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Icterus Infantum.

This disease occurs so frequently, that some authors have asserted it to be natural to the human infant, and that its cure is so prompt and easy, as rarely to require the aid of medicine to accomplish it. That the former assertion is decidedly untrue, needs no more triumphant refutation, than the daily observation of the practitioner of medicine, who although he frequently meets with it, yet, it is not uncommon to see infants, who are never affected with it, and that it is not so tractable, as some have pretended, is the deliberate opinion of men, whose engagements have introduced them to a familiar and particular acquaintance, with the diseases of children. "Thus Dr Burns says, that the jaundice of infants is a disease attended with great danger, especially if it appear very soon after birth, and the stools evince a deficiency of bile; for we have then reason to apprehend some incurable state of the biliary apparatus." The testimony of Mr Pearson also favours, at least, the occasional fatal tendency of this complaint. He says that Mrs L... had been the mother of eleven children; on nine of which the jaundice appeared a few days after they were born, and they all died within the period of a month after their birth. The tenth