

# Daffy's Elixir Pamphlet

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Elixir Salutis:  
The  
CHOISE DRINK OF HEALTH  
OR,  
health-bringing Drink.  
Being  
A Famous CORDIAL DRINK,

Found out by the Providence of the Almighty, and (for nigh Twenty years,) Experienced by my self and divers persons (whose names are at most of their Desires here inserted) a most excellent preservative of Man-kind,

A SECRET

Farr beyond any Medicament yet known, and is found so agreeable to Nature, that it effects all its Operations, as Nature would have it, and as a virtual Expedient proposed by her, for reducing all her Extreame unto an equal Temper; the same being fitted unto all *Ages, Sexes, Complexions* and *Constitutions*, and highly fortifying Nature against any noxious humour, invading or offending the *Noble Parts*.

Never Published by any but by Me  
*ANTHONY DAFFY, Student in Physick.*

☞ Reader beware of Counterfeiters, for they swarm.  
[Daffy's seal in red wax is affixed here]  
LONDON, Printed with Allowance,  
for the Author, by W.G. 1674.

[p. 2] Elixir Salutis:  
OR,

The Famous and Choise Cordial Drink of Health.

The Excellent uses and transcendent *Virtues* of this *Inestimable Jewel*, proved by the happy and successful experiences of many *Credible Persons*, being now living and *Healthful Monuments* to God's Praise, hereunder named and described, are (amongst divers others, in so small a Volumn not Comprizeable) these, *viz.*

## THE GOUT

This Choise Preservative (*if duly prepared*) effectually and perfectly cures the *Gout*, as hath (through God's blessing) been happily experienced, and will be testified (amongst

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others) by *Benjamin Hope* of *Camerwell* in the County of *Surrey*, having been very sorely afflicted with this Torturing Malady. For, this my Drink stifles the *Gout* in its Birth, and kills it in its strength; extracting out of all parts of the Patient's Body those crude and viscous humours, which are the Spawn and nourishing cause of this *grievous Disease*, and frees the Joynts of all other Diseases and Pains to *Admiration*. For the *Gout* and *Dropsy*, Mr. *Athie*, at the *Nagg's head*, over against the *Royal Sword*, beyond the *New Exchange* in the *Strand*, hath also found my *Elixir* happily successful in his Cure: Besides many hundreds more, that are not free to be made publick.

THE STONE AND GRAVEL IN THE REINS, OR AN EXULCERATION  
IN THE KIDNEYS OR MOUTH OF THE BLADDER.

This Drink dissolves, and perfectly cures the *Stone* and *Gravel*, and hath been by God's blessing found an effectual *Remedy* against it in *Men*, *Women*, and *Children*. It wonderfully cleanseth the *Reins* of all foulness and imperfections, *forcing urine*, never failing to cure the *Gravel* in the *Reins*, *Kidneys*, or *Bladder*, though ulcerated, and the Patients *urine* like *bloud*. These excellent virtues of this *my Drink* have to admiration been found *eminently successful* by very many persons in divers Countries, and this City: as, for *Instance*, by Mr. *William Crawley* of *Luton* in the County of *Bedford*, who was cured Nine years since, and may once a Fortnight be found at the *Three Broad Arrows* in *Golden Lane*, *London*; who by God's blessing upon this *my Drink*, voided above an [p. 3] *Hundred Stones*; whereof the first, as big in the middle part of a *Tobacco Pipe*, and about an *Inch* long, and so soft at its coming away, that one might crumble it between the fingers; most of the other *Stones*, *smaller*, some of the bigness of an *Horse-bean*, some as little as a *Pea*, all rendred soft, and of a crumbling nature.

Mistress *Tanner*, living within the *New Postern*, over against *Aldermanbury*, *London*, hath likewise found *my Drink*, under God, effectual to the *cure* of this grievous painful Distemper, in bringing away above *sixty* stones, one whereof is as big as a *Date-stone*.

So Mr. *Elliot* at the *Parrot*, at the upper end of *Drury Lane*, and Mr. *Stephen Dallyson* a Shoo-maker, next *Somerset house* in the *Strand*.

Also the said *Thomas Hinde* at the *Picture-Shop*, when all other *Means* and *Physicians* (from one to another) in five years sore affliction, proved unsuccessful to him, either for *help* or *ease*; Nine Spoonfuls, or three *Doses* of this *my Drink* (as I prepared it) did by the Lord's blessing, bring him to void a *Stone*, *three-forked*, like the upper end of some *Tobacco-stopper*, about the bigness of an *Horse-bean*, which hath been seen by sundry persons of Note in this *City*, and elsewhere. And of his Cure by *my Drink* I have his *Certificate* (ready to shew, if need require). Many more living Testimonies might be named of the *incredible* and *excellent virtues* of this *Drink*, bringing away the *Stone*, *Sand*, and *Gravel*, when *congealed*, the *Sand* and *Gravel* brought away as soft, as Meal or Flower under the *finger*: and if the same be *congealed*, it sometimes brings it away on a suddain, hard as a *Pibble*, as the aforesaid Mr. *Crawley* hath experienced. Mr. *Robert Goodson*, at the *Red Cross* in *St. Martins le Grand*, having also lately been sorely racked with this torture, found this *Elixir* under God a speedy and effectual remedy in avoiding with much ease a *Stone*, of the bigness of a small *Bean*, since which he hath been very well, and so remains to this day.

