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BOOK II.

SECTION I.

Of the motion of bodies that are resisted in the ratio of the velocity.

PROPOSITION I. THEOREM I.

If a body is resisted in the ratio of its velocity, the motion lost by resistance is as the space gone over in its motion.

For since the motion lost in each equal particle of time is as the velocity, that is, as the particle of space gone over, then, by composition, the motion lost in the whole time will be as the whole space gone over. Q.E.D.

Cor. Therefore if the body, destitute of all gravity, move by its innate force only in free spaces, and there be given both its whole motion at the beginning, and also the motion remaining after some part of the way is gone over, there will be given also the whole space which the body can describe in an infinite time. For that space will be to the space now described as the whole motion at the beginning is to the part lost of that motion.

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LEMMA I.
Quantities proportional to their differences are continually proportional.

Let A be to A — B as B to B — C and C to C — D, &c. and, by conversion, A will be to B as B to C and C to D, &c. Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION II. THEOREM II.
If a body is resisted in the ratio of its velocity, and moves, by its vis infinita only, through a similar medium, and the times be taken equal, the velocities in the beginning of each of the times are in a geometrical progression, and the spaces described in each of the times are as the velocities. (Pl. 1, Fig. 1.)

Case I. Let the time be divided into equal particles; and if at the very beginning of each particle we suppose the resistance to act with one single impulse which is as the velocity, the decrement of the velocity in each of the particles of time will be as the same velocity. Therefore the velocities are proportional to their differences, and therefore (by lem. 1, book 2) continually proportional. Therefore if out of an equal number of particles there be compounded any equal portions of time, the velocities at the beginning of those times will be as terms in a continued progression, which are taken by intervals, omitting every where an equal number of intermediate terms. But the ratios of these terms are compounded of the equal ratios of the intermediate terms equally repeated, and therefore are equal. Therefore the velocities, being proportional to those terms, are in geometrical progression. Let those equal particles of time be diminished, and their number increased in infinitum, so that the impulse of resistance may become continual; and the velocities at the beginnings of equal times, always continually proportional, will be also in this case continually proportional. Q.E.D.

Case 2. And, by division, the differences of the velocities, that is, the parts of the velocities lost in each of the times, are as the wholes; but the spaces described in each of the times are as the lost parts of the velocities (by prop. 1, book 2), and therefore are also as the wholes. Q.E.D.
Corol. Hence if to the rectangular asymptotes AC, CH, the hyperbola BG is described, and AB, DG be drawn perpendicular to the asymptote AC, and both the velocity of the body, and the resistance of the medium, at the very beginning of the motion, be expressed by any given line AC, and, after some time is elapsed, by the indefinite line DC; the time may be expressed by the area ABGD, and the space described in that time by the line AD. For if that area, by the motion of the point D, be uniformly increased in the same manner as the time, the right line DC will decrease in a geometrical ratio in the same manner as the velocity; and the parts of the right line AC, described in equal times, will decrease in the same ratio.

Proposition III. Problem I.
To define the motion of a body which, in a similar medium, ascends or descends in a right line, and is resisted in the ratio of its velocity, and acted upon by an uniform force of gravity. (Pl. 1, Fig. 2.)

The body ascending, let the gravity be expounded by any given rectangle BACH; and the resistance of the medium, at the beginning of the ascent, by the rectangle BADE, taken on the contrary side of the right line AB. Through the point B, with the rectangular asymptotes AC, CH, describe an hyperbola, cutting the perpendiculars DE, de, in G, g; and the body ascending will in the time DGgd describe the space EGGg; in the time DGBA, the space of the whole ascent EGB; in the time ABKI, the space of descent BFK; and in the time IKki the space of descent KFKk; and the velocities of the bodies (proportional to the resistance of the medium) in these periods of time will be ABED, ABD, O, ABFI, ABFI respectively; and the greatest velocity which the body can acquire by descending will be BACH.

For let the rectangle BACH (Pl. 1, Fig. 3) be resolved into innumerable rectangles Ak, Ki, Lm, Mn, &c. which shall be as the increments of the velocities produced in so many equal times; then will O, Ak, Al, Am, An, &c. be as the whole velocities, and therefore (by supposition) as the resistances of the medium in the beginning of each of the equal
times. Make AC to AK, or ABHC to ABkK, as the force of
gravity to the resistance in the beginning of the second time;
then from the force of gravity subduct the resistances, and
ABHC, KkHC, LiHC, MnHC, &c. will be as the absolute
forces with which the body is acted upon in the beginning of
each of the times, and therefore (by law 2) as the increments
of the velocities, that is, as the rectangles Ak, Kl, Lm, Mn,
&c. and therefore (by lem. 1, book 2) in a geometrical pro-
gression. Therefore, if the right lines Kk, Li, Mn, Nn, &c.
are produced so as to meet the hyperbola in q, r, s, t, &c. the
areas ABqK, KqrL, LrsM, MstN, &c. will be equal, and
therefore analogous to the equal times and equal gravitating
forces. But the area ABqK (by corol. 3, lem. 7 and 8, book
1) is to the area Bkq as Kq to 4kq, or AC to 4AK, that is,
as the force of gravity to the resistance in the middle of the
first time. And by the like reasoning the areas qKLR, rLMS,
sMNt, &c. are to the areas qkLR, rLMS, sMNt, &c. as the gra-
vitating forces to the resistances in the middle of the second,
third, fourth time, and so on. Therefore since the equal areas
BAKq, qKLR, rLMS, sMNt, &c. are analogous to the gra-
vitating forces, the areas Bkq, qkLR, rLMS, sMNt, &c. will be
analogous to the resistances in the middle of each of the times,
that is (by supposition), to the velocities, and so to the spaces
described. Take the sums of the analogous quantities, and
the areas Bkq, Blr, Bms, Bnt, &c. will be analogous to the
whole spaces described; and also the areas ABqK, ABtL,
ABsM, ABtN, &c. to the times. Therefore the body, in de-
fending, will in any time ABtL describe the space Blr, and
in the time LrtN the space rln. Q.E.D. And the like de-
monstration holds in ascending motion.

Corol. 1. Therefore the greatest velocity that the body
can acquire by falling is to the velocity acquired in any given
time as the given force of gravity which perpetually acts
upon it to the resisting force which opposes it at the end
of that time.

Corol. 2. But the time being augmented in an arithme-
tical progression, the sum of that greatest velocity and the
velocity in the ascent, and also their difference in the descent, decrease in a geometrical progression.

Corol. 3. Also the differences of the spaces, which are described in equal differences of the times, decrease in the same geometrical progression.

Corol. 4. The space described by the body is the difference of two spaces, whereof one is as the time taken from the beginning of the descent, and the other as the velocity; which [spaces] also at the beginning of the descent are equal among themselves.

PROPOSITION IV. PROBLEM II.
Supposing the force of gravity in any similar medium to be uniform, and to tend perpendicularly to the plane of the horizon; to define the motion of a projectile therein, which suffers resistance proportional to its velocity. (Pl. 1, Fig. 4.)

Let the projectile go from any place D in the direction of any right line DP, and let its velocity at the beginning of the motion be expounded by the length DP. From the point P let fall the perpendicular PC on the horizontal line DC, and cut DC in A, so that DA may be to AC as the resistance of the medium arising from the motion upwards at the beginning to the force of gravity; or (which comes to the same) so that the rectangle under DA and DP may be to that under AC and CP as the whole resistance at the beginning of the motion to the force of gravity. With the asymptotes DC, CP describe any hyperbola GTBS cutting the perpendiculars DG, AB in G and B; complete the parallelogram DGKC, and let its side GK cut AB in Q. Take a line N in the same ratio to QB as DC is in to CP; and from any point R of the right line DC erect RT perpendicular to it, meeting the hyperbola in T, and the right lines EH, GK, DP in I, t, and V; in that perpendicular take VR equal to \( \frac{tGT}{N} \), or, which is the same thing, take \( Rr \) equal to \( \frac{GTIE}{N} \); and the projectile in the time DRTG will arrive at the point R, describing the curve line DraF, the locus of the point R; thence it will come to its greatest height a in the perpendicular AB; and after-
wards ever approach to the asymptote PC. And its velocity in any point r will be as the tangent rL to the curve. Q.E.I.

For N is to QB as DC to CP or DR to RV, and therefore RV is equal to \(\frac{DR \times QB}{N}\), and Rr (that is, RV = VR, or \(\frac{DR \times QB - tGT}{N}\)) is equal to \(\frac{DR \times AB - RDGT}{N}\). Now let the time be expounded by the area RDGT and (by laws, cor. 2,) distinguish the motion of the body into two others, one of ascent, the other lateral. And since the resistance is as the motion, let that also be distinguished into two parts proportional and contrary to the parts of the motion: and therefore the length described by the lateral motion will be (by prop. 2, book 2) as the line DR, and the height (by prop. 3, book 2) as the area DR × AB — RDGT, that is, as the line Rr. But in the very beginning of the motion the area RDGT is equal to the rectangle DR × AQ, and therefore that line Rr (or \(\frac{DR \times AB - DR \times AQ}{N}\)) will then be to DR as AB — AQ or QB to N, that is, as CP to DC; and therefore as the motion upwards to the motion lengthwise at the beginning. Since, therefore, Rr is always as the height, and DR always as the length, and Rr is to DR at the beginning as the height to the length, it follows, that Rr is always to DR as the height to the length; and therefore that the body will move in the line DraF, which is the locus of the point r. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore Rr is equal to \(\frac{DR \times AB - RDGT}{N}\); and therefore if RT be produced to X so that RX may be equal to \(\frac{DR \times AB}{N}\), that is, if the parallelogram ACPY be completed, and DY cutting CP in Z be drawn, and RT be produced till it meets DY in X; Xr will be equal to \(\frac{RDGT}{N}\), and therefore proportional to the time.

