

After this discourse, he examines what is related of a certain Spice, called *Pimienta di Ciapa*, which *Ciapa* is a province of *Guatemala* in New Spain; and esteems that Spice to be the same with what *Hernandez* describes under the name of *Xocoxachtile*, or *Pepe di Tauasco*: which by his description seems to be the very same with our *Jamaica-pepper*, it having those several tastes of Cloves, Pepper, Cinamon, Ginger. Mean time the virtue, for which it is by writers commended, against the Epilepsy and the *Gutta serena*, he saith he could never find in it, though he acknowledg it to be a good Cephalic, and very Stomachical.

Next, he speaks of the praises given to *China-fennel* against many infirmities, though he found it little better than the European Fennel, Annis, and Cumin. What *Ximenes* relates of the chips of *Sassafras*, that, being kept 7 or 8 days in Sea-water, they make it fresh and potable, he was not so happy to find true, though he kept *Sassafras* thin sliced, in considerable quantity, infused 20 days in a small proportion of Sea-water. What is written of the Root *John Lopez Pineiro*, growing in *Zanguebar* in Africa, and of the Root *Della Manique*, both commended for their virtue of Infallibly curing Tertians and Quartans, and the bitings and stings of venomous animals, he had neither the good fortune to discover. Further, what is recorded of the Shrub of *Cheggio*, a lactescent plant, found in *Cambaja*, that the knobs and beards of it, that look Nord-ward, are only Anti-apoplectical, but those that look South-ward, are so far from being endow'd with that virtue, that they are poisonous and deadly; he could not find to answer his Tryals: Neither could he find any great matter in the celebrated wood of *Calamba*, nor the *Vanillas*, nor the wood of *Lahor* and *Solor*. But he must acknowledge the virtue of the Bark of the *Peruvian Tree* in *Gua-jachil*, known by the name of *China di China*, curing Quartans and all sorts of Tertians. He wisheth, it were as true, what is recorded in the praise of those two Herbs of China, called *Pusu* and *Gudseng*, whereof the former is said to render men Immortal, the other, to preserve them always in good health.

He cannot believe what *Martinus* in his *Atlas* relates of certain Fiery Pits in *China*, able to dress any meat in them, and incapable to consume wood: Nor what is written of the two Rivers, *Ghiemo* and *To*, in the province of *Xensu*, the waters of which are said to be so pure and light, that the lightest straw sinks in them: Nor that the Leaves of certain Trees are metamorphos'd into Swallows; nor lastly, that in the Seas of *China* there are certain scaly Fishes of a Saffron-colour, which in winter live in the water, but in spring cast their scales, get feathers and wings, and so fly a shore into the woods, and their live all summer and autumn, but then return to their former shape and betake themselves again to the habitation of the Sea.

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*Errata left un-corrected in N. 90.*

*In the Dedication p. ult. l. 8. for Rhine r. Rhone. p. 5166. l. 32. r. above it. p. 5167. l. 7. r. what the other. p. 5168. l. 27. r. than is ordinarily accountable for.*

*Errat. in this Numb. Pag. 5177. l. 9. in the margin r. diminut.*

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