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#### AGAINST LANGUISHING AND MELANCHOLLY.

It raiseth Languishing *Nature*, and *Melancholly* drooping *Spirits*, it fails not of curing the *Hypocondriack-Melancholly*, and most powerfully opposeth all black and mixed *humours* (as *Natures* grand Enemy) continually drawing them out of the *Veins* and *Arteries* into the *Stomach*, and from thence sends them away; and after their expulsion *Nature* rejoyceth.

#### SHORTNESS OF BREATH, COLLICK, GRIPING IN THE GUTS.

This *Drink* doth, by the Lord's blessing, suddainly help *bad Digestion*, or *stoppage* of the *Stomach* and *shortness* of *Breath*, causing a good *appetite* and defending the *head* from all vapors ascending from the *Mother* and *Spleen*. It is found a most certain Remedy for the *Collick* and any *Griping* [p. 4] of the *Guts*, and stayeth *Vomiting*; which *Virtues* have been successfully experienced by the aforesaid *Benjamin Hope* of *Camerwell*, Mr. *Layton* of *Chick-lane*, *London*, *Cordwainer*, Mris *Petit* in *Cusiters Alley*, and my own *Family*.

And many others will also testifie, that the same take away all *pains* from the *Heart*, and perfectly cured them, when they were sorely stopt with *Phlegme*, yea when they feared *Choking*, and were accustomed in their sleep to be near *stifling* for want of *Breath*.

#### THE PTISSICK.

It gives much relief and ease to *Aged People*, afflicted with the *Ptissick*, but perfectly cures such, as have strength of *Nature*, and are not too far spent in that sad *Distemper*. It hath been found successful in the Cure of the said Mr. *Tho Layton*, and Mr. *Cox*, living at the sign of the *Cock* in *Fleet-lane*, *London*.

This harmless and pleasant *Cordial* is so good a friend unto *Woman-kind* in all conditions, and hath been so experienced, that they cannot treasure up a *richer Jewel* by them, or have a more acceptable gift presented them; the virtues of it being found effectual in clearing them of all obstructions, fitting and enabling them for conception.

#### THE GREEN-SICKNESS.

It also certainly and speedily cures the *Green-sickness* (of any *kinde* or *nature* whatsoever,) not failing to bring *Virgins* to their *Maiden blush*, rendering painting altogether out of fashion, making the *Face well coloured*, the *Breath sweet*, and the *Body lusty*.

#### AGAINST SURFETS.

It pursueth *Surfets*, from one place to another in the body, yea, though the body be swollen up, it doth by God's help speedily raise the Patient from a bed of *Languishing*; as hath been happily experienced by one Mr. *De Hewes*, a *Glass-maker*, in *Winchester-yard*, *Southwark*, who found the same admirably successful in his *speedy* and compleat *Recovery* from that dangerous *Distemper*. And (among many others more) Mr. *Matthew Bush*, a *Workman Brewer* at Mr. *William Collins* his *Brew-house*, over against *St. Giles's Church*, desires that his Name be here inserted for the encouragement of others, to the Praise of God, for his signal *Blessing* upon this means, in his *Recovery* from a very dangerous *Surfeit*, which brought his life into great peril.

SCURVY AND DROPSIE.

This Cordial Drink wonderfully acquits the Body of the *Scurvy*, root and branch; and hath also been found (to *Admiration*) successful in the perfect cure of the *Dropsie*, and other *Distempers*, accompanying the same, as hath been happily experienced by the aforesaid Mr. *Layton* of *Chick-lane*, the said Mr. *Dehewes*, and others (too many here to mention.)

[p. 5] COUGHS, WHEESINGS, CONSUMPTION, AND AGUES.

It hath been found, through God's blessing, an effectual Remedy against *Coughs* of all sorts, yea in the height of *extremity*. It also removes and takes away the *Causes* of all *Wheesings*, and hath to *Admiration* cured *Consumptive persons*, Nature beeing not too far spent. It hath been in *February* 1672. found successful in the Cure of an Apprentice, by name *Geo. Amblin*, who was sorely afflicted with a *Quotidian Ague*, the young man may be spoken with, or heard of at Mr. *Barnham's* Coffee-house, in *Bishops-gate street*, over against the *old Post-house*.

MOTHER, AND SPLEEN, AND FITTS OF THE MOTHER.