Cor. 2. Whence if innumerable lines CR, or, which is the same, innumerable lines ZX, be taken in a geometrical
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progression, there will be as many lines $X_r$ in an arithmetical progression. And hence the curve $DraF$ is easily delineated by the table of logarithms.

Cor. 3. If a parabola be constructed to the vertex $D$ (Pl. 1, Fig. 5), and the diameter $DG$ produced downwards, and its latus rectum is to $2$ $DP$ as the whole resistance at the beginning of the motion to the gravitating force, the velocity with which the body ought to go from the place $D$, in the direction of the right line $DP$, so as in an uniform resisting medium to describe the curve $DraF$, will be the same as that with which it ought to go from the same place $D$, in the direction of the same right line $DP$, so as to describe a parabola in a non-resisting medium. For the latus rectum of this parabola, at the very beginning of the motion, is \( \frac{DV^a}{V_r} \); and $V_r$ is $\frac{tGT}{N}$ or \( \frac{DR \times Tt}{2N} \). But a right line, which, if drawn, would touch the hyperbola $GTS$ in $G$, is parallel to $DK$, and therefore $Tt$ is \( \frac{CK \times DR}{DC} \), and $N$ is \( \frac{QB \times DC}{CP} \). And therefore $V_r$ is equal to \( \frac{DR^2 \times CK \times CP}{2DC^2 \times QB} \), that is (because $DR$ and $DC$, $DV$ and $DP$ are proportional), to \( \frac{DV^a \times CK \times CP}{2DP^a \times QB} \); and the latus rectum $\frac{DV^a}{V_r}$ comes out \( \frac{2DP^a \times QB}{CK \times CP} \), that is (because $QB$ and $CK$, $DA$ and $AC$ are proportional), \( \frac{2DP^a \times DA}{AC \times CP} \), and therefore is to $2DP$ as $DP \times DA$ to $CP \times AC$; that is, as the resistance to the gravity. Q.E.D.

Cor. 4. Hence if a body be projected from any place $D$ (Pl. 1, Fig. 4) with a given velocity, in the direction of a right line $DP$ given by position, and the resistance of the medium, at the beginning of the motion, be given, the curve $DraF$, which that body will describe, may be found. For the velocity being given, the latus rectum of the parabola is given, as is well known. And taking $2DP$ to that latus rectum, as the force of gravity to the resisting force, $DP$ is also given.
Then cutting DC in A, so that CP $\times$ AC may be to DP $\times$ DA in the same ratio of the gravity to the resistance, the point A will be given. And hence the curve DraF is also given.

Cor. 5. And, on the contrary, if the curve DraF be given, there will be given both the velocity of the body and the resistance of the medium in each of the places r. For the ratio of CP $\times$ AC to DP $\times$ DA being given, there is given both the resistance of the medium at the beginning of the motion, and the latus rectum of the parabola; and thence the velocity at the beginning of the motion is given also. Then from the length of the tangent rL there is given both the velocity proportional to it, and the resistance proportional to the velocity in any place r.

Cor. 6. But since the length 2DP is to the latus rectum of the parabola as the gravity to the resistance in D; and, from the velocity augmented, the resistance is augmented in the same ratio, but the latus rectum of the parabola is augmented in the duplicate of that ratio, it is plain that the length 2DP is augmented in that simple ratio only; and is therefore always proportional to the velocity; nor will it be augmented or diminished by the change of the angle CDP, unless the velocity be also changed.

Cor. 7. Hence appears the method of determining the curve DraF (Pl. 1, Fig. 6) nearly, from the phenomena, and thence collecting the resistance and velocity with which the body is projected. Let two similar and equal bodies be projected with the same velocity, from the place D, in different angles CDP, CDp; and let the places F, f, where they fall upon the horizontal plane DC, be known. Then taking any length for DP or Dp, suppose the resistance in D to be to the gravity in any ratio whatsoever, and let that ratio be expounded by any length SM. Then, by computation, from that assumed length DP, find the lengths DF, Df; and from the ratio $\frac{FF}{DF}$, found by calculation, subduct the same ratio as found by experiment; and let the difference be expounded by the perpendicular MN. Repeat the same a second and a third time, by assuming always a new ratio SM of the resistance to the gravity, and collecting a new difference MN. Draw the
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affirmative differences on one side of the right line SM, and the negative on the other side; and through the points N, N, N, draw a regular curve NNN, cutting the right line SMMM in X, and SX will be the true ratio of the resistance to the gravity, which was to be found. From this ratio the length DF is to be collected by calculation; and a length, which is to the assumed length DP as the length DF known by experiment to the length DF just now found, will be the true length DP. This being known, you will have both the curve line DraF which the body describes, and also the velocity and resistance of the body in each place.

SCHOLIUM.

But, yet, that the resistance of bodies is in the ratio of the velocity, is more a mathematical hypothesis than a physical one. In mediums void of all tenacity, the resistances made to bodies are in the duplicate ratio of the velocities. For by the action of a swifter body, a greater motion in proportion to a greater velocity is communicated to the same quantity of the medium in a less time; and in an equal time, by reason of a greater quantity of the disturbed medium, a motion is communicated in the duplicate ratio greater; and the resistance (by law 2 and 3) is as the motion communicated. Let us, therefore, see what motions arise from this law of resistance.

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Of the motion of bodies that are resisted in the duplicate ratio of their velocities.

PROPOSITION V. THEOREM III.

If a body is resisted in the duplicate ratio of its velocity, and moves by its innate force only through a similar medium; and the times be taken in a geometrical progression, proceeding from less to greater terms: I say, that the velocities at the beginning of each of the times are in the same geometrical progression inversely; and that the spaces are equal, which are described in each of the times. (Pl. 1, Fig. 7.)

For since the resistance of the medium is proportional to the square of the velocity, and the decrement of the velocity is proportional to the resistance: if the time be divided into in-
In numeros equal particles, the squares of the velocities at the beginning of each of the times will be proportional to the differences of the same velocities. Let those particles of time be AK, Kk, LM, &c. taken in the right line CD; and erect the perpendiculars AB, KK, LL, MM, &c. meeting the hyperbola BklmG, described with the centre C, and the rectangular asymptotes CD, CH, in B, k, l, m, &c.; then AB will be to Kk as CK to CA, and, by division, AB — Kk to Kk as AK to CA, and, alternately, AB — Kk to AK as Kk to CA; and therefore as AB × Kk to AB × CA. Therefore since AK and AB × CA are given, AB — Kk will be as AB × Kk; and, lastly, when AB and Kk coincide, as AB². And, by the like reasoning, KK — LL, LL — MM, &c. will be as KK², LL², &c. Therefore the squares of the lines AB, KK, LL, MM, &c. are as their differences; and, therefore, since the squares of the velocities were shown above to be as their differences, the progression of both will be alike. This being demonstrated it follows also that the areas described by these lines are in a like progression with the spaces described by these velocities. Therefore if the velocity at the beginning of the first time AK be expounded by the line AB, and the velocity at the beginning of the second time KL by the line Kk, and the length described in the first time by the area AKkKB, all the following velocities will be expounded by the following lines LL, MM, &c. and the lengths described, by the areas KL, LM, &c. And, by composition, if the whole time be expounded by AM, the sum of its parts, the whole length described will be expounded by AMmB the sum of its parts. Now conceive the time AM to be divided into the parts AK, KL, LM, &c. so that CA, CK, CL, CM, &c. may be in a geometrical progression; and those parts will be in the same progression, and the velocities AB, KK, LL, MM, &c. will be in the same progression inversely, and the spaces described Ak, Kl, Lm, &c. will be equal. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Hence it appears, that if the time be expounded by any part AD of the asymptote, and the velocity in the beginning of the time by the ordinate AB, the velocity at the end of the time will be expounded by the ordinate DG; and the whole space described by the adjacent hyperbolic
area ABDG; and the space which any body can describe in the same time AD, with the first velocity AB, in a non-refisting medium, by the rectangle AB \times AD.

Cor. 2. Hence the space described in a refisting medium is given, by taking it to the space described with the uniform velocity AB in a non-refisting medium, as the hyperbolic area ABDG to the rectangle AB \times AD.

Cor. 3. The resistance of the medium is also given, by making it equal, in the very beginning of the motion, to an uniform centripetal force, which could generate, in a body falling through a non-refisting medium, the velocity AB in the time AC. For if BT be drawn touching the hyperbola in B, and meeting the asymptote in T, the right line AT will be equal to AC, and will express the time in which the first resistance, uniformly continued, may take away the whole velocity AB.

Cor. 4. And thence is also given the proportion of this resistance to the force of gravity, or any other given centripetal force.

Cor. 5. And, vice versa, if there is given the proportion of the resistance to any given centripetal force, the time AC is also given, in which a centripetal force equal to the resistance may generate any velocity as AB; and thence is given the point B, through which the hyperbola, having CH, CD for its asymptotes, is to be described; as also the space ABDG, which a body, by beginning its motion with that velocity AB, can describe in any time AD, in a similar refisting medium.

