



Medicine in the 18th Century

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Themes for Today

- The 18th century = a previously often-overlooked period in medicine...But a fantastic one!
- Lots of continuity with what had gone before...
- BUT:
- Growth in medical education
- Medical institutions, and beginnings of professionalization
- Burgeoning Medical Marketplace

Continuities (1)



- Ongoing beliefs in the humours

Continuities (2)



Three-part
structure of
medical
practitioners.

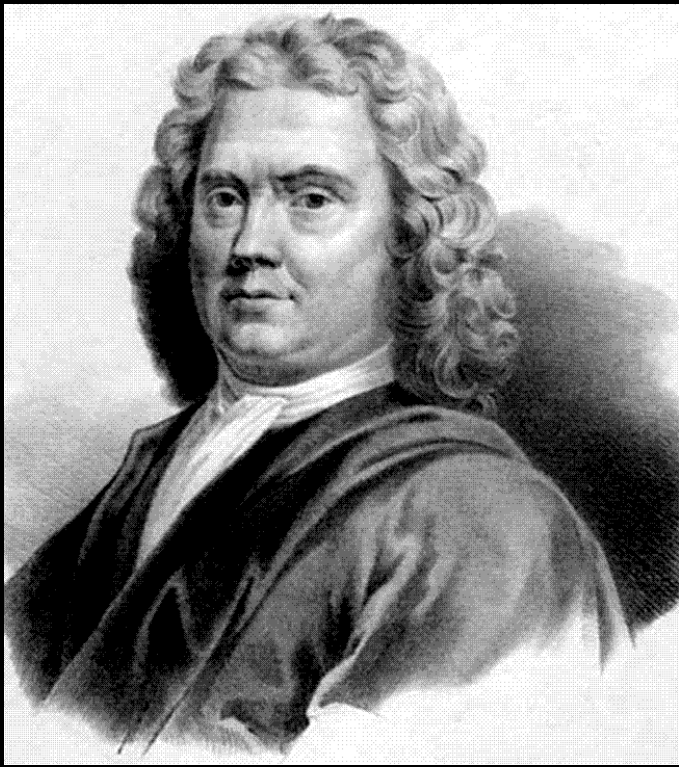
Edinburgh Infirmary – Late 18th century



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A Perspective View of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh

J. Smellie Sculp.



Herman Boerhaave (1688-
1738)



Dr James Lind, 1716-1794)

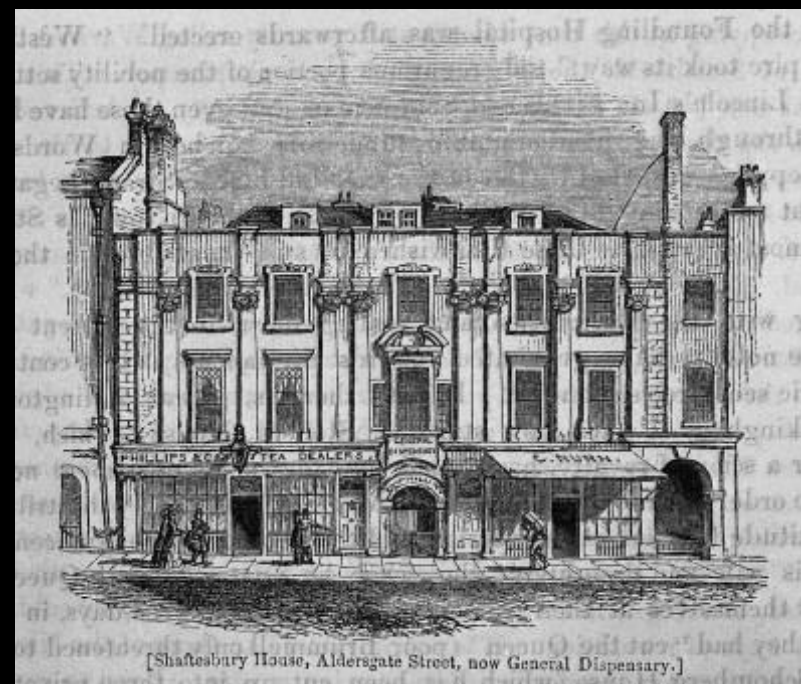


Newcastle Infirmary in 1786



Red Lion Square, London, home of George Armstrong's Dispensary for the Infant Poor

