

The other was that of a woman, who receiving a wound on the arm in attempting to separate two cocks that were fighting, was seized with Hydrophtica and died. But it is proper to ask those who assert, that these animals run mad spontaneously - in the words of the author just quoted; "Why do not cocks become rabid more frequently, as in many parts of England they are raised for the sole purpose of fighting, than they often become of astonishingly fierce, Dr. James says." "It is possible for a cock bit by a mad animal to contract the distemper and communicate it to man, by pecking him, so as to penetrate beyond the external cuticle or skin but not otherwise."

Having mentioned the animals most subject to this dreadful malady, it remains to enquire whether it ever accrues spontaneously in the human species and if credit is given to most authors who have written on this subject we would pronounce many cases genuine Hydrophtica, in which the dread of liquids was the effect of far different causes.

Dr. Meuser, relates an example of this kind treated by Dr. Junis. of a man labouring under Gastritis, which accompanies Hydrophtica, but here an abuse of language clearly appears, since the patient dreads solids (at least acids) not less than liquids which is equally a disease; but the fear of water