PROPOSITION VI. THEOREM IV.
Homogeneous and equal spherical bodies, opposed by resistances that are in the duplicate ratio of the velocities, and moving on by their innate force only, will, in times which are reciprocall-y as the velocities at the beginning, describe equal spaces, and lose parts of their velocities proportional to the wholes. (Pl. 1, Fig. 8.)

To the rectangular asymptotes CD, CH describe any hyperbola BbEe, cutting the perpendiculars AB, ab, DE, de in B, b, E, e; let the initial velocities be expounded by the perpendiculars AB, DE, and the times by the lines Aa, Dd.
Therefore as $Aa$ is to $Dd$, so (by the hypothesis) is $DE$ to $AB$, and so (from the nature of the hyperbola) is $CA$ to $CD$; and, by composition, so is $Ca$ to $Cd$. Therefore the areas $ABba$, $DEcd$, that is, the spaces described, are equal among themselves, and the first velocities $AB$, $DE$ are proportional to the last $ab$, $de$; and therefore, by division, proportional to the parts of the velocities lost, $AB$ — $ab$, $DE$ — $de$. Q.E.D.

**Proposition VII. Theorem V.**

If spherical bodies are resisted in the duplicate ratio of their velocities, in times which are as the first motions directly, and the first resistances inversely, they will lose parts of their motions proportional to the wholes, and will describe spaces proportional to those times and the first velocities conjunctly.

For the parts of the motions lost are as the resistances and times conjunctly. Therefore, that those parts may be proportional to the wholes, the resistance and time conjunctly ought to be as the motion. Therefore the time will be as the motion directly and the resistance inversely. Wherefore the particles of the times being taken in that ratio, the bodies will always lose parts of their motions proportional to the wholes, and therefore will retain velocities always proportional to their first velocities. And because of the given ratio of the velocities, they will always describe spaces which are as the first velocities and the times conjunctly. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore if bodies equally swift are resisted in a duplicate ratio of their diameters, homogeneous globes moving with any velocities whatsoever, by describing spaces proportional to their diameters, will lose parts of their motions proportional to the wholes. For the motion of each globe will be as its velocity and mass conjunctly, that is, as the velocity and the cube of its diameter; the resistance (by supposition) will be as the square of the diameter and the square of the velocity conjunctly; and the time (by this proposition) is in the former ratio directly, and in the latter inversely, that is, as the diameter directly and the velocity inversely; and therefore the space, which is proportional to the time and velocity, is as the diameter.
Cor. 2. If bodies equally swift are resifted in a sesquiplicate ratio of their diameters, homogeneous globes, moving with any velocities whatsoever, by describing spaces that are in a sesquiplicate ratio of the diameters, will lose parts of their motions proportional to the wholes.

Cor. 3. And universally, if equally swift bodies are resifted in the ratio of any power of the diameters, the spaces, in which homogeneous globes moving with any velocity whatsoever, will lose parts of their motions proportional to the wholes, will be as the cubes of the diameters applied to that power. Let those diameters be D and E; and if the resistances, where the velocities are supposed equal, are as $D^n$ and $E^n$; the spaces in which the globes, moving with any velocities whatsoever, will lose parts of their motions proportional to the wholes will be as $D^{3-n}$ and $E^{3-n}$. And, therefore, homogeneous globes, in describing spaces proportional to $D^{3-n}$ and $E^{3-n}$, will retain their velocities in the same ratio to one another as at the beginning.

Cor. 4. Now if the globes are not homogeneous, the space described by the denser globe must be augmented in the ratio of the density. For the motion, with an equal velocity, is greater in the ratio of the density, and the time (by this prop.) is augmented in the ratio of motion directly, and the space described in the ratio of the time.

Cor. 5. And if the globes move in different mediums, the space, in a medium which, ceteris paribus, resifts the most, must be diminished in the ratio of the greater resistence. For the time (by this prop.) will be diminished in the ratio of the augmented resistence, and the space in the ratio of the time.

**LEMMA II.**

The moment of any genitum is equal to the moments of each of the generating sides drawn into the indices of the powers of those sides, and into their co-efficients continually.

I call any quantity a genitum which is not made by addition or subduction of divers parts, but is generated or produced in arithmetic by the multiplication, division, or extraction of the root of any terms whatsoever; in geometry by the
invention of contents and sides, or of the extremes and means of proportionals. Quantities of this kind are products, quotients, roots, rectangles, squares, cubes, square and cubic sides, and the like. These quantities I here consider as variable and indetermined, and increasing or decreasing, as it were, by a perpetual motion or flux; and I understand their momentaneous increments or decrements by the name of moments; so that the increments may be esteemed as added or affirmative moments; and the decrements as subducted or negative ones. But take care not to look upon finite particles as such. Finite particles are not moments, but the very quantities generated by the moments. We are to conceive them as the just nascent principles of finite magnitudes. Nor do we in this lemma regard the magnitude of the moments, but their first proportion, as nascent. It will be the same thing, if, instead of moments, we use either the velocities of the increments and decrements (which may also be called the motions, mutations, and fluxions of quantities), or any finite quantities proportional to those velocities. The co-efficient of any generating side is the quantity which arises by applying the genticum to that side.

Wherefore the sense of the lemma is, that if the moments of any quantities $A, B, C, \&c.$ increasing or decreasing by a perpetual flux, or the velocities of the mutations which are proportional to them, be called $a, b, c, \&c.$ the moment or mutation of the generated rectangle $AB$ will be $aB + bA$; the moment of the generated content $ABC$ will be $aBC + bAC + cAB$; and the moments of the generated powers $A^2, A^3, A^4, A^5, A^{-1}, A^{-2}, A^{-3}$ will be $2aA, 3aA^2, 4aA^3, \frac{1}{2}aA - \frac{1}{4}Aa, \frac{1}{4}aA^2, \frac{1}{4}aA - \frac{3}{2}Aa - \frac{1}{2} - aA - 2aA - 3aA - \frac{1}{4}aA - \frac{3}{2}$ respectively; and, in general, that the moment of any power $A^m$ will be $\frac{n}{m} aA^{n-m}$. Also, that the moment of the generated quantity $A^2B$ will be $2aAB + bA^2$; the moment of the generated quantity $A^2B^2C$ will be $3aA^2B^2C + 4bA^2B^2C + 2cA^2B^2C$; and the moment of the
generated quantity $\frac{A^3}{B^2}$ or $A^3B^{-1}$ will be $3aA^2B^{-4} - 2bA^3B^{-1}$; and so on. The lemma is thus demonstrated.

**Case 1.** Any rectangle, as $AB$, augmented by a perpetual flux, when, as yet, there wanted of the sides $A$ and $B$ half their moments $\frac{1}{2}a$ and $\frac{1}{2}b$, was $A - \frac{1}{2}a$ into $B - \frac{1}{2}b$, or $AB - \frac{1}{2}aB - \frac{1}{2}bA + \frac{1}{4}ab$; but as soon as the sides $A$ and $B$ are augmented by the other half moments, the rectangle becomes $A + \frac{1}{2}a$ into $B + \frac{1}{2}b$, or $AB + \frac{1}{2}aB + \frac{1}{2}bA + \frac{1}{4}ab$. From this rectangle subduct the former rectangle, and there will remain the excess $aB + bA$. Therefore with the whole increments $a$ and $b$ of the sides, the increment $aB + bA$ of the rectangle is generated. Q.E.D.

**Case 2.** Suppose $AB$ always equal to $G$, and then the moment of the content $ABC$ or $GC$ (by case 1) will be $gC + cG$, that is (putting $AB$ and $aB + bA$ for $G$ and $g$), $aBC + bAC + cAB$. And the reasoning is the same for contents under ever so many sides. Q.E.D.

**Case 3.** Suppose the sides $A$, $B$, and $C$, to be always equal among themselves; and the moment $aB + bA$, of $A^2$, that is, of the rectangle $AB$, will be $2aA$; and the moment $aBC + bAC + cAB$ of $A^3$, that is, of the content $ABC$, will be $3aA^2$. And by the same reasoning the moment of any power $A^n$ is $naA^{n-1}$. Q.E.D.

**Case 4.** Therefore, since $\frac{1}{A}$ into $A$ is 1, the moment of $\frac{1}{A}$ drawn into $A$, together with $\frac{1}{A}$ drawn into $a$, will be the moment of 1, that is, nothing. Therefore the moment of $\frac{1}{A^2}$, or of $A^{-1}$, is $-\frac{a}{A^3}$. And generally, since $\frac{1}{A^n}$ into $A^n$ is 1, the moment of $\frac{1}{A^n}$ drawn into $A^n$ together with $\frac{1}{A^n}$ into $naA^{n-1}$ will be nothing. And, therefore, the moment of $\frac{1}{A^n}$ or $A^{-n}$ will be $-\frac{na}{A^n + 1}$. Q.E.D.
Case 5. And since $A'$ into $A_\frac{3}{4}$ is $A$, the moment of $A_\frac{3}{4}$ drawn into $2A_\frac{3}{4}$ will be a (by case 3); and therefore, the moment of $A_\frac{3}{4}$ will be $\frac{n}{2A_\frac{3}{4}}$ or $\frac{4}{4}aA_\frac{3}{4}$. And, generally, putting $A_\frac{m}{n}$ equal to $B$, then $A_\frac{m}{n}$ will be equal to $B^a$, and therefore $maA^{m-n}$ equal to $nbB^{m-n}$, and $maA^{m-n}$ or $maA_\frac{m-n}{n}$ is equal to $b$, that is, equal to the moment of $A_\frac{m}{n}$. Q.E.D.