George Armstrong's
Dispensary for the infant
poor in London, est. 1769



General Dispensary, Aldersgate St,
London, est. 1770

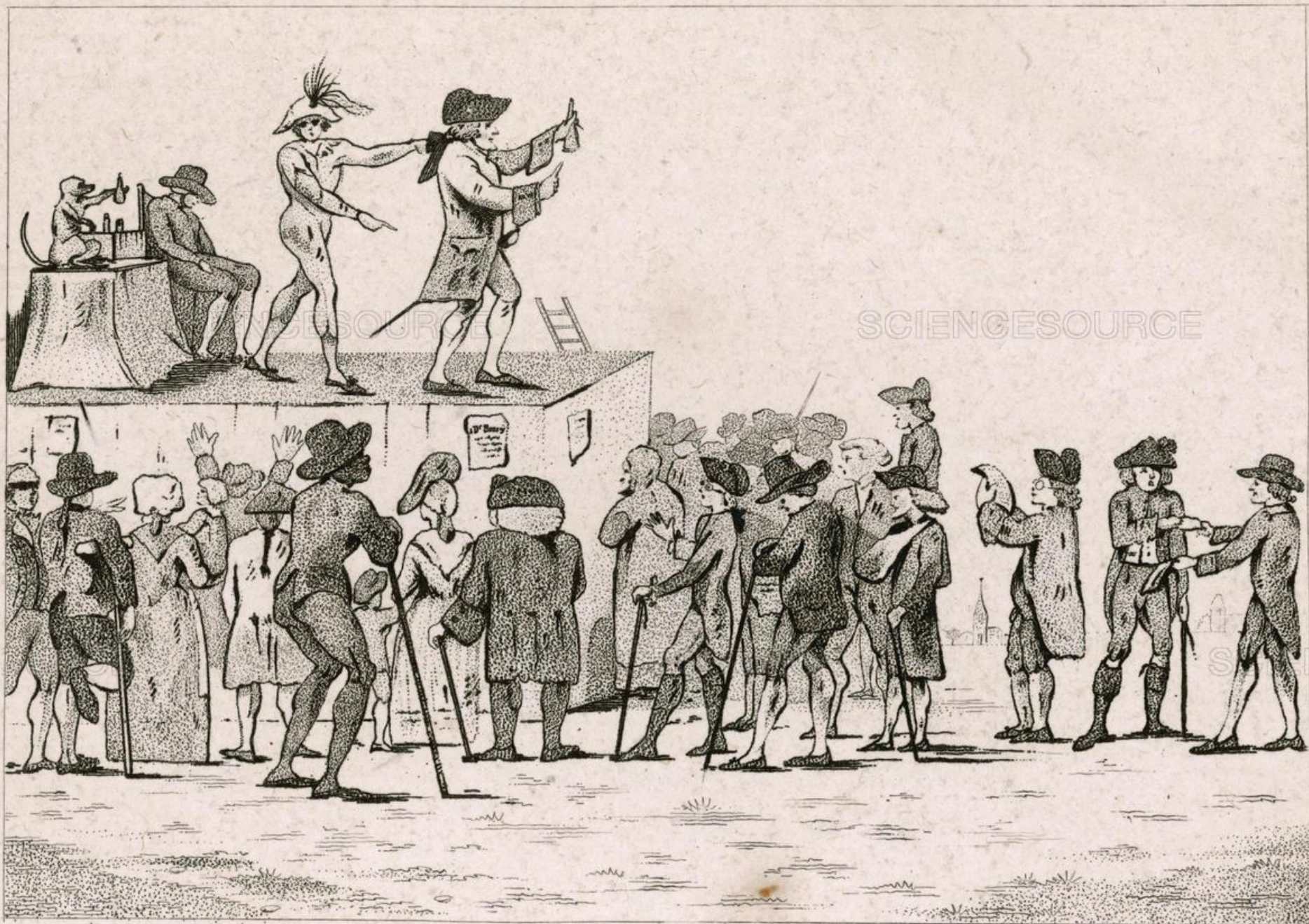


Surrey Dispensary,
Falmouth St, London



Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland

Twenty fifth day of December Anno Domini 1683 by George Hindson
 In the shop Approuer John Jones Deatur Dr Smith and Henry Foxgent
 Imp^{ts} ~ ~ 36 ~ ~ Mixis Sugar ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 8: 00: 00
 P ~ ~ 33 ~ ~ Powder Sugar ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 06: 00
 P ~ ~ 11 ~ ~ Loaf^r Sugar ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 12: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 4 brasse mortars 2 pistles one little brasse
 pan all weighing 150^{lb} ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 03: 05: 00
 P ~ ~ 8 ~ ~ paire of Stakes and wrights ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 10: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 1 brasse randle Strike ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 01: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 1 Marble mortar ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 01: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 5 nests of boxes and other loose boxes ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 01: 10: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 3 old Shop chests ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 03: 00
 P ~ ~ 4 doz ~ ~ of Syrrap Electuary unguent and conser^{es} ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 11: 03
 P ~ ~ 6 doz ~ ~ of galy potts ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 02: 06
 P ~ ~ 11 dozen ~ ~ bottles ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 01: 00: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 03 Seargods ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 03: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 02 Iron pestles 12th weight ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 01: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 02 Rheums of Cop paper ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 05: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ 01 Iron mill ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 02: 06
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ Chimitall preparations and Salts ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 01: 10: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ Conser^{es} unguents Syrraps Electuaries
 It Simple and Compound waters ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 05: 00
 P ~ ~ 3^{lb} ~ ~ Anchovies ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 03: 00
 P ~ ~ 10^{lb} ~ ~ papers ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 05: 00
 P ~ ~ 10^{lb} ~ ~ Common Turpentine ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 02: 08
 P ~ ~ 01 ~ ~ Rheme Syrrap ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 01: 06
 P ~ ~ 01 ~ ~ Rheme Syrrap ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 01: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ Pills Species and powders ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 10: 00
 P ~ ~ 10^{lb} ~ ~ Emplaisters ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 10: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ Forkes and empty caskes ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 06: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ Spanish white ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 05: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ Broffe and paire of Scales Iron boares ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 00: 05: 00
 P ~ ~ ~ ~ Drugs Simple and Compound ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 10: 00: 00



Drawn by A. Van Aphen.

