## Speculum Ann:

OR,

## SEASON on the SEASONS. BEING AN

## ALMANACK

For the Year of our Lord 1768 ,
BISSEXTILE, or LEAP GEAR wnombin
Are all Things nee full for foch a Work; as the Sun's riffing and feting, the Moon the fame, and Southing for Six Months; Planets Places and Afp.cis, Echpfes, fudge. mont on the Weather, and on the Quartet, Affrulosicd Monthiy Poetry, New enigmas, and Observations useful and entertaining.
By HENRY SEASON,
Phyfician, Student in the Celeftial Sciences, and an Inveftigator of Truth.
-He han give me the ora K Kiswedge of the
"Things, that are, the Situation of the stars,
"the, Diverfics of the Pins, and the Virtue
"of Herbs." Wifd ch wii. var: 20. \&ec.
5. Meve o primum dikes ante,omniza muffs, fictive
of plant: crelilque ria : et fidera? monfrgnt defer-
"tun pori varios lu"equs labores." Ving Georg:
This live re Bobs a fiat Epitome,
Of that more large you in the Heavens free.;
The gloriqus $S$ tars ( $I \mathrm{~m}:$ an) whereby is $\mathrm{f} \%$ in,
That Wisdom which no Atheif dare difown:
There many Globes teach us well to uncerttards:
Muff be the Skill of an Almighty Hand
The fame great God has given Man ti know
Their Motion, Tour; and Influence below.
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Friendiy Reader,

BY the divine Goodnefs, I have prefented thee withore more Spiculum, which I hope will prove as acceptable to thee as my furmer ones have been; of which I am thoroughly fatisfied, by the Number of Letters I lately received from different Parts of the Kingdom; for thy S ke, Reader, and to oblige fome felect Friends, I have ventur'd to expore this Writing to the mercilefs Cenfure of Criticks; formerly I run the Gan:lope between a agreat Number of them, and weather'd out a great deal of fcurrilous Treatment from them; fome of which I have filenc'd and the relt are fallen alleep; fo at preient, 1 hanks to God, 1 enjy a fort of Halcyon Pleafure. Whatever fome may conceive, there is mach Care and Circumpection as well as Labou: in compiling an Almanack, even moe than a Sermon or a Play; the Auditor of either of them can't be above a Parifh or Two no way comparable to the Readers of an Almanack, which may ferve a Kingdom or Two ; and when the Writer has exerted his Skill aad ufed his ut oft Pains and melancholy Care, he is look'd on by the moit not fcarce equal to a Mechanick, and often by many an illiterate Clown and others, his Charafter is ftigmatiz'd with the vileft of Names, viz. Conjurer, and why? only becaufe he is an Almanack Writer.

Be it known to all Men, I utterly defy, abhor and deteft any Art, Invention or Means as may any way fupport or uphold the Kingdom of Darknef, but rather ftrive to demolith it; neither in Writing or otherwife whatfoever have If propagated, ccuntenanc'd or conniv'd at any Vicce or Folly, tho' ever fo much in Vogue, but have endeavoured to fupprefs and abolifh it ; and to recommend and exhort to its opp fite Virtue, (tho' to fmall or no Purpofe.) As to Aftro logy, in that Latitude I profefs it in, tis free from all fatal Neceffity, or intermedling with the Divine Providence, of other Superftition; I do and can fupport and prove it has been embraced by the wifett and beft of Men; and notim. pagned by Scripture : And it is an indifpenfable Handmaid to Phyfick, neither is it pofible any one can be compleat Mafter of Phyfick without a Knowledge of the Heavenly Bodie:, as Doctor Mead, and Hundreds ot his Predeceffors have talught and abundantly demonftrated. The two great Founders of Pha fack, Hipfocrates and Galen, both enjoin'd their Pupils 10
get themfelves well acquainted with the Nature of the Stars ; but that Precept and the reft of the r Doctrine is rejected and fer at naught now a day amount our modern Practitioners: Phyfick is a poor Track at prevent, (or in no Track at all) farce deferves the Name of a Science, as it is now made Ufa of by many, who pracife with little or no Concern with any Thilofophick lieafoning, or Mechanick Demonflration: Phyfick by fuck, moves at prefent on the H ages of whimfical Fafhion, and whee random Imitations. O! monferum: Books and Botany are (purn'd both out of Doors. (More in my Observations on the is Head.) Befides what I hinted at before. Another difgulful Point attends the Writer of an Mlmanack; whin he has exerted all his Care to fend out his Work compleat, he is fill liable to the Blunders and Neglect of the Printer, and fo his Works come out nutiated by the bad Midwit'ry of the Printer, as 'twas in mitelaft Y ar: The Weather left out for March, no Goad Friday, and a 1 bird Part of the Planeis Aspects not printed; (yet was primed better than formerly) as to inferting an Enigma, I am allured the greater Part of my Readers very much approve of it, and take it as an agreeable. Amufement to exercife their Genius's on: How mean foever forme may conceive of an Enigma, in Ages aft lome Kings famous in Learning had them in great Eftimation; and in this frefent Age feveral Wits of both Sexes, are highly entertained and plated with them. Lat Year I received a great Number of wong Anfoyers to mine, (which I don't think was a difficult one.) The true Anfwer was, an Almanack; which was Altered by the Son of the Rev. Mr. Role, Rector of Broomiant by Thomas Hodges, now Dead; by Mr. B ne, Boomb.m; by Mrs. Mol y Peat; Mr B adfuld, Ba quick, W lis. Mir. Slope', Devizes; Mr. William Vizer, Eaton Gray, Wilts. M1 7. Vine, Heatlfold, Suffr ; Mr. Dy ike, Marniggurd, in Vie: To the Second I had but one Anfwer, by an Officer in the Army, Mr. Charles H. sion; the Reafon why fo few antwered it, I conceive, fo few underfood the Terms of Art belong. ing to Falconry.

## Mr. J OHN DYKE's Anfwer.

A Crew of Infidels there be, Of Principles moft vile ;
Aftronomy that curious $A T$,
Thefe profane Souls revile :
A Writer of an Almanack
A Conjurer is deem'd;
Though his Predictions provesact, He's not by them efteem'd :
But be it known to all fuch Fops, I hat Art will not decline,
But always will be lov'd and priz'd, Unil the End of Time.
isucys sis sussers\|isisisisjevstseneve Mr. HUT TON's Anfwer to the 2d Enigmes

When the French Monarch fought the Irigh Shore, Awaiting Winds to waft his Navy o'er ; Then did thy Bird* difplay his warlike Train, A hundred Beaks cou'd plough the wat'ry Main; With grappling Taions faften'd on his Prey, On Canvas Plumes he bore the Prize away.

* This is rreant Admiral Hawke.

The fi-ft Quære was Anfwered by Mr. Hitchcock of Aubu- 1y, Wh.ks. which was Pride; which he writes is always ally'd to Folly, the never failing Vice of Fools, as Mr. Pope has oblerved.
 Clanjld, Oron. (tho' he mitt the Enigma) his Anfwers were the moil abtruce Thing to know was to know One's Self; the fame Anfwer I had from Mr. Dyte.

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## The Author's Twenty-Second IE NIGMA.

