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1747.

**B** EING desired to see a young Child, who, they told me, was born with all his Bones displaced, I visited it, and found both the *Radius* and *Ulna* of the right Arm, with the Bones of the *Carpus* and *Metacarpus*, also the Fore-finger and Little-finger of the same Hand, all dislocated. The *Radius* and *Ulna* of the left Arm were dislocated, and receded from each other; likewise the Fore-finger and Little-Finger of the same Hand. The *Os Femoris* of the right Leg was dislocated very oddly, and laid downwards, so that one might feel the End of it: The *Patella* laid high up the Thigh; and the *Tibia* and *Fibula* at their Union with the *Os Femoris* were also dislocated, and receded very much from each other. The right Leg, the *Tibia* and *Fibula*, at their Union with the *Os Calcis*, also the *Os Calcis*, and the *Tarsal* and *Metatarsal* Bones, likewise most of the Toes. The left Leg, the *Fibula*, with some of the *Metatarsal* Bones, and and some of the Toes. The Head, upon Examination, likewise is very curious: The *lambdoidal* Suture is ossified all round, and rises with a Prominency half an Inch high: The occipital Bone has several Risings, which feel like several *Exostosis's*; and the two protuberant Sides of the occipital Bone are enlarged

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enlarged to a prodigious Degree, and unite with each other, but leave a Dent between them which feels like a Suture. They are enlarged, I believe, to six Inches long, and three broad: It is all ossified; the Midwife and Nurse say it was soft at first: The rest of the Head appears very well.

This Child is seven Days old: I have reduced the dislocated Bones, tho' some with great Difficulty; for the Ends of the Bones and Cartilages seemed to be all ossifying; and there seems to be an universal *Anchylosis* coming on. I could not reduce the right Foot well; it was all ossified, with the Bones displaced, and the *Extensor Pedis Pollicis longus* was contracted, and had drawn the Foot almost round. The Jaw-Bone was also dislocated, which the Midwife could easily put in its Place, and the Chin-Stay supported it very well; that is, almost well, only apt to slip out on one Side. The Midwife and Nurse say, they could easily, for the two first Days, put all the Bones in their Places with Ease, but they continually fell out again.

The Mother receiv'd a Fall a Fortnight before Delivery, and she fancies the Bones were displaced with the Fall, tho' she did not hurt herself: But whether it is from thence, or from some Vice in the Fluids, I shall not determine. If it were not for several *Exostosis's* and *Anchylosis's* in several Parts, I should have imagin'd the Child (tho' so young) were rickety; but for the above Reason it cannot be that. The Child seems at present lusty and strong, but I think will soon be otherwise; the Woman is lusty, and walks out about her Business, tho' but a Week ago deliver'd; and she has six Children besides, all very healthy.



healthy. — I intend, if the Child dies, to do what I can to get it, and make a Present of it to the *Royal Society*.

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XXIII. *A Dissertation on the Situation of the ancient Roman Station of Delgovitia in Yorkshire; by John Burton, of York, M. D.*

Read May 28. 1747. **T**HE learned Antiquarians have hitherto been greatly at a Loss to find the Place where the *Delgovitia* of the *Romans* really stood; some supposing it at one Place, and some at another.

My worthy and learned Friend Mr. *Francis Drake*, in his excellent History and Antiquities of *York*, has given us every thing which has hitherto been wrote in Support of the Claim made by each Place to the Honour of rising out of the Ruins of that ancient Town; together with his Reasons for fixing that Station at *Londesburgh*; all which I beg Leave to recapitulate in as few Words as possible, and to make some few Remarks thereupon, before I proceed to shew where I think *Delgovitia* really was.

There are three Places where the Site of *Delgovitia* has been fix'd at; viz. *Weighton*, *Godmanham*, and *Londesburgh*. See the Map in TAB. X.

The Reasons offer'd for fixing it at *Weighton* are three;

*First*, From the supposed Derivation of the Name.

*Secondly*, From something like a *Tumulus* being at the East End of the Town. And

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*Thirdly*,