Case 6. Therefore the moment of any generated quantity $A_\frac{m}{n}$ is the moment of the moment of $A_\frac{m}{n}$ drawn into $B^a$, together with the moment of $B^a$ drawn into $A_\frac{m}{n}$, that is, $maA^{m-n} + nbB^{m-n}$ or $A_\frac{m}{n}$; and that whether the indices $m$ and $n$ of the powers be whole numbers or fractions, affirmative or negative. And the reasoning is the same for contents under more powers. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Hence in quantities continually proportional, if one term is given, the moments of the rest of the terms will be as the same terms multiplied by the number of intervals between them and the given term. Let $A$, $B$, $C$, $D$, $E$, $F$, be continually proportional; then if the term $C$ is given, the moments of the rest of the terms will be among themselves as $2A$, $B$, $D$, $2E$, $3F$.

Cor. 2. And if in four proportions the two means are given, the moments of the extremes will be as those extremes. The same is to be understood of the sides of any given rectangle.

Cor. 3. And if the sum or difference of two squares is given, the moments of the sides will be reciprocally as the sides.

SCHOLIUM.

In a letter of mine to Mr. J. Collins, dated December 10, 1672, having described a method of tangents, which I suspected to be the same with Sluets's method, which at that time was not made public, I subjoined these words: This is one particular, or rather a corollary, of a general method, which extends itself, without any troublesome calculation, not
only to the drawing of tangents to any curve lines, whether geometrical or mechanical, or any how respecting right lines or other curves, but also to the resolvings other abstruser kinds of problems about the crookedness, areas, lengths, centres of gravity of curves &c.; nor is it (as Hudden’s method de Maximis & Minimis) limited to equations which are free from surd quantities. This method I have interwoven with that other of working in equations, by reducing them to infinite series. So far that letter. And these last words relate to a treatife I composed on that subject the year 1671. The foundation of that general method is contained in the preceding lemma.

PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM VI.
If a body in an uniform medium, being uniformly acted upon by the force of gravity, ascends or descends in a right line; and the whole space described be distinguished into equal parts, and in the beginning of each of the parts (by adding or subducting the restful force of the medium to or from the force of gravity, when the body ascends or descends) you collect the absolute forces; I say, that those absolute forces are in a geometrical progression. (Pl. 2, Fig. 1.)

For let the force of gravity be expounded by the given line AC; the force of resitance by the indefinite line AK; the absolute force in the descent of the body by the difference KC; the velocity of the body by a line AP, which shall be a mean proportional between AK and AC; and therefore in a subduplicate ratio of the resitance; the increment of the resitance made in a given particle of time by the lineoles KL; and the contemporaneous increment of the velocity by the lineoles PQ; and with the centre C, and rectangular asymptotes CA, CH, describe any hyperbola BNS meeting the erected perpendiculars AB, KN, LO in B, N, and O. Because AK is as AP, the moment KL of the one will be as the moment 2APQ of the other, that is, as AP × KC; for the increment PQ of the velocity is (by law 2.) proportional to the generating force KC. Let the ratio of KL be compounded with the ratio of KN, and the rectangle KE × KN will become as AP × KC × KN; that is (because the rectangle KC × KN is given), as AP. But the ultimate...
ratio of the hyperbolic area KNOL to the rectangle KL × KN becomes, when the points K and L coincide, the ratio of equality. Therefore that hyperbolic evanescent area is as AP. Therefore the whole hyperbolic area ABOL is composed of particles KNOL which are always proportional to the velocity AP; and therefore is itself proportional to the space described with that velocity. Let that area be now divided into equal parts, as ABMI, IMNK, KNOL, &c. and the absolute forces AC, IC, KC, LC, &c. will be in a geometrical progression. Q.E.D. And by a like reasoning, in the ascent of the body, taking, on the contrary side of the point A, the equal areas ABmi, imnk, knol, &c. it will appear that the absolute forces AC, iC, kC, lC, &c. are continually proportional. Therefore if all the spaces in the ascent and descent are taken equal, all the absolute forces lC, kC, iC, AC, IC, KC, LC, &c. will be continually proportional. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Hence if the space described be expanded by the hyperbolic area ABNK, the force of gravity, the velocity of the body, and the resistance of the medium, may be expanded by the lines AC, AP, and AK respectively; and vice versa.

Cor. 2. And the greatest velocity which the body can ever acquire in an infinite descent will be expanded by the line AC.

Cor. 3. Therefore if the resistance of the medium answering to any given velocity be known, the greatest velocity will be found, by taking it to that given velocity in a ratio subduplicate of the ratio which the force of gravity bears to that known resistance of the medium.

PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM VII.
Supposing what is above demonstrated, I say, that if the tangents of the angles of the sector of a circle, and of an hyperbola, be taken proportional to the velocities, the radius being of a fit magnitude, all the time of the ascent to the highest place will be as the sector of the circle, and all the time of descending from the highest place as the sector of the hyperbola.

(Pl. 2, Fig. 2.)

To the right line AC, which expresses the force of gravity, let AD be drawn perpendicular and equal. From the centre D with the semi-diameter AD describe as well the quadrant
AtE of a circle, as the rectangular hyperbola AVZ, whose axis is AK, principal vertex A, and asymptote DC. Let DP, DP be drawn; and the circular sector AtD will be as all the time of the ascent to the highest place; and the hyperbolic sector ATD as all the time of descent from the highest place; if so be that the tangents AP, AP of those sectors be as the velocities. (Pl. 2, Fig. 2.)

Case 1. Draw DvP cutting off the moments or least particles tDv and qDP, described in the same time, of the sector ADt and of the triangle ADp. Since those particles (because of the common angle D) are in a duplicate ratio of the sides, the particle tDv will be as \( \frac{qDP \times tD^2}{pD^2} \), that is (because tD is given), as \( \frac{qDP}{pD^2} \). But pD^2 is AD^2 + Ap^2, that is, AD^2 + AD \times Ak, or AD \times Ck; and qDP is \( \frac{1}{2} AD \times pq \). Therefore tDv, the particle of the sector, is as \( \frac{pq}{Ck} \); that is, as the least decrement pq of the velocity directly, and the force Ck which diminishes the velocity, inversely; and therefore as the particle of time answering to the decrement of the velocity. And, by composition, the sum of all the particles tDv in the sector ADt will be as the sum of the particles of time answering to each of the least particles pq of the decreasing velocity AP, till that velocity, being diminished into nothing, vanishes; that is the whole sector ADt is as the whole time of ascent to the highest place. Q.E.D.

Case 2. Draw DQV cutting off the least particles TDV and PDQ of the sector DAV, and of the triangle DAQ; and these particles will be to each other as DT^2 to DP^2, that is (if TX and AP are parallel), as DX^2 to DA^2 or TX^2 to AP^2; and, by division, as DX^2 − TX^2 to DA^2 − AP^2. But, from the nature of the hyperbola, DX^2 − TX^2 is AD^2; and, by the supposition, AP^2 is AD \times AK. Therefore the particles are to each other as AD^2 to AD^2 − AD \times AK; that is, as AD to AD − AK or AC to CK; and therefore the particle TDV of the sector is \( \frac{PDQ \times AC}{CK} \); and therefore (because AC
and AD are given) as \( \frac{PQ}{CK} \); that is, as the increment of the velocity directly, and as the force generating the increment inversely; and therefore as the particle of the time answering to the increment. And, by composition, the sum of the particles of time, in which all the particles PQ of the velocity AP are generated, will be as the sum of the particles of the sector ATD; that is, the whole time will be as the whole sector. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Hence if AB be equal to a fourth part of AC, the space which a body will describe by falling in any time will be to the space which the body could describe, by moving uniformly on in the same time with its greatest velocity AC, as the area ABNK, which expresses the space described in falling to the area ATD, which expresses the time. For since AC is to AP as AP to AK, then (by cor. 1, lem. 2, of this book) LK is to PQ as 2AK to AP, that is, as 2AP to AC, and thence LK is to \( \frac{1}{2} \)PQ as AP to \( \frac{1}{2} \)AC or AB; and KN is to AC or AD as AB to CK; and, therefore, \textit{ex aequo}, LKNO to DPQ as AP to CK. But DPQ was to DTV as CK to AC. Therefore, \textit{ex aequo}, LKNO is to DTV as AP to AC; that is, as the velocity of the falling body to the greatest velocity which the body by falling can acquire. Since, therefore, the moments LKNO and DTV of the areas ABNK and ATD are as the velocities, all the parts of those areas generated in the same time will be as the spaces described in the same time; and therefore the whole areas ABNK and ATD, generated from the beginning, will be as the whole spaces described from the beginning of the descent. Q.E.D.

Cor. 2. The same is true also of the space described in the ascent. That is to say, that all that space is to the space described in the same time, with the uniform velocity AC, as the area ABNK is to the sector ADT.

Cor. 3. The velocity of the body, falling in the time ATD, is to the velocity which it would acquire in the same time in a non-resisting space, as the triangle APD to the hyperbolic sector ATD. For the velocity in a non-resisting medium would be as the time ATD, and in a resisting medium is as
AP, that is, as the triangle APD. And those velocities, at
the beginning of the descent APD, are equal among themselves,
as well as those areas ATD, APD.