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BEAUME DE VIE,
The most approved Remedy for
AUTUMNAL COMPLAINTS.

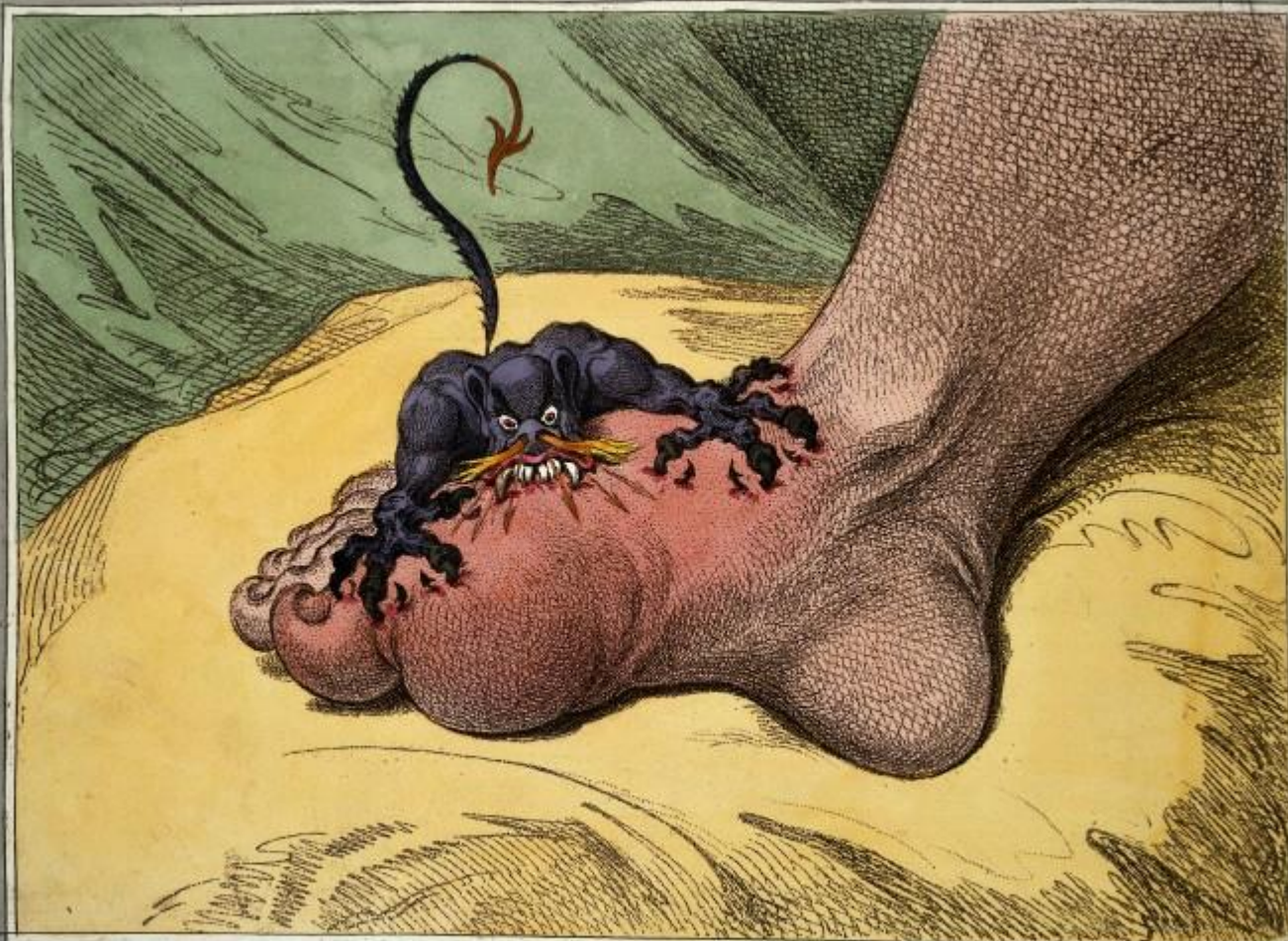
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Advertisement from the
Northampton Mercury, 22
November 1784.

This is one amongst six
different medicines on a
single page of this edition.



The GOUT.

Pub. May 14. 1799. by H. Humphreys.
17 St. James's Street.



Oh, I have the vapors. Oh! Let me lie down. Ahhhhh!