Poets of old and fam'd Hillorians toll, Things marvelio make their Volumes fwell ; Pliny for this remarkable we find,
Who wrote of Things furpafing human Mind;
Others have told of Beafts will quench a Fire,
And fome of Fithes fing in the Air;
That there's a Fly hakes men to dance and fisip,
And a fmall Fifh that can obltruct a Ship;
Valt other Things in Nature found and Art,
Though fmall in Bulk, yet Miracles impart;
The fame alike of what I now fhall treat, It's wonderous Acts, hear itfelf repeat:
I own I am a dimunitive Thing,
Yet can repulfe a Lion or a King ;
And on a Time, I need not tell you when,
I did prevent a puiffant Hoft of Men;
In Forei ${ }_{\varepsilon} n$ Lands I'm often put in Truft,
To be a Bridle to unbridled Luft ;
In other Climes I'm held of Dignity, And honour'd much by the moft Holy See ; On high and low I conftant do attend,
The Villain's Foe, the honeft Patriot's Friend;
Of no great Stock or Family 1 came,
Yet there be fome do not difdain my Name;
The Character is good which I do bear, And Things of Worth committed to my Care;
Yet I like fome that's found among the great,
Have turn'd out Hypocrite and Counterfeit ;
In the four Elements I have been feen,
Naked, unhurt, without a Fence or Screen;
With 'Frue' 'is thought I have obtain'd a Place,
As oft' with Pluto among th' Infernal Race ;
With Sons of Noptune 1 do often ride,
Nay, more than once heen near a Ferma'e's Side.

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## A New Efigma by Mr. Charles Rolt, Broombam.

Blamelefs myfelf, I bear another's Blame, Shamelefs befides to hide another's Shame: Strip'd to the Skin, my Honourethrown afide, I'm made the Inftrument of others Pide ; Not Holy Martyra greater Paing befel, When try'd they prov'd the utmoft Rage of Hell ; My Limbs cut off, my Head and Body torn, I reft a Spectacie that none w 11 modirn; Then to my Hilp a ikilful Surgeon flies, Plaifters my Wound, and Ligatures applies; Makes reep Incifions, healing Balfams p urs, And Lifereneiv'd, to all it's Force reftores.

A New Acrostick REBU.S.
What moft do partake of that live to be old,
What found in the Sex Men pricious do hold;
A Thing that the Prop or our Lives does contain, And an Engine by which fome Hundreds are flain;
With the Name of a City fam'd in the Eaft,
And the Name of a Reptile that infefts Man and Beaft, And a Creature that's often diß'd up at a Feaft:
Thefe Initials when join'd will give you a Name,
Of an innocent Man oft' hurt with ill Fame.

## A New QU FERE or Two.

If the Planets do not bias, or have no Force in human Bodies, (as many won't allow) what is the Occafion Children born of the fame Parents do vary fo much in their Temper of Mind? and are often quite oppofite in their natural Difpofition of Body and Mind?

Quare 2. Is there any fuch Thing as a true difinterefted Friendthip to be found in the World?

Quære 3. Whether what St. Paul has Propheficd thould come to pafs in the laft Days, 2 Tim. Chap. 3. Ver. 6 and 7. is it not fulfilled now in this prefent Age.

A Table for the Moon's Southing for 6 Months, which I prefume may be fufficient for Farmers, and all foch as breed Cattle; may ferve alfo Watermen and others that travel during the 6 Months under named.


A 4
(8)MICRO-CHRONICON.
Years
S INC.E Cafar fix'd the Boundaries of the Year ..... 1811
Since Nero's Per'ecution was revere ..... 17.08
Since Conflanime in the Air a Crofs beheld ..... $145^{\prime \prime}$
Since Mabomet his Herefirs impell'd ..... 1146
Since King Etbelflan at Malnjb'ry was inter, ..... 828
The Narmand Batard to our Crown puatd ..... 702
Since Fifteen Days con inued here a Thunder ..... $5^{\circ} 4^{8}$
Since a Whore a Witch fill'd the Fiench with Wonder ..... 337
Since Men in Coaches here began to ride ..... 213
Th' invenom'd Weed here in Emglanit Gy'd ..... 183
Since Razuleig', by Envy fell a Sacrifice ..... 153
Since Bacon liv'd, who'e Works all Men ought to prize ..... 141
Since pious Cbarles fuffer'd a cruel Fate,
From Sons of Behal Devils incarnate ..... 119
Since a great Froft from whence cur Corn grew dear ..... 59
The Sun at 9 a frightful Matk did wear ..... 53Since my great Friend Nicholas no more was feen,And Hofpitality all fell with himSince Men be-fh - their Nofes with nafty Snuff,None of thore Apes will hearken to Rep oofSince that our Style was fet in better Light,But fome thick-Sculs will ne'er conceive it rightsince Bing was fhot 'caufe he abhorred Fighting,Whofe Death I once foretold in my WritingSince Wars were o'er which Wealth us'd to augment,Since Famine a greater Curfe among us fent,By Tricks of Knavery, Jobbers do invent.\} 29
An Epigram on Snuff-Taking, Requefted by fome Friends.Can Men pretend to $R_{\text {rafon or gond Senfe, }}$When to their Brain they cffer Violence;To ape the Hottentors in N aft:nefs,And fnuff up that which is abhori'd by Beaft ;What's more abfurd to Men of fober thinking?Why is there found a Fel ow fhip in ftinking?And you fine Women pray now don't you huff,Ycu can't be (weet and cleanly and tak: Snuff:This for your Penance feveral have been wifhing,That you might be depriv'd one half your K fling ;If you'll perfilt each Nore to proftitute,May no Night- Duty Hubands ixecute.

## A TABLE of Terms and their Returns.

Hilary Term bexins lan. 23. and ends February 12.


Eafter Term begins April 20, ends May 16.
From the day of Eafter in 15 Days, From the day of Ealtes in 3 Weeks, From the day of EAter in I Month, From the day of Eatler in 5 Weeks, On the Morrow of the Afcenfion,


Trinity Term begins June 3, ends June 22. On the Morrow of the Holy Trinity, In eight days of the Holy Trinity, | May 30 | 3 | $\mid$ | 1 |
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| June | 6 |  | 3 |
| $i$ | 8 |  |  | From the day of the Holy Trinity in 15 Days, 12 I $1314 \mid 15$ From the day of the Holy Trinity in 3 Weeks $19 \mid 20.21)_{22}$

Michaelmas Term begins Nov. 6, ends Nov. 28.

On the Morrow of All Souls, On the Morrow of St. Martin, In eight days of St. Martin, From the day of St. Martin, in ${ }_{5} 5$ Days, Nov. | 4 | 4 | 5 |  |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

N. B. No Sittings in Wefminfer-Hall on Aicenfion-day, Midfummerday, and the 2d of February.

The Excbequer opens e ght Days before any Term begins, except Trinity, before which it opens but four Days.

Note, That the fiff and laft Days of every Term, are the firf and laft Days of Appsarance.