Cor. 4. By the same argument, the velocity in the ascent
is to the velocity with which the body in the same time, in a
non-resisting space, would lose all its motion of ascent, as the
triangle ApD to the circular sector AtD; or as the right line
Ap to the arc At.

Cor. 5. Therefore the time in which a body, by falling in
a resisting medium, would acquire the velocity AP, is to the
time in which it would acquire its greatest velocity AC, by
falling in a non-resisting space, as the sector ADT to the tri-
gle ADC: and the time in which it would lose its velocity
Ap, by ascending in a resisting medium, is to the time in which
it would lose the same velocity by ascending in a non-resisting
space, as the arc At to its tangent Ap.

Cor. 6. Hence from the given time there is given the
space described in the ascent or descent. For the greatest
velocity of a body descending in infinitum is given (by corol.
2 and 3, theor. 6, of this book); and thence the time is
given in which a body would acquire that velocity by falling
in a non-resisting space. And taking the sector ADT or
ADt to the triangle ADC in the ratio of the given time to
the time just now found, there will be given both the velocity
AP or Ap, and the area ABNK or ABnk, which is to the
sector ADT, or ADt, as the space sought to the space which
would, in the given time, be uniformly described with that
greatest velocity found just before.

Cor. 7. And by going backward, from the given space of
ascent or descent ABnk or ABNK, there will be given the time
ADt or ADT.

PROPOSITION X. PROBLEM III.
Suppose the uniform force of gravity to tend directly to the
plane of the horizon, and the resistance to be as the density of
the medium and the square of the velocity conjunctly: it is
proposed to find the density of the medium in each place,
which shall make the body move in any given curve line; the
velocity of the body and the resistance of the medium in
each place. (Pl. 2, Fig. 3.)

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Let PQ be a plane perpendicular to the plane of the scheme itself; PFHQ a curve line meeting that plane in the points P and Q; G, H, I, K four places of the body going on in this curve from F to Q; and GB, HC, ID, KE four parallel ordinates let fall from these points to the horizon, and standing on the horizontal line PQ at the points B, C, D, E; and let the distances BC, CD, DE, of the ordinates be equal among themselves. From the points G and H let the right lines GL, HN, be drawn touching the curve in G and H, and meeting the ordinates CH, DI, produced upwards, in L and N; and complete the parallelogram HCDM. And the times in which the body describes the arcs GH, HI, will be in a subduplicate ratio of the altitudes LH, NI, which the bodies would describe in those times, by falling from the tangents; and the velocities will be as the lengths described GH, HI directly, and the times inversely. Let the times be expounded by \( T \) and \( t \), and the velocities by \( \frac{GH}{T} \) and \( \frac{HI}{t} \); and the decrement of the velocity produced in the time \( t \) will be expounded by \( \frac{GH}{T} - \frac{HI}{t} \). This decrement arises from the resistance which retards the body, and from the gravity which accelerates it. Gravity, in a falling body, which in its fall describes the space NI, produces a velocity with which it would be able to describe twice that space in the same time, as Galileo has demonstrated; that is, the velocity \( \frac{2NI}{t} \): but if the body describes the arc HI, it augments that arc only by the length \( HI - HN = \frac{MI \times NI}{HI} \); and therefore generates only the velocity \( \frac{2MI \times NI}{t \times HI} \). Let this velocity be added to the before-mentioned decrement, and we shall have the decrement of the velocity arising from the resistance alone, that is, \( \frac{GH}{T} - \frac{HI}{t} + \frac{2MI \times NI}{t \times HI} \). Therefore since, in the same time, the action of gravity generates, in a falling
body, the velocity \( \frac{2NI}{t} \), the resistance will be to the gravity 
\[
\frac{GH}{T} - \frac{HI}{t} + \frac{2MI \times NI}{t \times HI} \text{ to } \frac{2NI}{t} \text{ or as } \frac{t \times GH}{T} - \frac{HI}{HI} + \frac{2MI \times NI}{HI} \text{ to } 2NI.
\]

Now for the abscissas CB, CD, CE, put \(-o, o, 2o\). For the ordinate CH put \(P\); and for MI put any series \(Qo + Ro^2 + So^2\), &c. And all the terms of the series after the first, that is, \(Ro^2 + So^2\), &c. will be \(NI\); and the ordinates DI, EK, and \(BG\) will be \(P - Qo - Ro^2 - So^2\), &c. \(P - 2Qo - 4Ro^2 - 8So^2\), &c. and \(P + Qo - Ro^2 + So^2\), &c. respectively. And by squaring the differences of the ordinates \(BG - CH\) and \(CH - DI\), and to the squares thence produced adding the squares of BC and CD themselves, you will have \(oo + QQoo - 2QRo^2\), &c. and \(oo + QQoo + 2QRo^2\), &c. the squares of the arcs \(GH, HI\); whose roots
\[
o \sqrt{1 + QQ} = \frac{QRoo}{\sqrt{1 + QQ}}, \text{ and } o \sqrt{1 + QQ} + \frac{QRoo}{\sqrt{1 + QQ}}
\]
are the arcs \(GH\) and \(HI\). Moreover, if from the ordinate \(CH\) there be subducted half the sum of the ordinates \(BG\) and \(DI\), and from the ordinate \(DI\) there be subducted half the sum of the ordinates \(CH\) and \(EK\), there will remain \(Roo + 2So^2\), the verified fines of the arcs \(GI\) and \(HK\). And these are proportional to the lineæ \(LH\) and \(NI\), and therefore in the duplicate ratio of the infinitely small times \(T\) and \(t\):
and thence the ratio \(\frac{t}{T}\) is \(\sqrt{\frac{R + 2So}{R}} \text{ or } \frac{R + \frac{3So}{2}}{R}\); and
\[
\frac{t \times GH}{T} - \frac{HI + \frac{2MI \times NI}{HI}}{HI}, \text{ by substituting the values of }
\]
\[
\frac{t}{T}, \text{ GH, HI, MI and NI just found, becomes } \frac{3So}{2R} \sqrt{1 + QQ}.
\]
And since \(2NI\) is \(2Roo\), the resistance will be now to the gravity as \(\frac{3So}{2R} \sqrt{1 + QQ}\) to \(2Roo\), that is, as \(3S\sqrt{1 + QQ}\) to \(4RR\).
And the velocity will be such, that a body going off there- 
with from any place H, in the direction of the tangent "HN, 
would describe, in vacuo, a parabola, whose diameter is "HC, 
and its latus rectum \( \frac{HN^2}{NI} \) or \( \frac{1 + QQ}{R} \). 

And the resistance is as the density of the medium and the 
square of the velocity conjunctly; and therefore the density of 
the medium is as the resistance directly, and the square of 
the velocity inversely; that is, as \( \frac{3S \sqrt{1 + QQ}}{4RR} \) directly and 
\( \frac{1 + QQ}{R} \) inversely; that is, as \( \frac{S}{R \sqrt{1 + QQ}} \). Q.E.I.

Cor. 1. If the tangent HN be produced both ways, so as 
to meet any ordinate AF in \( \frac{HT}{AC} \), will be equal to \( \sqrt{1 + QQ} \), 
and therefore in what has gone before may be put for \( \sqrt{1 + QQ} \). 
By this means the resistance will be to the gravity as \( 3S \times HT \) 
to \( 4RR \times AC \); the velocity will be as \( \frac{HT}{AC \sqrt{R}} \), and the den-
sity of the medium will be as \( \frac{S \times AC}{R \times HT} \).

Cor. 2. And hence, if the curve line PFHQ be defined 
by the relation between the base or abscissa AC and the or-
dinate CH, as is usual, and the value of the ordinate be 
resolved into a converging series, the problem will be expedi-
tiously solved by the first terms of the series; as in the fol-
lowing examples.

Example 1. Let the line PFHQ be a semi-circle describ-
ed upon the diameter PQ, to find the density of the medium 
that shall make a projectile move in that line.

Bisect the diameter PQ in A; and call AQ, n; AC, a; 
CH, e; and CD, o: then DI would have a = AD = \( \frac{nn}{2ao} \) 
\( \frac{ao}{2e} \) \( \frac{oo}{2e^2} \) \( \frac{aa}{2e^3} \); and the root being ex-
tracted by our method, will give DI = e = \( \frac{ao}{e} \) \( \frac{oo}{2e} \) \( \frac{aa}{2e^2} \) \( \frac{ao^3}{2e^3} \) \( \frac{a^3o^3}{2e^5} \), &c. Here put \( \frac{nn}{ee} = \frac{aa}{ee} \), and
DI will become \[ e = \frac{ao}{e} - \frac{nnoo}{2e^3} - \frac{anno^1}{2e^3} - \&c. \]

Such series I distinguish into successive terms after this manner: I call that the first term in which the infinitely small quantity \( o \) is not found; the second, in which that quantity is of one dimension only; the third, in which it arises to two dimensions; the fourth, in which it is of three; and so ad infinitum. And the first term, which here is \( e \), will always denote the length of the ordinate \( \text{CH} \), standing at the beginning of the indefinite quantity \( o \). The second term, which here is \( \frac{ao}{e} \), will denote the difference between \( \text{CH} \) and \( \text{DN} \); that is, the lineolæ \( \text{MN} \) which is cut off by completing the parallelogram \( \text{HCDM} \); and therefore always determines the position of the tangent \( \text{HN} \); as, in this case, by taking \( \text{MN} \) to \( \text{HM} \) as \( \frac{ao}{e} \) to \( o \), or \( a \) to \( e \). The third term, which here is \( \frac{nnoo}{2e^3} \), will represent the lineolæ \( \text{IN} \), which lies between the tangent and the curve; and therefore determines the angle of contact \( \text{IHN} \), or the curvature which the curve line has in \( H \). If that lineolæ \( \text{IN} \) is of a finite magnitude, it will be expressed by the third term, together with those that follow in infinitum. But if that lineolæ be diminished in infinitum, the terms following become infinitely less than the third term, and therefore may be neglected. The fourth term determines the variation of the curvature; the fifth, the variation of the variation; and so on. Whence, by the way, appears no contemptible use of these series in the solution of problems that depend upon tangents, and the curvature of curves.

