Inoculation

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that the quantity of variolous matter inferted into the skin makes any difference with respect to the subsequent mildness or violence of the difease, I

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know not; but I have the ftrongeft reafon for fuppoling that if either the punctures or incifions be made fo deep as to go through it, and wound the adipofe membrane, that the rifk of bringing on a violent difeafe is greatly increafed. I have known an inoculator, whofe practice was " to cut deep enough (to ufe his own expression) to fee a bit of fat," and there to lodge the matter. The great number of bad Cafes, independent of inflammations and absceffes on the arms, and the fatality which attended this practice was almost inconceivable; and I cannot account for it on any other principle than that of the matter being placed in this fituation inflead of the fkin.

It was the practice of another, whom I well remember, to pinch up a fmall portion of the skin

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on the arms of his patients and to pass through it a needle, with a thread attached to it previoufly dipped in variolous matter. The thread was lodged in the perforated part, and confequently left in contact with the cellular membrane. This practice was attended with the fame ill fuccefs as the former. Although it is very improbable that any one would now inoculate in this rude way by design, yet these observations may tend to place a double guard over the lancet, when infants, whofe skins are comparatively so very thin, fall under the care of the inoculator.

A very respectable friend of mine, Dr. Hardwicke, of Sodbury in this county, inoculated great numbers of patients previous to the introduction of the more moderate method by Sutton, and with fuch

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fuch fuccefs, that a fatal inflance occurred as rarely as fince that method has been adopted. It was the doctor's practice to make as flight an incifion as poffible *upon* the fkin, and there to lodge a thread faturated with the variolous matter. When his patients became indifpofed, agreeably to the cuftom then prevailing, they were directed to go to bed and were kept moderately warm. Is it not probable then, that the fuccefs of the modern practice may depend more upon the method of invariably depofiting the virus in or upon the fkin, than on the fubfequent treatment of the difeafe?

I do not mean to infinuate that exposure to cool air, and fuffering the patient to drink cold water

when hot and thirfty, may not moderate the eruptive fymptoms and leffen the number of puftules;

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yet, to repeat my former observation, I cannot account for the uninterrupted fuccess, or nearly fo, of one practitioner, and the wretched state of the patients under the care of another, where, in both instances, the general treatment did not differ effentially, without conceiving it to arife from the different modes of inferting the matter for the purpose of producing the disease. As it is not the identical matter inferted which is abforbed into the conftitution, but that which is, by fome peculiar process in the animal economy, generated by it, is it not probable that different parts of the human body may prepare or modify the virus differently? Although the skin, for example, adipose membrane, or mucous membranes are all capable of producing the variolous virus by the ftimulus given by the particles originally deposited upon them,

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yet I am induced to conceive that each of these parts is capable of producing some variation in the qualities of the matter previous to its affecting the conftitution. What else can conftitute the difference between the Small-pox when communicated cafually or in what has been termed the natural way, or when brought on artificially through the medium of the skin? After all, are the variolous particles, possessing their true specific and contagious principles, ever taken up and conveyed by the lymphatics unchanged into the blood vessels? I imagine not. Were this the case, should we not find the blood fufficiently loaded with them in fome stages of the Small-pox to communicate the difease by inferting it under the

# cuticle, or by fpreading it on the furface of an ulcer? Yet experiments have determined the impracticability

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practicability of its being given in this way; although it has been proved that variolous matter when much diluted with water, and applied to the fkin in the ufual manner, will produce the difeafe. But it would be digreffing beyond a proper boundary, to go minutely into this fubject here.

At what period the Cow-pox was first noticed here is not upon record. Our oldest farmers were not unacquainted with it in their earliest days, when it appeared among their farms without any deviation from the phænomena which it now exhibits. Its connection with the Small-pox feems

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to have been unknown to them. Probably the general introduction of inoculation first occasioned the difcovery.

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Its rife in this country may not have been of very remote date, as the practice of milking cows might formerly have been in the hands of women only; which I believe is the cafe now in fome other dairy countries, and, confequently that the cows might not in former times have been expofed to the contagious matter brought by the men fervants from the heels of horfes\*. Indeed a knowledge of the fource of the infection is new in the minds of moft of the farmers in this neighbourhood, but it has at length produced good confequences; and it feems probable from the precautions they are now difpofed to adopt, that the

\* I have been informed from refpectable authority that in Ireland, although dairies abound in many parts of the Island, the difease is entirely unknown. The reason feems obvious. The business of the dairy is conducted by women only. Were the meanest vassal among the men, employed there as a milker at a dairy, he would feel his situation unpleasant beyond all endurance.