A Lawyer found that acts an $h$ neft Part,
Muft be illuw.da Man of great Defer: ;
That akes no Bribe, nor does a Thing that's wiong,
Nor folys a Caie, or fpins it out too long,
Such thall te praifed by my Pen and Tongue:
By fome 'tis faid in Earneft or in Jeft,
That Halt a Sheep w 11 all fuch Luwyers eaft;
Pe that as 'twill, this Maxim I hold ft ll,
A Lawyer may be honeft if he will.

## January hath XXXI Days.

Full Moon the 4th Day, at 4 H ur 20 Min. Morn. I. fit Qear ther the 12 in D $y$, at 4 in the Morn. New foon the 1gth Diy, 6 H . piaft Noon.
Firft Quarter the 26th Lay, at 1 H. 30 near Noon.
$\cdots\left|\begin{array}{c}v_{1} \\ D \\ \vdots \\ z_{4} \\ z_{4}\end{array}\right|$

Though I grow old the Sperulu e's ren w'd,
And myftic Truths you'll find it aoth include.


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Seafon. January 1768.
The Year is chang'd, now uthers in the New, Bur $M=n$ 's the fame, acts bac as ufed to do;
Inffect the World. furvey the Illand o'er,
'Tis Intereft is the G-d that moft adore: So much of Fraud in Vigue, and Villainy, An honeft Mas's now deem'd a Prodegy.


Seafon. February 1768.
Integrity is look'd on as a Joke,
The Law's like Cunweh, licked Oaths as Smoak; Of mure that's good the nearly are beret $t$, And farce a Champion now for L-arning left, Virtue declines, true Honour's quite forgot, Gallants w ll M fires keep, ard every Sot Will former leave his Life than miss his Pot.

Observations. city, and Wants of the Poor; and have Supplied in a great Nieafure the hungry cravirs of thole in Want; and has reprieved many from Death (rome Dittance from my Parit 'Is it not a furprifing Thing as well as a calamitous ore, that our Kingdom, which $44^{2}$ has been ufually term'd the Granary of the wetter World? And a known Magazine that abounds with all Things neceffary for the Support of Life, Should be now reduced to fuch an Extrem ty of Want, fo as to have Recourfe to foreign Nations for Corn? Had we had any Devaftation by an Enemy, or an Inundation, or any inclement or unfeafonable Weather hat injured our Corn, or had we had any Murrain or Sickness among our Catthe, or the like Calamities, People would have laid a Reftraint on their Outcry, and 4 patiently fubmitted to the all-wife Providence. But bleffed be God, none of the fe Evils have happen'd ; our Fields have been blefs'd with their usual Product, and our Cattle have not fail'd of their annual Increafe, fufficient to have fupplied double if not treble the Intia644516 bitants of this Inland, when Multitudes of poor Wretches are and have been famishing for Food: The like hath not been known this Age, nor in any other from the like lillegal Cause. The Occafions of it do farce remain as a Qneftion, when 'cis fo apparently confpicuous, that this. Evil proceeds from no o her Cafe but the Iniquity of a Set of

Seafon. March 1768.

> Whatever Evils reign, among the rel Befure che Poor at all Times are opprefs'd : The Jobbers thrive, few Laws are put in Force, Which is and will be Entland's greateft Cure: Small is or Hope any Redress to have,
> 'Till pot beyond the Curtains of the Grave.

## ค $\odot$ Observations.

 Rue Sec divine nor human; minding no Ties of Religon or Government, but to fatisfy their a. 3534526 varicious Appetites, ingroffeth and transporteth is Corn and Cattle, maugre all the good Lows our gracious King and Parliament have made to prevent it; and this abominable Practife is in a great Meafure owing to the 622538 Supineness and Conniving of foch Men as are delighted with the Power to execute it on foch Offenders, which has been totally reglected; and Small are the Hopes of any Reformation in this Point, to the Calamity of Thoufands if not Millions: Mat of thefe lat meant Men are the Gallios, that take no Care for any of thole Things, and to whom the Life of the Poor has farce been valued with that of a Spaniel: I with all foch would ferioufly perufe Dr. Sacheverell's Sermon on Communication of Sins; where they may observe, that a tacit Asmifion of any Crime, by a Perron that has a Right, and 'ti his Duty to punish it and he neglects it, that PerIon is a real Promoter and Encourager of that Wickednefs the Criminal is guilty of. I555268 may, without much Searcitake Notice, the Perufal of Sermons is near out of Fafhion; and Religion is gro: $n$ as farce among many of the Rich, as Provifion is among the Poor; which, in fine, is one great if not
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Season. May, 1768.

The Spring's now glorinus, as it $u s^{\wedge} d$ to be,
In moit Things elle a fad Degen'racy;
Old Time of late has fhewn a fcurvy Face,
The Poor want Food, their Enemies want Grace.
In Phyfic! $\rightarrow$ Acks have Toleration Leave,
Religious en weekly do receive;
One marr the Rxiy tother Souls deceive. $\}$

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Laft Quarter 7th Day, 12 h .30 m. midnight. New Moon 14 th Day, 4 h .21 m . afternoon. Firft Quarter 22d Day, at 4 morn.
Full Moon 3oth Day, at 3 h .45 m . morn
Muft I throw by my Peri, and be Tor oue-ty $a$, 'Caufe fome conceited Fops wili me deride?

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A UGUST hath xxxi Days.
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New M on 12 h Day, 1 h. $1 ; \mathrm{m}$. paft noon.
Firft Quarter 20th Day, 2 h. 30 m . afternoon.
Ful Moon 27th Day, at midnight.


One damn'd my Works, as offen me 1 l, , $i \cdot \mathrm{~s}^{\prime} \mathrm{d}$;
Then fwell'd with Envy, and at lest: burtt.



## SEPTEMBER hath xxx Days.

Laft Quarter ${ }^{3}$ d Day, 3 h. 15 m paft noorr. New Moon IIth Day, at 3 murn. Firt Quarter 19th Day, at ? h. 30 m . morn. Full Moon 26th Day, at $n$ morn.

From him I iuffer'd much invidious V, नhing,
Was made to father once his impiourtio. $0^{\prime}$


## Season. Séptember; 1768.

Now to Phyficians fome have great Recourfe,
From their Difeafes to get a Divorce;
Others that have an Affluence of Wealth,
To gain their Pleafure yearly barter Health ;
For fuch 9 a t befe in vain a Bill to write,

## an Etbiopian white.

## 2. mighorm OBSERVATIONS.

Phyffans; for fometimes there may happen Phænomena in Nature that require newer Methods to find them out, and to proceed in the Way of Cure. What I have fo exclaimed ; 22538 it, is that total Neglect and Contempt of all Rudiments of the Art of Healing left by the learned Ancients. He that woald frame to himfelf a tulerable Hypothefis in Phyfick, mult get himfelf well acquainted with the Philofophy of the Frame and structure of the human Body, and fully learn the Nature, Powers, anid Properties of the Fluids and Solids, how they correfpond and act, and the Variety of Ways they may be interrupted, or hindered in performing their Offices; alfo to underland the inherent Properies of all Things ufed in Medicine, logether with a well g:ounded Experience and good Obfervations, b th by Reading, and by a Memory of what he bas ob'erved with much Labour and due Application of Mind; anc when he has done all this and more, he may get to the End of his Days before he attain to a Perfection in Phyfick. From thefe few Hines penned down, you may readily underftand the indifpenfable Nectffity of reading Eooks, ferrching into Antiquity, and forutinizing the Writings of the greateft and molt learred phyfical Authers, which is now much cen: temned:

## OCTOBER hath xxxi Days.

Latt Quarter 2d Day, at midnisht. New Moon 10 th Day, 7 h. 45 min . night. Firft Quarter 18 th Day, at I h .15 m . night. Full Moon 26th Day, 6 h. morn.
Being full of Malice, void of all Remor
Another Time made $S$ _s cry my Hitre.

