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Hæmorrhages, when applied externally. The Urine is a Specific for resolving and expelling the Stone of the Bladder.

*Proscarabæus*, Offic. The Oil Beetle. It is found creeping by Path-sides, and in Woods, in the Months of *May* and *June*, and the Insect itself, and its yellowish Liquor are used in Medicine. It is much of the Nature of *Cantbarides*, forces Urine and Blood, and is of extraordinary Efficacy against the Bite of a mad Dog. Taken in Powder, or preserved, it cures the wandering Gout. Its Liquor is by some esteemed of Efficacy in Wounds, it is an Ingredient also, in Plaisters for pestilential Buboes and Carbuncles, and in Antidotes; an Oil is prepared by Infusion of the living Animals in common Oil, which some use instead of Oil of Scorpions.

*Propolis*, or Bee Glue. This is already specify'd under the Article *Apes*.

*Pulmo marinus*, Offic. Sea Lungs. This Substance floats in the Sea; is of a pellucid bluish Colour, resembling in some measure, that of Crystal, and so tender, that it can hardly be taken out of the Sea entire. When recently triturated, and used by way of Ointment, it cures Gouts and Chilblains.

*Purpura*, Offic. The Purple Fish. This Fish is frequently found in the *Mediterranean* Sea. In the Shops no Part of it is used, except the Shell, which is strong, furrow'd, striated, and rough, with short Tubercles. In former Ages the *Sanies* of this Fish was used for dying: The Shell is of an alkaline Quality, and in Virtues agrees with other testaceous Medicines.

*Raia*, Offic. The Thornback. The Flesh, Liver, and Gall of this Fish, are used in Medicine. The Flesh is analeptic, and is said to in-

crease Venereal Vigour. The Gall is recommended against Dimness of Sight, and Exulcerations of the Eyes, and is a Remedy for the Itch.

*Rana*, Offic. The common Frog. The Animal itself, and its Spawn, are used in Medicine. The Frog itself is greatly recommended, as an Antidote for the Bites of all Kinds of Serpents, and for a Stiffness of the Tendons; apply'd to a pestilential Carbuncle, till it dies, it is said to extract the Poison. The Spawn refrigerates, constipates, incrustates, mitigates Pains, cures the Itch in the Hands, a Whitloe, and *Herpes*; is good in an Erysipelas, Burns, and Inflammations, and is a good Application for a red Face.

*Rana viridis*, Offic. The Tree Frog. The whole Frog, and its Blood, are used in Medicine. The Animal agrees in Virtues with the common Frog, and its Ashes sprinkled on Wounds, are said most effectually to restrain their Bleeding. The Blood is recommended as of peculiar Efficacy in a Philtre.

*Rangifer*, Offic. The Rain Deer. It is an Inhabitant of *Lapland*, and its Horns and Hoofs are of use in spasmodic Affections.

*Remora*, Offic. The sucking Fish. It is taken in the main Sea. As to its Virtues, it restrains Venery, prevents Abortion, and retains the *Fætus* till Maturity.

*Rhinoceros*, Offic. The Rhinoceros. The Part in Use is the black Fissile, pyramidal Horn, a Cubit in Length, of the Figure of a Buffalo's Horn, and perfectly solid, or without Cavity. This Horn is commended against contagious Poisons, and other Distempers which require Sudorifics, and therefore in such Cases, may supply the Want of the Unicorn's Horn. *Monti* writes that the Horn is alexipharmic, cardiac, stomachic, diaphoretic, and a Sweetner. Though there are various Kinds

of Quadrupeds with one Horn describ'd by Authors, I take them all, says *Dale*, to be fictitious, except the *Rhinoceros*, which is the only Unicorn, or one Horn'd Quadruped, and perhaps the very same with that of the Antients, whose Horn *Ælian* affirms to be black. And *Schroder*, as well as others, ascribe the Virtues said to be in the Horn of the Unicorn, to the Horn of the *Rhinoceros*.

*Ricinus*, Offic. The Tick. It is a nasty little Animal, of a livid Colour, with a blunt and roundish Tail, and full of Blood, and very much infects Cows, Swine, Goats, Sheep, and Dogs. The Blood of those Ticks which live about Dogs, as *Pliny* says, is a *Psilotbrum*, or Medicine to take off Hair, and mitigate an *Erysipelas*; and we are told by *Amatus*, that it is an admirable Remedy for an obstinate and malignant *Impetigo*.

*Rubecula*, Offic. The Robin red Breast, or Ruddock. This Bird when eaten, is by some esteemed to excite Venereal Inclinations.

*Rubicilla*, Offic. The Bull-finch, Alp, or Nope. The Flesh of this Bird is recommended against the Colic.

*Rutilus*, Offic. The Roche. The Flesh of this Fish is said to promote Venereal Inclinations.

*Salamandra*, Offic. The Salamander, or Quench Fire. The Ashes of this Animal, are an excellent and effectual Cure for scrophulous Ulcers, being sprinkled on the Parts affected.

*Sanguisugæ*, Leeches. These are already taken Notice of under the Article *Hirudo*.

*Scarabæus cornutus*, Offic. The Stag Fly. This Insect is, as I take it, what is usually called the Cock Chaffer. It is recommended as an Amulet for an Ague, or Pains and Contractions of the Tendon, if ap-

plied to the Part affected. *Schroder* reports, that if tied about the Necks of Children, it enables them to retain their Urine. An Oil is prepared by Infusion of these Insects, is recommended by the same Author in Pains of the Ears, if drop'd into them.

*Scarabæus pilularis*, Schrod. The Powder of this Insect sprinkled upon a protuberating Eye, or prolapsed Anus, is said to afford singular Relief.

*Scincus*, Offic. The Scink. It is an aquatic Animal, cover'd with Ash colour'd Scales, and mark'd with a Sky colour'd List, which reaches from the Head to the Tail. It is an Alexipharmic, and Provocative to Venery.

*Scolopendra*, Offic. The many Feet. It is a flat, slender Worm, three Digits in length, of a yellowish or reddish Colour, furnish'd on both Sides with a Multitude of Feet, two pretty long *Antennæ*, and a bifid Tail. Being boil'd in Wine, it is esteemed by some a Depilatory, or Medicine to take off Hair.

*Scolopendra marina*, Offic. The Sea many Feet. It is found in the Bottom of the Sea, according to *Gesner*, or in Oyster Beds, as *Mouffet* says. Boiled in Oil, and the Parts anointed therewith, it takes off the Hair; but the Touch thereof excites Itching.

*Scolopax*. A Name for the *Gallinago*, or Woodcock.

*Scomber*, Offic. The Mackrel, or Macarel. It is commended for the Jaundice, and Obstructions of the Liver.

*Scorpio*, Offic. The Scorpion. It is an Animal with eight Feet, resembling a Crab, only less, and of a blackish, or footy Sort of Colour. Burnt alive, and the Ashes exhibited, they provoke Urine, when obstructed by the Stone in the Kidneys or Bladder; bruised and applied to the Place, they cure the Poison of their own Stings, others take it bruised