

“ oil drank down, seemed to give him ease.
“ Continuing in this dangerous condition, he
“ was put to-bed, where his arm was again
“ bathed over a pan of charcoal, and rubbed
“ with olive oil, heated in a ladle over the
“ charcoal, by Dr. Mortimer’s directions,
“ who was the physician that drew up the ac-
“ count. From this last operation he declared
“ that he found immediate ease, as though by
“ some charm: he soon after fell into a pro-
“ found sleep, and, after about nine hours
“ sound rest, awaked about six the next morn-
“ ing, and found himself very well; but in
“ the afternoon, on drinking some rum and
“ strong beer, so as to be almost intoxicated,
“ the swelling returned, with much pain and
“ cold sweats, which abated soon, on bathing
“ the arm as before, and wrapping it up in a
“ brown paper soaked in the oil.”

Notwithstanding that the bite of the viper is at-
tended with such dreadful effects, its flesh has
long been esteemed for its medicinal virtues; a
broth made by boiling a viper in water, which
just covers it, until it comes to half the quan-
tity, is a powerful restorative in battered con-
stitutions. The salt of vipers is also thought
to exceed any other animal salt whatever, in
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