Season. Otober, 1768.

Some Men there be who think no greater Blifs;
Than to feaft, and drink, to laugh, caroufe, and kifs 3 Their Souls immers'd in fenfual Appetite, In Widdom's poad can find no real Delight: They'rea Men is true, but 'tis the Beafts they ape, Ancarce Cs them but in Speech and Shape. remnst: Where is there a Cranium or Brain that can contain all that a Phyfician ought to know, in order to qualify himfelf for Practice? Neither Claudius nor Tully could ever retain farce half of it ; fuch as the Nature, Caufes,
26534 Times, Tendencies, Symptoms, Diagnofticks and Prognofticks of all Difeafes; with the Indications of Cure, and the Rules and Errors of the Non-naturals. There Particulars are too weighty for many Practitioners Heads of late, who have too much Levity, and too little Time to fpare from their Pleafures, to mind the copioss Extent of all that Learning which ought to be in a qood Phyfician.

What I fhall comment on next is relating to one of my latt Year's Queries, whofe Anfiwer was that golden Apophthegm, Nofce teipfum, Know thyfelf. Some People may conceit it is no fuch an abitrufe Matter to attain the Knowledge of one's felf; but I canaffure them the learned Greek's thought far otherwife: For the more a jadicious Perfon contemplates about it, the more difficult he will find the Tafk: For if we make a Scrutiny or Enquiry into our Bodies, after our utmolt Search, with all the Affiftance of Art we can meet with, we can know but a fmall Part to whiat we are ignorant of ; and what we learn of our Bodies is very imperfect and much deceivable. As to our Origin, we
know

## NOVEMBER hath xxx Days.

Laft Quarter ift Day, 10 min . paft noon.
New Moon 9th Day, 2h. aftern.
Firft Quarter 17th Day, at 40 m . paft noen.
Full Moon 24th Day, at 4 morn.
And worfer Spite I felt from him befirfe.
Which I forgive, and at this Timf 10


Arme Dateman came to live with wo the $12 \%$.
serve 11 montho after the wate of $30^{\circ}$ the year. tame day ho. brigkle took his caly out o'shs hanit.
$\square$
EASON: November, 1768 :
Our Friend the Sun to us contracts his Pace, Now Light and Heat is growing faint and farce: Warm Fires, a Friend, and a good Wife, thee three Will moke Ii.'s Wheel move fmoothly on with Glee: Butyl de Co forts he that has but one,
His If in Slow aced Saturn moveth on.

know it only by Tradition, whether the Animalcula we fprang from wee a Worm or a Tadpole. The like ignorant we are how the Fetus lived in the Womb, (the Life of a Plant;) and how it gradually increafed, is too wonderful for us to know. We mutt be forced to imitate the Pfalmiff, and cry out, We were fearfully and wonderfully made. We know we have five Senses, from which we form our Ideas of Knowledge and Percepton, and in Time learn thence how to make Reflections: Our Senfes have each of them their deputed Nerves, or fall Pipes wrapped in the Dura and Bia Mater, which have their Rife from the medullary Subflance of the Brain: We know nothing how there Nerve o ad t or perform their Offices. In our Bodies are found 446 Muffles, made to give Motion to the feveral Parts; but we know not how that Motion is performed: It is not iuficient to fay it is done by the Will: Mr. locke faith voluntary Notion is not to be explanned, nor involuntary but very obscurely. The Spring of Air is to our Bodies as the -spring of a Watch to the Motion of the Wheels, and every Inch of oar Bodies fotitains a Preffure of 15 Pounds of Air, and the whole Body generally bears aWeigh of 33684 Pounds of Air: And yet we are no Way oppreffed with this


## $\therefore$ DECEMBER hath xxxi Days:

Laft Quarter I it Day, 4h. 10 min. morn. New Moon 9th Day, at 9 morn.
Firft Quarter 16th Day, 11 h. 20 m . night. Full Moon 23d Day, 3 h. 10 m . paft nioon. Laft Quarter 3oth Day, 11 h .10 m , niefit

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## SEASON, I768.

So its particular Office: Or where the Soul refides we have no Certainty; whether in the Glandula Pinealis, or is diffufed over all Parts, as fome affert ; or whether there is a Superiority ir Souls, we know not, or how the Body and Soul are mutually affected. If the bodily Machine is difordered, it will foon be found to hinder or confound the Operations of the Soul: The fame if the Soul be depreffed with Griel or ant. Pertyhation, the Body cannot perform its Function, hitioroy -...afed. So
 and myllerious. Operations, it is for nindered, internepted, and weakened in its Power and Off; $;$, by Difeafes, bad Tem 3 perature of Body, by Debauchery, or Thing that fpoils the Mechanifm of the Brain and its Nerves. But this Subject deferves to be treated of vally more largely: But this is not the fult Scope or Defign of my laft Year's Enquiry, to know one's felf: For to know the Materials of our Bodies, and the Qualities and Actings of the Soul, is no Duty, nor are we in any Benice or Error if we remain ignorant of it. The following is a great Part of the Knowledge of ourfelves: We ought to exert. our whole Power of Perceiving and Underfanding, to find: the Extent of what we know of ourfelves; and thence to learn how little it is we know, to what we ought to know; and to obtain a clear Idea of Widdom and Folly, fo as to embrace the one and reject the other; and to duly confider our Frailties, Dangers, Difeafes, and the numerous Accidents we are expofed to every Day and Hour; with the Shortnefs of Life and Uncertainty of Death, and the numberlefs Snares and Temptations to Vice we are expofed to from within and. without; and what each one or every Man is prone to moff, to learn to fortify againft it by a rectified Reafon and divine Revelation. This is fome Pant of the Road toward knowing ourfelves, though but a fmall Part.