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appearance of the Cow-pox here may either be entirely extinguished or become extremely rare.

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Should it be afked whether this inveftigation is a matter of mere curiofity, or whether it tends to any beneficial purpofe? I fhould anfwer, that notwithftanding the happy effects of Inoculation, your the light with all the improvements which the practice has diminal of received fince its first introduction into this country, it not very unfrequently produces deformity of the fkin, and fometimes, under the best management, proves fatal.

These circumstances must naturally create in every instance some degree of painful solicitude for its consequences. But as I have never known fatal effects arise from the Cow-pox, even when impressed

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impressed in the most unfavourable manner, producing extensive inflammations and suppurations on the hands; and as it clearly appears that this disease leaves the constitution in a state of perfect fecurity from the infection of the Small-pox, may we not infer that a mode of Inoculation may be introduced preferable to that at prefent adopted, especially among those families, which, from previous circumstances we may judge to be predifposed to have the disease unfavourably? It is an excefs in the number of pustules which we chiefly dread in the Small-pox; but, in the Cow-pox, no pustules appear, nor does it seem possible for the contagious matter to produce the difease from effluvia, or by any other means than contact, and that probably not fimply between the virus and . the cuticle; fo that a fingle individual in a family ·-

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might at any time receive it without the rifk of infecting the reft, or of fpreading a diftemper that fills a country with terror. Several inftances have come under my obfervation which juftify the affertion that the difeafe cannot be propagated by effluvia. The firft boy whom I inoculated with the matter of Cow-pox, flept in a bed, while the experiment was going forward, with two children who never had gone through either that difeafe or the Small-pox, without infecting either of them.

A young woman who had the Cow-pox to a great extent, feveral fores which maturated having appeared on the hands and wrifts, flept in the fame

# bed with a fellow-dairy maid who never had been infected with either the Cow-pox or the Smallpox, but no indifpofition followed.

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Another inftance has occurred of a young woman on whofe hands were feveral large fuppurations from the Cow-pox, who was at the fame time a daily nurfe to an infant, but the complaint was not communicated to the child.

In fome other points of view, the inoculation of this difeafe appears preferable to the variolous inoculation.

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In conftitutions predifpofed to fcrophula, how frequently we fee the inoculated Small-pox, roufe into activity that diffrefsful malady. This circumftance does not feem to depend on the manner in which the diffemper has fhewn itfelf, for it has as

frequently happened among those who have had it mildly, as when it has appeared in the contrary way.

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There are many, who from fome peculiarity in the habit refift the common effects of variolous matter inferted into the fkin, and who are in confequence haunted through life with the diftreffing idea of being infecure from fubfequent infection. A ready mode of diffipating anxiety originating from fuch a caufe muft now appear obvious. And, as we have feen that the conflitution may at any time be made to feel the febrile attack of Cowpox, might it not, in many chronic difeafes be introduced into the fyftem, with the probability of affording relief, upon well-known phyfiological principles?

Although I fay the fyftem may at any time be made to feel the febrile attack of Cow-pox, yet I have a fingle inftance before me where the virus

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acted locally only, but it is not in the leaft probable that the fame perfon would refift the action both of the Cow-pox virus and the variolous.

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Elizabeth Sarfenet lived as a dairy maid at Newpark farm, in this parifh. All the cows and the fervants employed in milking had the Cow-pox; but this woman, though fhe had feveral fores upon her fingers, felt no tumors in the axillæ, nor any general indifpolition. On being afterwards cafually expofed to variolous infection, fhe had the Small-pox in a mild way.—Hannah Pick, another of the dairy maids who was a fellow-fervant with Elizabeth Sarfenet when the diftemper broke out at the farm was, at the fame time infected; but

this young woman had not only fores upon her hands, but felt herfelf alfo much indifpofed for a

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day or two. After this, I made feveral attempts to give her the Small-pox by inoculation, but they all proved fruitlefs. From the former Cafe then we fee that the animal economy is fubject to the fame laws in one difeafe as the other.

The following Cafe which has very lately occurred renders it highly probable that not only the heels of the horfe, but other parts of the body of that animal, are capable of generating the virus which produces the Cow-pox.

