

one of the stomachs of a calf, brought forth dead at the full time, of the same colour with those on its skin. As this observation renders the proof, however clear and unexceptionable it was before, fuller, I was unwilling to omit it here.

Brigg, July 12,
1755.

Malcolm Flemyng.

XLIII. *An Account of the Success of Agaric in Amputations, &c. in a Letter from Mr. William Thornhill, late Surgeon to the Infirmary at Bristol, to Robert Dingley, Esq; F. R. S.*

Novem. 2, 1755.

Read Nov. 13, 1755. **I** Have made use of the agaric in four amputations: the first was on the arm, between the elbow and wrist; the second and third were below the knee; and the fourth on the crural artery. In every case it answered beyond my expectation; the patients had little or no fever, and no spasms at all, which are frequently the consequences of the ligature, and sometimes fatal. I am surprised, that any objections are made to the use of it. I fear the true reason of its not being used in general practice proceeds from a narrow selfish way of thinking; but it is my opinion it will make its way, to the honour of its first author. I am well satisfied, it is the best medicine in all the *materia medica* yet discovered for that purpose.

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I have tried it in female cases, with great success, by injecting a strong decoction of it in hæmorrhages from the uterus, and particularly in fluxes of that kind after delivery.

XLIV. *Lunæ defectus Elbis à Doctore Joanne Mendefio Sachetto Barbosa, Philosophiæ & Medicinæ Professore, Regiæ Societatis Londinensis Socio, & Medicæ Academiæ Matritensis, Regalis Elbensis Nosocomii Medico, observatus Die 27--28 Martii, Anno 1755. Communicated by J. De Castro Sarmiento, M. D. F. R. S.*

Read Nov. 20, 1755. **N**ON telescopio, sed tubo optico satis claro & longo, hoc lunare deliquium observavi: eclipseos tamen initium, vel instrumentorum debilitate, vel usus defectu, accurate determinare vix potui. Ne tamen apparentias pro veritatibus acciperem, initium non nisi quando de eo nemo claræ mentis & visus dubitare poterat annotavi. Idem de fine dicendum; veruntamen tempus a me datum pro proxime certo haberi potest. Pro certo, inquam, non respectivo ad tempus verum, quia quadrante, & meridiana fixa certa destituti sumus; sed ad tempus à solari nostro horologio horizontali indigitatum. Fatemur tamen hoc horologium solare, secundum regulas gnomonicas, aut non exactè descriptum, aut non perfectè locatum nobis videri.