It is'an Obfervation worthy our Notice, to think what a Blefling we ènjoy beyond what Men in fome former Ages did, by the new and wonderful Inventions we have; but what I Shall take notice of is the Lifcovery of the Telefcopes to affitt our Eyes, fo that we can peep into thofe diftant Bodies of the Luminaries and the Planets; a Knowled ge fome Ages ago no one could have the leaft Hopes of attaining. The fame furprizing Difcoveries are found cut by the Microfcope, that the greatelt Searchers into Nature never dreamed of, or imagined:

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The ingenious Mr. Leeurwenboeck, that made fuch Improvement in thefe Glaffes, found by his Microfcope in one Fifh, which was a Picket, that in each Portion of its Sperma as big as a Grain of Sand, were found io,000 fmall Fifhes; from which he maintains, that one of thefe Fifhes in a Year might eject Sperm enough to pI Cuce more Fifh than there are Men living in the w... ${ }^{\text {Hy }}$ tire Glaffes we obferve there is not a Drop O. Vater wity 1 i qabitants, and that of various Kinds, whense ohferved : And concerning the human Fabric, Men were much in Darkt \% and Error before the Microfcope was invented Asis concerns the Generation of Man, and all Animals, there is foun an Animalcula pre-exiftent in the Seed of the Male, not in the Female, as was formerly thought. Nay, fo minute has the Difcovery been, that thefe Animalcula have been found in a Flea, and are doubtlefs in fmaller Infects. Su. likewife every Vegetable is found to be Male and Female, and has deputed Tubes for Production of their Species. But among all thofe Glaffes by which fuch Wonders are performed, the Spectacles ought not to be forgot, which I think was the firt Improvement made on Glafs. Had no fuch Invention been found, what a lamentable Condition would near three Parts of Mankind have been in? Had this ufeful Difcovery lain dormant, what would our moft excellent Divines, Lawyers, and Phyficians have done? Such as are grown in Years, or have any Defect in their Sight ; and Multitudes of Artificers and others, that ftand in an indifpenfable Need of them. A great Part of the Learning and Arts we now enjoy had been very imperfect, and fometimes fuffered a Kind of Eclipfe or Deliquium ; befides the Pleafure found in reading.

> Shall Men be canoniz'd for Thedding Blood, And him lefs honour'd that has done fuch Good ? The Man that found Helps for defective Eyes Far more than Princes him we ought to prize ; His Statue form'd in Brafs, his Name in Gold, And reft in Blifs which roo Tongue can unfold.

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## Let this inform the Publick,

THAT there is lately publifhed and expofed to Sale an excellent curious Copper-Plate of all the vifible Eclipfes, from the Year 1766 to the Year 1800 ; where you will find an exact Plan of all the vifible E.cliptes; a Wirik nee er brought to that precife Perfection in this Nation befofic Nou 10 jobn Farl Spericer, by the ingenious thorafrinate nd the leages Mathematician Ifanc Tarret, at Effin; and loid vy Fisarit:ruenbill, in Leadenball-Street; an Mr. Pridden, in FleetStreet; and Meff. Rollinfon, Peal, and lite ; and by Mr. תyland, Printer, in the Old-Bailey, Lonain.
Here follorveits a floort Encomium on the trwo Autbers.
1F that my Mufe cculd equalize your Skill.
Some grand Encomium fhould thefe Pages fill,
T' extol your Fame, and fignahze your Worth,
For that rare Plan you lately have fet forth
With fo much Art, exact the Truth fo near;
A matchlefs Piece! no Rival you need fear:
Endymion's Courthip that he firft begun,
You have out-rival'd, and his Miffefs won:
Her fickle Wand'rings and uncertain Race
You've found the Clew, and can her Lab'rinth trace;
Witnefs the Flan, by which it nice appears
When Lura gives a Spot, or when a Spot fhe wears:
What Tinles found when in its infant Age,
You've hewn in Nianhood on our Englifs Stage;
The Work you publifh'd, which I dare engage
Wiil prove the Wondcr of this prefent Age:
Sit down and reff, for you have won the Bays,
And Fame's loud Trumpet thall refound your Praife.

Toucbing the particular EcLI PSEs that will bappen this Year 1768.

1I V E Times the two preat Luminaries will be found defective in their Light; twice the Sun, and three Times the Moon; the Fclipfes of the Sun will be both invifible to us. The Times in their Crider are as followeth.

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The firn Eclipfe of the Sun will be January 19, 10 m . before 6 at Night; but as the Sun will be fer, cannot be feen here, but will be feen in Nortb-America.

The fecond Eclipfe of the Sun will be the 14 th of $Y_{\text {ally, }}$, about $20^{\prime}$ Clock in the Morning, and will be vifible at the Pacifick Ocean.

The Lunar Ec pies from new Tables are as followeth:

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The Moon fets totally eclipfed 2 m . before the Middle of the Eclipfe.

Thę third Eclipfe of the Moon will happen December 23.
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Digits - $20^{\circ} 30^{\prime}$
N. B. The Moon rifer totally eclipfed about 50 m . pant 3 in the Evening.

Reader, You may here observe the Attonomical Production of all the vifible Eclipfes for 1768 , which mut be allowed, by all of Judgment, to be a Work that requires mach Art, Time, and Labour; and is a Piece of Learning termed the Punctilis, or Acme of Aftronomy. The Difcovery of this Phonomenon was frt made by Thales, near 600 Years before our Saviour came; though it was very deficiently understood for many Ages, till about the lan. Century, and fince it has received much Inprovement; but none have attained a greater Perfection in it than the late Mr. Harris, and Mr. Caret of Epsom; which is demonftrated by their late Plan of Eclipses. I mentioned in the foregoing Page. I now hold it impertinent te molt of my

Readers to repeat here how, or what caufes an Eclipfe, having fo largely commented on it in many former Almanacks: So 1 fhall proceed to obferve to you, in a Manner fomewhat concife, what Effects thefe Eclipfes are moft like to produce, though it is a Doctrine embraced by no great Number, and by many upbraided and fet at naught ; neither is it any Thing ftrange it Should be fo, in this Age of Libertinifm, where, fo many have their Intellects eclipfed, fome in the Purtit of Ien r, others in Queft of Pleafure or Honour, \&c. aig er not entey any Thought of the Signs of the HFiven; but niaw proction rather fcoff at them, and at thofe hat predict the Effect of Eclipfes. Thefe Men fay Eclipfes wie all natural Caufes, anat in a Circle of Years they all return agal It is fcarce worth while to reply or anfwer thefe Men: I might afk fuch, whether a Thing, for being natural, has no Effect nor Power? Is not Meat and Drink natural? and doth it not nourifh and preferve Life ? And Poifon is natural to deftroy it. There People, wbo make a Jefl of Influences, fome of them underfand the Mathematicks I own, but are very deficient in natural Philofophy; which is a great, if not the greateft, Part of the Bafis from whence the Learning of the Effects of Eclipfes is derived; long Experience and good Obfervations are the only Means to attain a right Judgment of the Events of Eclipfes. The Mathematicks may folve Problems, or fome Propofitions of Things unknown, that relate to or depend on Numbers; but can give no Demonftration of Effects that ufually follow Eclipfes: That is found only by repeated Obfervations of Men well verfed in this Science, in a long Series of Time. Who is the Man that could ever form any adequate Idea of the innate Properties of any of the Phyfical Herbs? Or, were he to infpect any of the Simples with a Microfcope, he could not learn the feveral Qualities they have; they are only to be found out by good Obfervations and Experience. The like is to be underflood touching the Signification of Eclipfes, Conjunctions, and the feveral Configurations of the Erraticks in fome little Degree. Vaftly more might be faid touching this Point; but I think here is enough to vindicate the Truth of this Propofition: But for thofe that will not allow it, they may hug their obftinate Infidelity as long as they pleafe, for me. I fhould fcarce have bien fo prolix on this Theme, were it not that the

