

the waters into subterraneous reservoirs, broke and displaced with his all-powerful hand a number of beds, before horizontal, and raised them above the surface of the globe, which was originally level. The whole Dissertation is composed to support this opinion. As it was requisite that these eminences should be of a very solid consistence, M. Scheuchtzer remarks, that God only drew them from places where there were many stones; from hence, says he, it proceeds that those countries, like Switzerland, which are very stony, are also mountainous; and on the contrary, those, which like Holland, Flanders, Hungary and Poland, have only sand or clay, even to a very great depth, are almost entirely without mountains*.

This author, more than any other, is desirous of blending physiology with theology, and though he has given some good observations, the systematic part of his works is still weaker than those who preceded him. On this subject, he has even fallen into declamation and ridiculous witticisms, as may be seen in his *piscium querelæ*, &c. without speaking of his large work in many folio volumes, *Physica Sacra*, a puerile work, and which appears to be composed

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* See the Hist. of the Acad. 1708, page 32.