

which is often effectual) is a piece of a mad Dogs Liver, and Ducking in the Sea.

Quest. 5. *How the Blood circulates in a Body whose Leggs are cut off?*

Ans. This Question about the Circulation of the Blood is already answer'd in our former Volumes.

Quest. 6. *Why no venomous Creature will live in Ireland, Guernsey, and some smaller Islands?*

Ans. Bogs, which are many there, send up such un-
Etuous Exhalations, as may in a great measure affect the Air, and render it destructive to venomous Creatures, but that there are some few there, we are experimentally sure of.

Quest. 7. *Whether there have been Satyrs, Centaurs, or other discoursing Creatures produced between the race of Men and Brutes, or those Stories so frequent in Greek and Roman Writers, and in Records of some Northern Kings, wholly fabulous and impossible?*

Ans. We believe there are a great many false things impos'd upon the World, but 'tis a weak Conclusion to infer from thence, that all must be false that we hear. If the Authors of this Age shou'd record the late Calf with its Top-knot, they wou'd take it unkindly (if they cou'd be sensible of it when dead) to have their Relations call'd in Question half a dozen Ages hence, especially if they shou'd descend to Circumstances, as to say it was calv'd in such a place, carry'd to the Tower, and expos'd to many thousands for gain. We believe there have been Centaurs, Satyrs, &c. we will give you our reasons, and leave your own Faith at liberty. We find that Plato in *Convivio Sapientium* relates, That a Shepherd presented to Periander a Foal born of a Mare, that had the Neck, Head and Hands of a Man, the rest like a Horse, yet the Voice of a Child. Diocles affirm'd it ominous, and presag'd Divisions, but Thales affirm'd 'twas Natural, and said Horsekeepers ought to be married. Plutarch in *Sylla's* Life mentions a Satyr, with the Circumstances of taking it, and letting it go again, too long to relate here. We read of one that was shown in *Alexandria*, under the times of *Constantine*. *Pausanias* makes mention of 'em in an Island where he was driven by a Storm. We cou'd tell you more out of *Pliny*, if his Authority wou'd pass, as well as many other Authors, which our narrow limits won't suffer.

Quest. 8. *Whether Japan be an Island or no? and whether the Lands on the South-side of the Megallan Straights be so or no, and of what extent?*

Ans. We shall examine the best Authorities, and then return our answer.

Quest. 9. *What is the fair interpretation of the second and 4th. verse of the 6th. Chapter of Genesis, concerning the Sons of God and the Daughters of Men, and the Generations from them?*

Ans. The Sons of God were such as profess'd the true Religion, and had dependance upon *Adams* Family, and the Clans of it; the Sons of Men we take to be the Off-spring of wicked *Cain*, and Professors of false Religion, who settled in the Land of *Nod*.

Quest. 10. *At what time the Creed commonly called the Apostles Creed was first compiled and published, by whom, in what place and time?*

Ans. This will also be answer'd in our *Young Students Library*, where there will be a Collection of ten Forms of Creeds, which we find mention'd in the first 3 hundred years after our Saviour.

Quest. 11. *What is your Opinion concerning the motion of the Earth or the Sun: I desire neither Reasons nor Authorities, but upon the whole your own Opinion upon this matter?*

Ans. We disagree in our Opinions about it, the *Ptolomaick* System is very false in some things, and the *Cartesian* is not demonstration, as all *Des Cartes's* profelytes confess themselves; there are very plausible Arguments on both sides, and plausibility is the utmost either party can pretend to.

Quest. 12. *Whether the Athenian Mercury be written by one man; if so, whether of any profession, and of what Age, if by more, how many, and of what professions?*

Ans. There are several, but their Names, Ages, Qualities, &c. are Anonymous, and desire to remain so.

Quest. 13. *Whether the Ancients knew the Mariners Compass? and who first invented it?*

Ans. Undoubtedly they did not know it as we do now; that is, they had not the knowledge of the Magnet, and its admirable use and Virtues. There's something, 'tis true, quoted out of *Plautus* which looks a little pretty, but has nothing solid in't, and which is brought as a proof, that some such thing was known to the Ancients — 'Tis that passage of his, *Cape nunc versoriam*; but there are things enough in a Ship to which the word *Versoria* may belong, and yet the Needle and Compass not be intended. That they had not the use thereof till two or three Centuries last past, we mean the Europeans; since for the *Chineses* 'tis at least very probable, they had it long enough before us, as well as Guns and Printing, seems certainly prov'd by their not daring to adventure so much as out of sight of Land, only coasting about from one shore to another; nay so afraid were they then of long Voyages, that Laws were made on purpose to prohibit sailing even upon the *Mediterranean* during Winter, passing the whole breadth of which is no more to one of our *East* or *West India* Voyages, than crossing the water. This great Discovery was reserved for after Ages, as well as those to be made thereby, and which in all probability wou'd never have been found without it, namely *America*, and the remote part of the World. And its remarkable, that as an *Italian* first discover'd that new World, *Columbus*, the *Florentine*, so another *Italian*, *Flavius of Amalphi*, had some time before found out the way to get thither by the Invention of the Magnet, and the use thereof, which he discover'd *Anno Dom. 1468*, tho' 'twas the best part of an hundred years after before 'twas known, or at least made use of here in *England*.

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