Moon is fo much nearer than any luminous Body to us, and her Revolution therefore oftener; her Qualities are more confpicuous to our Globe than all the reft, except the Sun. This, had I Room, I could demonftrate by thirty or more vifible Effects of the Moon, befides her ruling the Night, and raifing the Tides. But dropping this of the Moon's Effects in general, I presed totinqui, into the Effects of this Eclipfe of $\mathfrak{F}$ ar. 4: find $M 23$ deg. 27 min . afcend, M1) deg ores er Hoven; the Eclipfe falls in 14 deg .23 m . of yु in the 8th Hound the eclipfed in her own Houfe, fomewhat augments her; \%etences. All Authors of Antiquity, of Note, concludacy Eclipfe forefhews the Death of the common People, as it is in the 8th, ferpecially Females) and Hurt to many other Things that are influenced by the Moon; and that the Sea will be full of Piracy, and overflow its Banks, and Women as much as the Sea wili grow extreme, and exceed their wonted Power, and feek for Divorces; which if they cannot obtain, they will divorce themfelves. One Author (William Ramfay) writes, it denotes Trouble and Taxes, but I think they cannot well be more. In fhort, Women cannot be, and the Seas will be, moft pafive to the Effects of this Eclipfe, which can hold but little more than two Months, and will moftly be found about Scotland, Holland, and fome Northern Parts, \&c.

The 2d vifible Eclipfe is of the Moon, Fune 30, which will fet totally eclipfed ; the Middle Time is found to be 3 h .53 m . in the Morning, at which Time will be found 8 deg. 47 min . of 20 afcend, and 5 deg. of $7 f$ culminate ; the in 8 deg. 36 min . in vo, going into the 6th Houfe: Befides, there are at the fame Time three malignant Afpeets, $\square \bigcirc \sigma^{\circ}$, d○T, $\square T_{2} \delta^{7}$; it is not often found that an Eclipfe has fuch fcurvy Attendance; the Portents of which would require much Time and Room, mould I treat of it in its full Latitude of Judgment. I cannot well omit taking notice, as it is confiftent with the Precepts of this Art, what a perilous Time it will be, at the Time of this Eclipfe, for a Child to come into the World, touching its Life; never, fince I knew any of the Stars, did I obferve fo fatal a Time. This is known to concur with all the learned Judgment and Experience of the molt eminent in this Art, that a Child born when the Moon is weak, and afflected C 4

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by $\hbar$ and $\sigma^{7}$, as he is at this Ecliple, very feldom lives to be weaned. I myfelf have oblerved it, and hardly ever knew it fail, even this very Year, in two or three Children near the Deviaes. So I would wifh my Readers wonld remark it, as there are 8765 Hours in a Year, and near 20500 Childien born in a Year in London, befides in the Country near three times that Number, doubtlefs fome will be born f the slove Cime. The Reafons for this Fatality in Infants, and Numbers more of modern Philofon are as followeth: When that Humidut fubtle arterial Fluid belonging to the Body, to carry on the Functions of Life, is altered, or made too $1 / \mathrm{h}$, or too litti by the Moon, which adds or diminifheth Moiffure, as the is prevented of her Influence, and affected by the dy $Q$ iralities of thefe two Planets $T_{2}$ and $\sigma^{3}$, thefe fine organized Dibes in young Children are found affected for Want of Sufficient $\mathbb{N}$, ture to fupply the Heat caufed by the Motion of the Solcis, by which the animal Oiconomy is marred, and Life letieth go her hold. This is much analogous to what commonly concludes the intemperate Dram-Drinker's Life, whoconfumes this Balfamic Fluid which keeps on the Springs of Life, which by the-dry-Heat thefe Spirits give is confumed; fo he is wounded in the Liver by Bacchus's Dart. Sed diverticulum in via: I have wandered ftrangely from my Subject, for which I beg Forgivenefs. I now aim to pen down what, according to Art, may be accounted the Efficts of this fecond Eclipre. I might quote the Judgment of feveral famous Authors in this Science touching fuch an Eclipie; as Ptolemy, Proclus, Haly, and Guido Bonatus, and others which I have read: But Authors that lived fince having the Advantage of former ones, and fome modern Obfervations too, I fhall the rather adhere to their Opinions. One of the moft k illed in the Judgment on Eclipfes in this Kingdom has wrote, that fuch an Eclipfe denotes much Slander and Lies, and very falfe Afperfions againft many of the common People, who will make it a great Part of their Employment to promote it. $T_{2}$ near the Afc. in $\sigma$ cum Sole, fhews much Murmuring and Difcontent at Men in Power, or great Officers, amongtt or by the common People. $\mathcal{L}$ is in a Cardinal Sign, the worft he could meet the Sun in; according to the Principles of this Art, it can have no mean Signification:
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Hot and Cold can be no other than difcordant ; we find it fo in the Microcofm, and fo we muft expect it in the Macrocofm. We fhall find much Difcord and Difeafes three or four Months enfuing; violent Pain, in the Head, hot Rheums, and fore Eyes, Pains in the Bowels, \&cc. Look back on Hifory, and fee what happener on fuch Male Afpects in 1622 and 1650 , and nex Time when $h$ was in Lord of the Eclipfe. o Scotland and Holland; if they will not fome of it, and England too; for $C^{7}$ is in $\bar{T}$ in ' $\square$ to (○) and to $)$ too. Expect mach Diftreffes from evil Men. Perdits ex te Anglia. Expect Thunder and Storms near the el for fune.

Take notice, who fall fick, that is, take to their Beds, at the Time of the Fclipfe, God may refore thern 'tis certain ; but if naturai Caufes take effect, they muft do as their Forefathers have done.

In $n=N$ come to treat on the laft Eclipfe of the Moon, which will tife totally eclipfed at the Time fpecified, about 22 deg. of 11 afcend, and to deg. of meund on the Mid-Heaven; the Ecliple is 2 deg. 23 min . in of in the Afc. As far as the Signs of the Heavenly Budies can prefigure any Thing; this Eclipfe indicates no Good to the Poor, but rather the contrary; the weakeft do fill go to the Wall. The ) Lady of the 2d Houre, being rfflected and going to a $\sigma$ with $h$ near the Afcend. nt, this, according to Art, muft denote Poverty and Affliction to the common People; (which has been found very frequent of late.) The Rich have many Friends, but the Poor is hated of his Neighbour, and often oppreffed too. Good Obfervators write, fuch an Eclipfe as this is followed by much Change in Offices and Places in the Government, and a Difpofition to Quarrels or Wars, with much Treachery and Apoflacy: That lan Vice, I think, has been creeping on amongt us a good while; witnefs the yeariy Increafe of new Sects and Schifmaticks. I might enlarge on feveral other Mutations typified from this Eclipfe, fimilar to thefe above-named. 1 do not write them as Prophecies, but as probable general Yredictions: No human Reafon can forefee particular Events. Yet, though Eclipfes are natural, they feldom if ever fail of being Foreranners of fome remarkable Change in the World, as the I earned in all Ages have abundantly obferved and teftified:

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(ified: The fame may be faid to have followed great Conjunctions and Comets. Whoever will take Pains to confult Hifory may cafily learn, that generally whenever the Almighty has defigned any impendent Judgment or great Mutation on a Kingdom, fome vifible Omen of it has been found near the Time in the Heavens, either by Eclipfes or fome prodgious Appearance. Plutarch wells us, that about the Time of Cofar' Deatbst was dark, with an Eclipfe or otherways, The ear. The Darknefs at our Saviour's Death, if ughenirereairaculo tends to the fame Purport as above. ffter one of the Kings of Scolland was privately murdered, it faid the Sun appeared not from the Time he was murdered until was found, which was fix or feven Months. I lately found in a Treatife concerning Prophecy, that in the Year 626, the 5 th Year of the Hegira, when Mabomet or Mobammed was employed in inltructing his Followers in his falfe Doctiine and future Miichiefs and Depredations, the Sun was half dark from Oetober to 'fune: And nearer this Time, we are informed by Sleidan, that in * 547 the Sun was four Days obfcured to all Germany, at which Time many lof their Way in the Day-Time. Many more Inftances I could add of the like Prodigies: But thefe above 1 think fufficient to prove my Propofition, that as the Heavens declare the Glory of God, fo alfo they do his Judgments to a Nation, for fome notorious Wickednefs they have committed, or are about to commit. And fo I conclude what I intended relating to this Year's Eclipfes with the following Scrap wef eoctry.

Thefe all th' Eclipfes which this Year you'll find; But all the Year fome are eclips'd in Mind:
Such Men o'er whom thefe Vices do prefide, As Luxury, vile Laft, and-ftupid Pride, Such blunder on, and always go aftray, And find no Light, although it be Mid-Day.

Some Fudicials on the four (Quarters of the Year.
Fiff, On the Winter Quarter.

THE Winter Quarter begins, as I have often told you, when the Sun toucheth the Afterifm named Capricorn, which is found to be December 21, 1767, at Midnight, or
within a Minute or two; at which Time will be found $\approx$ o deg. coming on upon the Afcendant; $\sigma 0$ will be found in the fame Pofition on the roth Houfe; half a Degree can make no Variation in Effects. The $D$ will be found feparating from a © (Q) and 8 K , to a $*$ ? ; the © oppofed by that malignant Planet $T_{2}$, and $D$ has juft paffed his $0^{0}$ : thefe are near all the Afpects at 3his Ingrefs. I cannot procure any Intelligence from tiseriars, a his Crifis of the Sun, touching the demolifhing of the Townewriter may tell you more of it before Cbrifmas. It is my Opinion the Pope's supremacy has been gradually declining ever fince Mar.in Lutber's Time, and of late has had a valt Sinking by the Baminment of the Jefuits, which Sociery have continued 233 Years. That there will be a Downfall of Rome. nothing is more certain ; but I am not of the Mind that its Deftiny is to be learnt from the Stars, or to be foretold by the great Conjunctions, of $T_{2}$ and $\nVdash$. How many Miftakes have Prognofticators made already, as I have obferved, for a Century paft ? One predicted its Fall in 1736; and now all fuch Predictions are confidered as vain, infignificant Pretences, which People give no Credit to ; (no more than to great Men's Promifes, which end in nothing.) I find about ico Years ago, in 1666, a great Alarm was bruited about of the final Cataftrophe of Rome, not only by Aftrologers, but by learned Expounders of Prophefies; which then feemed to carry a fhew of Truth in them: For the Hebreru Letters that gave a Name for the Romifs King, gave an Import of the Number 666; which when it failed, fome of the Romißs Crew retorted it on the Londoners, whofe City was that Year burnt. About that Time many annual Predictors were too dogmatic of that 1666 , what it would produce. Mr. Partridge, and one fince, have been ftill fond of the fame erroneous Notion. I remenber, Sir George Wharton has a little punned on fuch unwarrantable Predictions, in the following Verfes, which were written in the Year 1665, and which being a little varied, I might juft'y have applied to the above Prediction in 1736.
" Now fixteen Hundred fixty-fix is come,
"When as the Pope, fome fay, will meet his Doom: " Who is't that thinks that dreadful Day's at hand ? "I offer feven Years Purchafe for his Land:
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"And if his Holinets doth dread his Chair, " I'll take't my felf, though 'tis but for a Year."

Obferve further, if there is any Thing to be learnt of the foture Event of the Dell ruction of Rome, let us have Recourfe to the fure Word of Prophecy in Sacred Writ, to be foand in the Revelations. The beft Commentators hav flately examined, and nicely taken and computed the Numbec liere orgo-by st Fobn, concerning the Time and Time 1260 Days ; which Days, in prophetic iv ritings, away Years. So the Period of the Reign e the Ancichint, or Man of $\operatorname{Sin}$, was to be 1260 Yeurs. Hence if they was or could be a fixed Certainty of the Year when Popery Jegan, there might be drawn pretty juft Conclufions of its final Period or Ruin But the moft unanimous Judgment of the befl Interpteters of the Revelations is, that the Fall of that infamous Whorc, the Church of Rome, will come to pals about the 2000th Year after Cbrif, and many believe France will be inftrumental toward her Defruction, which it is fuppofed will be chiefly by Fire; though I guefs many leading Evils and Overturns of Calamities will happen to Rome long before. I have much dropped my Subject, I own; but I hope may be excufed and accepted as agreeable Predictions. I told you no Arpect was found of Note but the $\odot$ and in 8 to Vaturn: No Oppofitions can be good, efpecially with fuch a mifchievous Star as Saturn; which, according to Art, indicates much evil Council carried on aq this Time; Jarring and Divifion, and fome Difgrace to fome great Scotifh Oficer; and much Robbery, and State-Robbery too. I Signifier of the common People, and the $)$ too, one weak, the ocher aflected, fhews the Poor in Diftrefs; ftill more Fafting among them, than Prayers ufed by the Rich. The afore Afpect hews cold moift Weather; it is found an Apertio Portarum, with $\sqrt{2}$ and the (© and ); a cold Cbrifmas I expect; fo cold, that Charity and Honefty will be found like May Flowers, not to be feen: Religion I doubt will, be found cold too.

Thus Times do change, which naturally they muft, Fiom bad to bad, -when will they be at worft?

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## Touching the Spring Quarter:

WHICH initiates March 19, 13 h .42 m .32 fec. P.M. or the $20 \mathrm{hh}, 1$ morn. 42 min , at the Time our Earth rolls into the firftscruple of Libra, and 22 deg of $\mp$ ascend, and of culminate. At this Ingress are Aspects found Lord of the $A f c$. in $\Delta$ to $Q$; old Gotura dils-a hateful $\square$ to the Sun jut before the Quarter begins. Mitt of our old Aftrologers lay a great Stress on the preventional New and Full Moon, the fame on the portventional New oivell; which I think of little or no Ufa to Judgment on Effects to enfue, though it was what Ptolemy taught. Infead of affording any Light into the Effects of the Stars, it rather clouds it, filling the Mind with Perplexity of a confufed Jargon. So many things to be judged of, before you can deduce or form a fixed Judgment. If the Art of Afrology was to be modified or made correct, as Sir I, ann Newton has Aftronomy, to bring it into a more minute Apparatus, and fewer Rules for Judgment, it would foo crow more improved, and avoid numerous Errors that it is loaded with at prefont. This requires more Room to be treated on as it ought to be, than I can fare at prefent: So I proceed to examine into fecondary Causes or Signs, according to Art, of what Contingences may happen this Quarter. \& Lord of the Afc. in the -gt in $\triangle$ to 9 , flews a good Time to go long Journeys. ? in the ad Chews Money is to be got by Journeys, but chiefly to thole whole Nativities correspond; fort journeys too will bring Pleafure, though not quite fo much Profit. Saturn being in the 7 th, I would not adivife any to go long-Journeys for a Wife; for generally it is mot good to travel too far for a Wife s Experience teacheth it, is a great Hazard. \& rules the Afc. on Indication that the Poor will find the Times less fever than g of late. $\hbar_{2}$ in $\square$ to the (c) feems as if the Effects of Pome evil Counfel, hatched at the laft Quarter, began to be more apparenin now: London fecms to be the Stage where the Scene will difitife itself, though I with them Peace and Plenty, yet 1 fear it or doubt it. But great are the Myfteries of Nature, and abftrule is the Art to pry into them. The Influences of the Stars are

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all acted by the Decrees of Heaven, though it is difficult to know what thefe Decrees are; no human Judgment can be certain of particular Events.