Now compare the series \[ e = \frac{ao}{e} - \frac{nnoo}{2e^3} - \frac{anno^1}{2e^3} - \&c. \] with the series \( P - Qo - Roo - So^1 - \&c. \) and for \( P, Q, R \) and \( S \), put \( e = \frac{nn}{2e^3} \) and \( \frac{nn}{2e^3} \), and for \( \sqrt{1 + QQ} \) put \( 1 + \frac{aa}{ee} \) or \( \sqrt[3]{n} \); and the density of the medium will come out as \( \frac{a}{ne} \).
that is (because \( n \) is given), as \( \frac{a}{e} \) or \( \frac{AC}{CH} \), that is, as that length of the tangent HT, which is terminated at the semi-diameter AF standing perpendicularly on PQ; and the resistance will be to the gravity as \( 3a \) to \( 2n \), that is, as \( 3AC \) to the diameter PQ of the circle; and the velocity will be as \( \sqrt{CH} \). Therefore if the body goes from the place F, with a due velocity, in the direction of a line parallel to PQ, and the density of the medium in each of the places H is as the length of the tangent HT, and the resistance also in any place H is to the force of gravity as \( 3AC \) to PQ, that body will describe the quadrant FHQ of a circle. Q.E.I.

But if the same body should go from the place P, in the direction of a line perpendicular to PQ, and should begin to move in an arc of the semi-circle PFQ, we must take AC or a on the contrary side of the centre A; and therefore its sign must be changed, and we must put — a for + a. Then the density of the medium would come out as — \( \frac{a}{e} \). But nature does not admit of a negative density, that is, a density which accelerates the motion of bodies; and therefore it cannot naturally come to pass that a body by ascending from P should describe the quadrant PF of a circle. To produce such an effect, a body ought to be accelerated by an impelling medium, and not impeded by a resisting one.

**Example 2.** Let the line PFQ be a parabola, having its axis AF perpendicular to the horizon PQ, to find the density of the medium, which will make a projectile move in that line. (Pl. 2, Fig. 4).

From the nature of the parabola, the rectangle PDQ is equal to the rectangle under the ordinate DI and some given right line: that is, if that right line be called \( b \); \( PC, a' \); \( PQ, c \); \( CH, e \); and \( CD, o \); the rectangle \( a + o \) into \( c - a - o \) or \( ac - aa - 2ao + co - oo \), is equal to the rectangle \( b \) into \( DI \), and therefore \( DI \) is equal to \( \frac{ac - aa + c - 2a}{b} o - \frac{oo}{b} \).

Now the second term \( \frac{c - 2a}{b} o \) of this series is to be put for
Qo, and the third term \( \frac{oo}{b} \) for Roo. But since there are no more terms, the coefficient \( S \) of the fourth term will vanish; and therefore the quantity \( \frac{S}{R \sqrt{1 + QQ}} \), to which the density of the medium is proportional, will be nothing. Therefore, where the medium is of no density, the projectile will move in a parabola; as Galileo hath heretofore demonstrated. Q.E.I.

**Example 3.** Let the line AGK be an hyperbola, having its asymptote NX perpendicular to the horizontal plane AK, to find the density of the medium that will make a projectile move in that line. (Pl. 2, Fig. 5.)

Let MX be the other asymptote, meeting the ordinate DG produced in V; and, from the nature of the hyperbola, the rectangle of XV into VG will be given. There is also given the ratio of DN to VX, and therefore the rectangle of DN into VG is given. Let that be \( bb \); and, completing the parallelogram DNXZ, let BN be called \( a \); BD, \( o \); NX, \( c \); and let the given ratio of VZ to ZX or DN be \( \frac{m}{n} \). Then DN will be equal to \( a - o \), VG equal to \( \frac{bb}{a - o} \), VZ equal to \( \frac{m}{n} x a - o \),

and GD or NX — VZ — VG equal to \( c - \frac{m}{n} a + \frac{m}{n} o - \frac{bb}{a - o} \). Let the term \( \frac{bb}{a - o} \) be resolved into the converging series \( \frac{bb}{a} + \frac{bb}{aa} o + \frac{bb}{a^3} oo + \frac{bb}{a^4} o^4 \), \&c. and GD will become equal to \( c - \frac{m}{n} a - \frac{bb}{a} + \frac{m}{a} o - \frac{bb}{aa} o - \frac{bb}{a^2} o^2 - \frac{bb}{a^3} o^3 \), \&c. The second term \( \frac{m}{n} o - \frac{bb}{aa} o \) of this series is to be used for Qo; the third \( \frac{bb}{a^2} o^2 \) with its sign changed for Roo; and the fourth \( \frac{bb}{a^3} o^3 \) with its sign changed also for So.
and their coefficients $\frac{m}{n} - \frac{bb}{aa} \frac{bb}{a^2}$ and $\frac{bb}{a^4}$ are to be put for $Q$, $R$, and $S$ in the former rule. Which being done, the density of the medium will come out as

$$\frac{bb}{a^4} \sqrt{\frac{mm}{1+\frac{2mmb}{naa} + \frac{b^4}{aa}}},$$

or

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{aa + \frac{mm}{nn} \frac{aa}{nn} - \frac{2mmb}{n} + \frac{bb}{aa}}}$$

that is, if in $VZ$ you take $VY$ equal to $VG$, as $\frac{1}{XY}$. For $aa$ and $\frac{m^2}{n^2} \frac{b^4}{a^4}$ are the squares of $XZ$ and $ZY$. But the ratio of the resistance to gravity is found to be that of $3XY$ to $2YG$; and the velocity is that with which the body would describe a parabola, whose vertex is $G$, diameter $DG$, latus rectum $\frac{XY^2}{VG}$. Suppose, therefore, that the densities of the medium in each of the places $G$ are reciprocally as the distances $XY$, and that the resistance in any place $G$ is to the gravity as $3XY$ to $2YG$; and a body let go from the place $A$, with a due velocity, will describe that hyperbola $AGK$. Q.E.I.

Example 4. Suppose, indefinitely, the line $AGK$ to be an hyperbola described with the centre $X$, and the asymptotes $MX$, $NX$, so that, having constructed the rectangle $XZN$, whose side $ZD$ cuts the hyperbola in $G$ and its asymptote in $V$, $VG$ may be reciprocally as any power $DN^n$ of the line $ZX$ or $DN$, whose index is the number $n$: to find the density of the medium in which a projected body will describe this curve. (Pl. 2, Fig. 5.)

For $BN$, $BD$, $NX$, put $A$, $O$, $C$ respectively, and let $VZ$ be to $XZ$ or $DN$ as $d$ to $e$, and $VG$ be equal to $\frac{bb}{DN^2}$; then $DN$ will be equal to $A-O$, $VG = \frac{bb}{A-O}$, $VZ = \frac{d}{A-O}$, and $GD$ or $NX - VZ - VG$ equal to $C - \frac{d}{e} A + \frac{d}{e} O -$.
Let the term \( \frac{bb}{A - O^a} \) be resolved into an infinite series

\[
\frac{bb}{A - O^a} = \frac{nbb}{A^n} + \frac{nn + n}{2A^{n+2}} + \frac{nn + 2n}{6A^{n+3}}
\]

\( \times \) bb O^a, &c. and GD will be equal to C \( - \frac{d}{e} \frac{bb}{A^n} + \frac{d}{e} \frac{O}{O^a} \)

\[
- \frac{nbb}{A^{n+1}} + \frac{nn + n}{2A^{n+2}} bb O^a + \frac{n^3 + 3nn + 2n}{6A^{n+3}} bbO^a^2
\]

&c. The second term \( \frac{d}{e} O - \frac{nbb}{A^{n+1}} O \) of this series is to be used for QO, the third \( \frac{nn + n}{2A^{n+2}} bbO^a \) for ROO, the fourth \( \frac{n^3 + 3nn + 2n}{6A^{n+3}} bbO^a^2 \) for SO. And thence the density of the medium \( \frac{S}{R\sqrt{1 + QQ}} \) in any place G, will be

\[
\frac{n + 2}{3\sqrt{A^2 + \frac{dd}{ee} A^2 - \frac{2dnnbb}{eA^n} A + \frac{nnbb^4}{A^n}}}
\]

and therefore if in VZ you take VY equal to \( n \times VG \), that density is reciprocally as XY. For \( A^2 + \frac{dd}{ee} A^2 - \frac{2dnnbb}{eA^n} A + \frac{nnbb^4}{A^n} \) are the squares of XZ and ZY. But the resistance in the same place G is to the force of gravity as \( 3S \times \frac{XY}{A} \) to 4RR, that is, as XY to \( \frac{2nn + 2n}{n + 2} VG \). And the velocity there is the same where with the projected body would move in a parabola, whose vertex is G, diameter GD, and latus rectum \( \frac{1 + QQ}{R} \) or \( \frac{2XY^2}{nn + n \times VG} \).