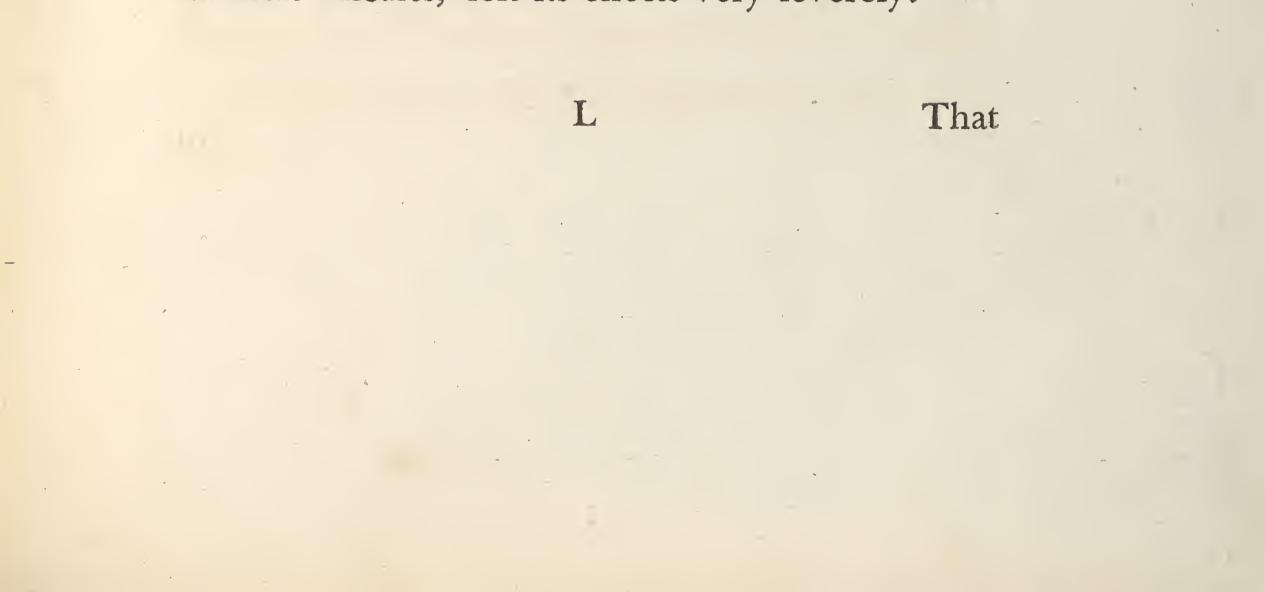
An extensive inflammation of the eryfipelatous kind, appeared without any apparent caufe upon the upper part of the thigh of a fucking colt, the property of Mr. Millet, a farmer at Rockhampton, a village near Berkeley. The inflammation con-

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tinued feveral weeks, and at length terminated in the formation of three or four small abscesses. The inflamed parts were fomented, and dreffings were applied by fome of the fame perfons who were employed in milking the cows. The number of cows milked was twenty-four, and the whole of them had the Cow-pox. The milkers, confifting of the farmer's wife, a man and a maid fervant, were infected by the cows. The man fervant had previoufly gone through the Small-pox, and felt but little of the Cow-pox. The fervant maid had fome years before been infected with the Cow-pox, and she also felt it now in a slight degree: But the farmer's wife who never had gone through either of these diseases, felt its effects very severely.



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That the difeafe produced upon the cows by the colt and from thence conveyed to thole who milked them was the *true* and not the *fpurious* Cow-pox\*, there can be fcarcely any room for fufpicion; yet it would have been more completely fatisfactory, had the effects of variolous matter been afcertained on the farmer's wife, but there was a peculiarity in her fituation which prevented my making the experiment.

Thus far have I proceeded in an inquiry, founded, as it must appear, on the basis of experiment; in which, however, conjecture has been occasionally admitted in order to prefent to

persons well situated for such discussions, objects

\* See Note in Page 7.

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for a more minute inveftigation. In the mean time I fhall myfelf continue to profecute this inquiry, encouraged by the hope of its becoming effentially beneficial to mankind.

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#### ERRATA.

- Page 5, Line 4, after the word *Shiverings* infert *fucceeded by heat*. Line 16, for needlessly read heedlessly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24, Last line but one, for sore read tumour.
- 40, Line 12, for Macklove read Marklove.
- 41, Note-for scepticus read septicus.
- 60, Last line, for moderate read modern.