So what our Intellects can't difcover, Time will reveal when the Thing is over.

Fudgment on the SUMmer CUA :İR.

WHICH begins Fune 30 , within Ft at the Time afc. 24 deg. $f$ fon the ioth 28 deon I cannot well omit taking notice, at the two preceding ingrefles and this, that the fly Make-bate Saturn looks with an evil Eye on the Sun; befides the Sun is affected withs's 口, \& Lord of the Afc in to $Y$, and Saturn the fame to Niars. Can any Good be expe?ted from fuch Male Afpects? Surely no: I muft deviate from the Principles of this Art, if I write or predict any Good. All Men that underfland the Dialect of the Stars know the Sun typifieth great Men in Power, from the Emperor down to a Town-Mayor, or Conftable : Saturn is Reprefentative of o!d Men, Farmers, Countrymen, and Men employed in dirty Work, and all Monks, Jefuits, aud Metbodifts; between there two Sorts you may expeet to hear this Quarter of fome Oppofition, Quarrel, or uncommon Difturbance or Strife, fomented from this and both the former evil Afpects. I have much to infift on, had I Room ; but in fhort, as I am drawing toward a Conclufion, I conjecture, how much foever Knavery and Thievery and other like Vices have been obferved of late, it will be much more found fo this Quarter. The Lord of the Afc. in $\square$ to $\oint$ ufually opens a Door for Difeafes, which I believe will be found too true; and the © partly Lord of the 8 h , in $\delta$ with $T_{2}$ Lord of a great Part of the Afc. looks as if Death would bring a Habeas Corfus and feize on many People difeafed in the Brealt. I feem to apprehend fome Caviller will object againft fome Points I wrote on the Effects of Eclipfes, where it is faid, that as the Properties of Simples were learnt at fift only by Obfervation and Experience, fo in Length of Time the Effects of Eclipfes and the reft twere found out only by good Obfervations. 'Take notice I do not affirm the Know ledge of the one is equally fo apparent or infallible as the other: But as the Virtue of Herbs were learnt by obferving and Experience, fo the Effecte of Eclipfes, and other Branches of the

Afral Knowledge, have their Bafis from Obfervation and Experience only. So I end my annual Labour with my fincere: Prayer to God, to blefs our King with Wifdom, Power, and Peace ; and that, in his Days, Truth and Juftice, Religion and Piety may abound; and that God may direct the Hearts of all his Subjefce to chonfe for their Reprefentatives in Parliament Merim of Integrity that abhor Covetoufnefs, if it may be. - Amen Let oll meaders fay Amen.

Some jhort Di/qui/ttion concerning the late Agues or intermitting - Fevers.

THERE has not in my Memory been obferved the likeNumber, nor fuch frequent Relap fes of Agues and Fevers of the intermitting Sort ; though few (that 1 know of at leaf) have made any Scrutiny or adequate Inquiry into the natural Philofophical Reafon, or primary Caufes of them, which I imagine cannot be very abftrufe to inveftigate to any one that has a tolerabie Acquaintance with the animal Cconomy and the Circulation of the Fluids, together with the Caufes and effential Conflitution of fuch Fevers, and a juft Rationale of Medicine. The three principal Caufes of the late Agaes, and their fwift Return, were firlt, from the unfeafonable Coldnefs of the Ar by turns; fecondly, from the Infufficiency of common hackney Medicines that were then ufed; and thirdly, from the Untractablenefs and ill Management of fick Patients in the Ague touchfing the Non-naturals. Laft Year three or four of the firft Months were cold, and not only cold, but very changeable of a fudden, ard uncommonly irregular as to hot and cold, more than had been known for many Years: And there is nothing found more inimicable to Nature than fudden Changes, which we can at no Time bear without being expofed to Hurt. And at the Introduction of Spring the perfiriatory Ducts or Pores of our Body gradually begin to grow larger and more extended than in the preceding Winter; by which means, when the circumambient Air is all of a fudden grown cold to any Extreme, it always clofes up and obffructs th t Matter that ought to perfipire, and fo it is thrown on the Fluids, and obiltructs fome Gland, or feveral: For, as Mr. Lewenbocck has obferved, that one Point of our Cutis or Skin has 125000 Orifices, and that one Grain of S and will cover thefe numerous fmall Ducts: And when the cold Air has fopped up thefe numerous Difcharge3,

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what a Quantity of Matter muft be retained in the Dicci? whereby the Solids are relaxed and weakened; fo that they are rendered unable to break or divide the vifcous Particles of Matter which will foon run into Contact and Cohefion which foon produces a putrefictive Ferment, that caulethato ftructions in the Pancreas, and other lateral Duets. This is one, if not the prime Rife of an Ague, wwich is much fooner brought on by the Crudity of a phlegyfy Corifitution, and, we lk Nerves, fo as to alter the Naturesof the Fluids, or re'at the Solids. A fecond Reafon of Agues not being cored, of their frequent Relapfes, was from Pecople's fic De, endatice on the Bark, without being prepared in any fuitable Way to tife it; or they ufed it at any Time, płying no Regard to the Crifis of the Difeafe, or the Concoction of the morbific Matter. There is not, nor ever will be any Rule found to perfect the Cure of the afore-named Diforder, without fonie propef Evacuations thift ufed to carry off the Vifcolities that obllruct and raife the Ferment in the Blood: Neither will it alore, te it ever fo much raken, make eny fafting Cure in a Cafe, any Way olnitinate, or where the Springinefs of the Nerves is mush selawed; but does require feveral moreauxiliary Affiftances ; froch as propas ftomachic bitter Aromatice, and fome ponderons Medicines that will give Soring and Force to the Fibres; which was om tecd - latt Spring by many who prefcribed Medicines. A third Reafon - why fo many Agues mifled Cure, or returnex, was the Poverty of thany, who had nothing to drink but Water; and at thes. Time the Blood was fo much impoverithed by the Difemper, thet it then requiredfomeswhat to confringe the Fibres and Solids; iwhereas Water ects the dircect contrary. And hence it was that stie Dittemper was fo apt to seturn in fuch Perfons, after the tirft Cise.

## Let this inform the Publick,

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