This Cordial Drink admirably frees the *Liver* and *Spleen* of all *Obstructions*, and is a proper Expedient and effectual *Remedy* against the *Fitts of the Mother*, as is happily Experienced by the Wife of Mr. *Edward Brandereth*, a Taylor, in *Plow stable-Alley* by Little *Lincolns-Inn-Fields*, who having been in a very sad manner extraordinarily afflicted with very sore *Fitts*, is now, by the Blessing of the Lord upon this *Elixir*, Cured and Freed of that *Distemper*.

It is also of Excellent use for *Wet Nurses*, cleansing their *bloud*, and rendering their *Milk* wholsom and *nutritive* to the sucking Babe.

AGAINST RICKETS.

It cures the *Rickets*, and other distempers in Children, by opening and removing *Obstructions* in them.

It keeps a clear passage between the *head* and *heart*, not admitting of any *Noxious humour*, that annoys those *Noble parts*.

It admirably keeps off *frightful fears* and *griefs* from seizing on the *heart*, by removing those *noxious* and *sharp humours* that occasion the same.

It also takes away the Cause of, and cures the extream *burnings* in the bottoms of the *feet* and *palms* of the *hands*, which sorely afflict the *Heart*.

Finally it highly exalts the *Generative virtue*, and restores *Radical Moisture*, cleansing and strengthening the *Seminal vessels* in both *Sexes*.

And in a word, amongst all the *Diseases* and *Distempers* incident to humane *Bodies*, which I have heard or read of in these parts of the world, whether of *Men*, *Women*, *Children*, or *Babes*, I do in the presence of God, upon my long Experience of the virtues of this *Cordial Drink* affirm, There is not one *Disease* able to withstand, but is through God's blessing subject unto this *my Drink's* innocent, powerful, and miraculous operation (God's appointed time for the *Patient's Dissolution* being not come).

You have in this Sheet (at the parties desires) published the Names and Habitations of some persons, who have, by Gods blessings, experienced the successfulness of this my *Inoffensive Cordial*, in their Cures of the *Distempers*, (herein specified) which shall for

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brevity sake suffice, many hundreds of [p. 6] others, Cured also by this my Cordial (which might be particularly expressed) I shall omit, as in a small Volumn not comprizeable.

I might without ostentation, or any vain Glory (if brevity were not designed) give instances of persons that have (by God's blessing upon the seeming improbable means of this *my Drink*) been cured of the *Pestilence*, some of *Agues*; and of others, that by this *Drink* have been cured of the *King's evill*, (so by its common Symptoms generally judged of:) whereof persons applying themselves to me, may have full satisfaction.

And I do in the presence of the Almighty Searcher of hearts, affirm and faithfully promise, that this my *pleasant inoffensive Drink*, is with much carefulness and integrity duly prepared by me; so that I have (through the Lord's goodness) successfully given the same unto my wife (*lying in*) and unto *Babes* in the *Moneth*), (so qualifi'd, as in my *Directions* for taking the same is particularly exprest).

☞ And it having pleased God so highly to own my endeavours, and Crown my Medicine with so eminent and incredible success in the Cure of divers People, afflicted with the Distempers (herein specified;) some Malevolent and Mercenary persons do endeavour the Counterfeiting of it, to the great prejudice and peril of sundry People: These are therefore to give notice, That whosesoever in this City or Suburb (not named in this Book) that shall undertake the Sale of any *Cordial-Drink* called by my Drinks Name, and the Bottles and Books, not sealed, as this Book; the same I do averr is a Counterfeit, though the name of my Drink, and my own, and others many Years Experiences of the Virtues of it be impudently stollen, nigh word for word.

☞ *Thomas Hinde*, being the notorious Counterfeiter of my *Elixir*, I referr the Reader to my Advertisement in a Sheet by it self.

Moreover, (for prevention of *fraud*;) each Bottle of this my *Elixir* is sealed with my *Coat of Arms*, according to its Impression on the Title-Page of this Book; And the same (for the better accomodation of persons, living remote from *London*) is publickly sold for mee in the Cities and Remarkable Country-Towns, following: But the Country Price of my *Elixir*, is (by reason of my Trouble, Hazards, and Charges, in conveying the same) *Six Shillings* the *Pinte*, and *Three Shillings* the half *Pinte-Bottle*: The Persons Selling the same for mee, are these, hereunder named, and no other, (except at *London*, *Southwark*, and *Westminster*;) By any of which persons, hereunder Named, People may be furnished with my *Cordial Elixir*, as sincere, and (to all Intents) the same, which others receive from my own hand at *London*. The Countyes are, for Methods sake, digested into an exact Alphabetical order.

Windsor,  
*Bark-shire*, at Redding, by...  
Abbingdon,

[The Pamphlet goes on to name 108 places and 63 agents between p. 6 and p. 8]

And at my own House in *Prujean's Court*, by the *Ship Tavern* in the *Old Bailey*, nigh *Ludgate Hill*, *London*.

At which several places above mentioned, all persons that are desirous of this *Cordial Drink*, may, (together with a Bottle of the same,) receive one of these Printed Books, sealed with my Seale, and Printed Directions for the use and application thereof, proper to each Distemper; and the Patient's condition and strength of Body.