Q.E.I.

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In the same manner that the density of the medium comes out to be as \( S \times AC \) in cor. 1, if the resistance is put as any power \( V^a \) of the velocity \( V \), the density of the medium
will come out to be as \( \frac{S}{\frac{4-n}{2}} \times \frac{AC}{HT} \). (Fig. 3.)

And therefore if a curve can be found, such that the ratio of \( \frac{S}{\frac{4-n}{2}} \) to \( \frac{HT}{AC} \) to \( \frac{S}{R^{\frac{n}{2}}} \), or of \( \frac{S}{R^{\frac{n}{2}}} \) to \( 1 + QQ^{n-1} \) may be given; the body, in an uniform medium, whose resistence is as the power \( V^n \) of the velocity \( V \), will move in this curve. But let us return to more simple curves.

Because there can be no motion in a parabola except in a non-resisting medium, but in the hyperbolas here described it is produced by a perpetual resistence; it is evident that the line which a projectile describes in an uniformly resisting medium approaches nearer to these hyperbolas than to a parabola. That line is certainly of the hyperbolic kind, but about the vertex it is more distant from the asymptotes, and in the parts remote from the vertex draws nearer to them than these hyperbolas here described. The difference, however, is not so great between the one and the other but that these latter may be commodiously enough used in practice instead of the former. And perhaps these may prove more useful than an hyperbola that is more accurate, and at the same time more compounded. They may be made use of, then, in this manner. (Pl. 2, Fig. 5.)

Complete the parallelogram XYGT, and the right line GT will touch the hyperbola in G, and therefore the density of the medium in G is reciprocally as the tangent GT, and the velocity there as \( \sqrt{\frac{GT}{GV}} \); and the resistence is to the force of gravity as GT to \( \frac{2nn + 2n}{n + 2} \times GV \).

Therefore if a body projected from the place A, in the direction of the right line AH (Pl. 2, Fig. 6), describes the hyperbola AGK, and AH produced meets the asymptote NX in H; and AI drawn parallel to it meets the other asymptote MX in I; the density of the medium in A will be reciprocally as AH, and the velocity of the body as \( \sqrt{\frac{AH}{AI}} \), and the resistence
there to the force of gravity as $AH$ to $\frac{2nn + 2n}{n + 2} \times AI$.

Hence the following rules are deduced.

**Rule 1.** If the density of the medium at A, and the velocity with which the body is projected, remain the same, and the angle NAH be changed; the lengths AH, AI, HX will remain. Therefore if those lengths, in any one case, are found, the hyperbola may afterwards be easily determined from any given angle NAH.

**Rule 2.** If the angle NAH, and the density of the medium at A, remain the same, and the velocity with which the body is projected be changed, the length AH will continue the same; and AI will be changed in a duplicate ratio of the velocity reciprocally.

**Rule 3.** If the angle NAH, the velocity of the body at A, and the accelerative gravity remain the same, and the proportion of the resistance at A to the motive gravity be augmented in any ratio; the proportion of AH to AI will be augmented in the same ratio, the latus rectum of the above mentioned parabola remaining the same, and also the length $\frac{AH}{AI}$ proportional to it; and therefore AH will be diminished in the same ratio, and AI will be diminished in the duplicate of that ratio. But the proportion of the resistance to the weight is augmented, when either the specific gravity is made less; the magnitude remaining equal, or when the density of the medium is made greater, or when, by diminishing the magnitude, the resistance becomes diminished in a less ratio than the weight.

**Rule 4.** Because the density of the medium is greater near the vertex of the hyperbola than it is in the place A, that a mean density may be preserved, the ratio of the leaf of the tangents GT to the tangent AH ought to be found, and the density in A augmented in a ratio a little greater than that of half the sum of those tangents to the leaf of the tangents GT.

**Rule 5.** If the lengths AH, AI are given, and the figure AGK is to be described, produce HN to X, so that HX may
be to $AI$ as $n + 1$ to $1$; and with the centre $X$, and the asymptotes $MX$, $NX$, describe an hyperbola through the point $A$, such that $AI$ may be to any of the lines $VG$ as $XV^n$ to $XI^n$.

Rule 6. By how much the greater the number $n$ is, so much the more accurate are these hyperbolas in the ascent of the body from $A$, and less accurate in its descent to $K$; and the contrary. The conic hyperbola keeps a mean ratio between these, and is more simple than the rest. Therefore if the hyperbola be of this kind, and you are to find the point $K$, where the projected body falls upon any right line $AN$ passing through the point $A$, let $AN$ produced meet the asymptotes $MX$, $NX$ in $M$ and $N$, and take $NK$ equal to $AM$.

Rule 7. And hence appears an expeditious method of determining this hyperbola from the phenomena. Let two similar and equal bodies be projected with the same velocity, in different angles $HAK$, $hAk$ (Pl. 2, Fig. 6), and let them fall upon the plane of the horizon in $K$ and $k$; and note the proportion of $AK$ to $Ak$. Let it be as $d$ to $e$. Then erecting a perpendicular $AI$ of any length, assume any how the length $AH$ or $Ah$, and thence graphically, or by scale and compasses, collect the lengths $AK$, $Ak$ (by rule 6). If the ratio of $AK$ to $Ak$ be the same with that of $d$ to $e$, the length of $AH$ was rightly assumed. If not, take on the indefinite right line $SM$ (Pl. 2, Fig. 7), the length $SM$ equal to the assumed $AH$; and erect a perpendicular $MN$ equal to the difference $\frac{AK}{Ak} - \frac{d}{e}$ of the ratios drawn into any given right line. By the like method, from several assumed lengths $AH$, you may find several points $N$; and draw through them all a regular curve $NNXX$, cutting the right line $SMMM$ in $X$. Lastly, assume $AH$ equal to the abscissa $SX$, and thence find again the length $AK$; and the lengths, which are to the assumed length $AI$, and this last $AH$, as the length $AK$ known by experiment, to the length $AK$ last found, will be the true lengths $AI$ and $AH$, which were to be found. But these being given, there will be given also the resistive forces of the medium in the place $A$, it being to
the force of gravity as AH to 2AI. Let the density of the medium be increased by rule 4, and if the resifting force just found be increased in the same ratio, it will become still more accurate.

Rule 8. The lengths AH, HX being found; let there be now required the position of the line AH, according to which a projectile thrown with that given velocity shall fall upon any point K. At the points A and K (Pl. 2, Fig. 6) erect the lines AC, KF perpendicular to the horizon; whereof let AC be drawn downwards, and be equal to AI or \( \frac{1}{2}HX \). With the asymptotes AK, KF, describe an hyperbola, whose conjugate shall pass through the point C; and from the centre A, with the interval AH, describe a circle cutting that hyperbola in the point H; then the projectile thrown in the direction of the right line AH will fall upon the point K. Q.E.I. For the point H, because of the given length AH, must be somewhere in the circumference of the described circle. Draw CH meeting AK and KF in E and F; and because CH, MX are parallel, and AC, AI equal, AE will be equal to AM, and therefore also equal to KN. But CE is to AE as FH to KN, and, therefore CE and FH are equal. Therefore the point H falls upon the hyperbolic curve described with the asymptotes AK, KF, whose conjugate passes through the point C; and is therefore found in the common intersection of this hyperbolic curve and the circumference of the described circle. Q.E.D. It is to be observed that this operation is the same, whether the right line AKN be parallel to the horizon, or inclined thereto in any angle; and that from two intersections H, H, there arise two angles NAH, NAH; and that in mechanical practice it is sufficient once to describe a circle, then to apply a ruler CH, of an indeterminate length, so to the point C, that its part FH, intercepted between the circle and the right line FK, may be equal to its part CE placed between the point C and the right line AK.

What has been said of hyperbolas may be easily applied to parabolas. For if (Pl. 2, Fig. 8) a parabola be represented by XAGK, touched by a right line XV in the vertex X, and the ordinates IA, VG be as any powers XI\(n\), XV\(n\), of the ab-

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Scienses XI, XV; draw XT, GT, AH, whereof let XT be parallel to VG, and let GT, AH touch the parabola in G and A: and a body projected from any place A, in the direction of the right line AH, with a due velocity, will describe this parabola, if the density of the medium in each of the places G be reciprocally as the tangent GT. In that case the velocity in G will be the same as would cause a body, moving in a non-refracting space, to describe a conic parabola, having G for its vertex, VG produced downwards for its diameter, and \( \frac{2GT}{n} \) for its latus rectum. And the refracting force in G will be to the force of gravity as GT to \( \frac{2mn - 2n}{n - 2} \) VG.

Therefore if NAK represent an horizontal line, and both the density of the medium at A, and the velocity with which the body is projected, remaining the same, the angle NAH be any how altered, the lengths AH, AI, HX will remain; and thence will be given the vertex X of the parabola, and the position of the right line XI; and by taking VG to IA as XV to XI, there will be given all the points G of the parabola, through which the projectile will pass.

SECTION III.

Of the motions of bodies which are refracted partly in the ratio of the velocities, and partly in the duplicate of the same ratio.

PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM VIII.

If a body be refracted partly in the ratio and partly in the duplicate ratio of its velocity, and moves in a similar medium by its innate force only; and the times be taken in arithmetical progression; then quantities reciprocally proportional to the velocities, increased by a certain given quantity, will be in geometrical progression. (Pl. 3, Fig. 1.)

With the centre C, and the rectangular asymptotes CADd and CH, describe an hyperbola BBe, and let AB, DE, de, be parallel to the asymptote CH. In the asymptote CD let A, G be given points; and if the time be expounded by the hyperbolic area ABED uniformly increasing, I say, that the velocity may be expressed by the length DF, whose reciprocal
GD, together with the given line CG, compose the length CD increasing in a geometrical progression.

For let the areola DEed be the least given increment of the time, and Dd will be reciprocally as DE, and therefore directly as CD. Therefore the decrement of \( \frac{1}{GD} \) which (by lem. 2, book 2) is \( \frac{Dd}{GD} \), will be also as \( \frac{CD}{GD} \) or \( \frac{CG + GD}{GD} \), that is, as \( \frac{1}{GD} + \frac{CG}{GD^2} \). Therefore the time ABED uniformly increasing by the addition of the given particles EDde, it follows that \( \frac{1}{GD} \) decreases in the same ratio with the velocity.

For the decrement of the velocity is as the resistance, that is (by the supposition), as the sum of two quantities, whereof one is as the velocity, and the other as the square of the velocity; and the decrement of \( \frac{1}{GD} \) is as the sum of the quantities \( \frac{1}{GD} \) and \( \frac{CG}{GD^2} \), whereof the first is \( \frac{1}{GD} \) itself, and the last \( \frac{CG}{GD^2} \), is as \( \frac{1}{GD^2} \); therefore \( \frac{1}{GD} \) is as the velocity, the decrements of both being analogous. And if the quantity GD, reciprocally proportional to \( \frac{1}{GD} \) be augmented by the given quantity CG; the sum CD, the time ABED uniformly increasing, will increase in a geometrical progression. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore, if, having the points A and G given, the time be expounded by the hyperbolic area ABED, the velocity may be expounded by \( \frac{1}{GD} \) the reciprocal of GD.

Cor. 2. And by taking GA to GD as the reciprocal of the velocity at the beginning to the reciprocal of the velocity at the end of any time ABED, the point G will be found. And that point being found, the velocity may be found from any other time given.

**PROPOSITION XII. THEOREM IX.**

The same things being supposed, I say, that if the spaces described are taken in arithmetical progression, the velocities
augmented by a certain given quantity will be in geometrical
progression. (Pl. 3, Fig. 2.)

In the asymptote CD let there be given the point R, and,
erection the perpendicular RS meeting the hyperbola in S, let
the space described be expounded by the hyperbolic area
RSED; and the velocity will be as the length GD, which,
together with the given line CG, compose a length CD de-
creasing in a geometrical progression, while the space RSED
increases in an arithmetical progression.

For, because the increment EDde of the space is given,
the lineolæ Dd, which is the decrement of GD, will be reci-
procally as ED, and therefore directly as CD; that is, as the
sum of the fame GD and the given length CG. But the de-
crement of the velocity, in a time reciprocally proportional
thereto, in which the given particle of space DdeE is de-
scribed, is as the resistence and the time conjunctly, that is,
directly as the sum of two quantities, whereof one is as the
velocity, the other as the square of the velocity, and inversely
as the velocity; and therefore directly as the sum of two
quantities, one of which is given, the other is as the velocity.
Therefore the decrement both of the velocity and the line GD
is as a given quantity and a decreasing quantity conjunctly;
and, because the decrements are analogous, the decreasing
quantities will always be analogous; viz. the velocity, and the
line GD. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. If the velocity be expounded by the length GD, the
space described will be as the hyperbolic area DESR.

Cor. 2. And if the point R be assumed any how, the
point G will be found, by taking GR to GD as the velocity
at the beginning to the velocity after any space RSED is de-
scribed. The point G being given, the space is given from
the given velocity: and the contrary.

Cor. 3. Whence since (by prop. 11) the velocity is given
from the given time, and (by this prop.) the space is given
from the given velocity; the space will be given from the
given time: and the contrary.
PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM X.
Supposing that a body attracted downwards by an uniform gravity ascends or descends in a right line; and that the same is resisted partly in the ratio of its velocity, and partly in the duplicate ratio thereof: I say, that, if right lines parallel to the diameters of a circle and an hyperbola be drawn through the ends of the conjugate diameters, and the velocities be as some segments of those parallels drawn from a given point, the times will be as the sectors of the areas cut off by right lines drawn from the centre to the ends of the segments; and the contrary. (Pl. 3, Fig. 3.)

Case 1. Suppose first that the body is ascending, and from the centre D, with any semi-diameter DB, describe a quadrant BETF of a circle, and through the end B of the semi-diameter DB draw the indefinite line BAP, parallel to the semi-diameter DF. In that line let there be given the point A, and take the segment AP proportional to the velocity. And since one part of the resistance is as the velocity, and another part as the square of the velocity, let the whole resistance be as $AP^2 + 2BAP$. Join DA, DP, cutting the circle in E and T, and let the gravity be expounded by DA, so that the gravity shall be to the resistance in P as $DA^2$ to $AP^2 + 2BAP$; and the time of the whole ascent will be as the sector EDT of the circle.

For draw DVQ, cutting off the moment PQ of the velocity AP, and the moment DTV of the sector DET answering to a given moment of time; and that decrement PQ of the velocity will be as the sum of the forces of gravity $DA^2$ and of resistance $AP^2 + 2BAP$, that is (by 12 prop. 2 book, elem.), as $DP^2$. Then the area DPQ, which is proportional to PQ, is as $DP^2$, and the area DTV, which is to the area DPQ as $DT^2$ to $DP^2$, is as the given quantity $DT^2$. Therefore the area EDT decreases uniformly according to the rate of the future time, by subduction of given particles DTV, and is therefore proportional to the time of the whole ascent. Q.E.D.

Case 2. If the velocity in the ascent of the body be expounded by the length AP as before, and the resistance be made as $AP^2 + 2BAP$, and if the force of gravity be left...
than can be expressed by $DA^2$; take $BD$ (Fig. 4) of such a length, that $AB^2 - BD^2$ may be proportional to the gravity, and let $DF$ be perpendicular and equal to $DB$, and through the vertex $F$ describe the hyperbola $FTVE$, whose conjugate semi-diameters are $DB$ and $DF$, and which cuts $DA$ in $E$, and $DP$, $DQ$ in $T$ and $V$; and the time of the whole ascent will be as the hyperbolic sector $TDE$.

For the decrement $PQ$ of the velocity, produced in a given particle of time, is as the sum of the resistance $AP^2 + 2BAP$ and of the gravity $AB^2 - BD^2$, that is, as $BP^2 - BD^2$. But the area $DTV$ is to the area $DPQ$ as $DT^2$ to $DP^2$; and, therefore, if $GT$ be drawn perpendicular to $DF$, as $GT^2$ or $GD^2 - DF^2$ to $BD^2$, and as $GD^2$ to $BP^2$, and, by division, as $DF^2$ to $BP^2 - BD^2$. Therefore since the area $DPQ$ is as $PQ$, that is, as $BP^2 - BD^2$, the area $DTV$ will be as the given quantity $DF^2$. Therefore the area $EDT$ decreases uniformly in each of the equal particles of time, by the subduction of so many given particles $DTV$, and therefore is proportional to the time. Q.E.D.

Case 3. Let $AP$ be the velocity in the descent of the body, and $AP^2 + 2BAP$ the force of resistance, and $BD^2 - AB^2$ the force of gravity, the angle $DBA$ being a right one. And if with the centre $D$, and the principal vertex $B$, there be described a rectangular hyperbola $BETV$ (Pl. 3, Fig. 5) cutting $DA$, $DP$, and $DQ$ produced in $E$, $T$, and $V$; the sector $DET$ of this hyperbola will be as the whole time of descent.

For the increment $PQ$ of the velocity, and the area $DPQ$ proportional to it, is as the excess of the gravity above the resistance, that is, as $BD^2 - AB^2 - 2BAP = AP^2$ or $BD^2 - BP^2$. And the area $DTV$ is to the area $DPQ$ as $DT^2$ to $DP^2$; and therefore as $GT^2$ or $GD^2 - BD^2$ to $BP^2$, and as $GD^2$ to $BD^2$, and, by division, as $BD^2$ to $BD^2 - BP^2$. Therefore since the area $DPQ$ is as $BD^2 - BP^2$, the area $DTV$ will be as the given quantity $BD^2$. Therefore the area $EDT$ increases uniformly in the several equal particles of time by the addition of as many given particles $DTV$, and therefore is proportional to the time of the descent. Q.E.D.
Cor. If with the centre D and the semi-diameter DA there be drawn through the vertex A an arc At similar to the arc BT, and similarly subtending the angle ADT, the velocity AP will be to the velocity which the body in the time EDT, in a non-resisting space, can lose in its ascents, or acquire in its descent, as the area of the triangle DAP to the area of the sector DAAt; and therefore is given from the time given. For the velocity in a non-resisting medium is proportional to the time, and therefore to this sector; in a resisting medium, it is as the triangle; and in both mediums, where it is least, it approaches to the ratio of equality, as the sector and triangle do.

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One may demonstrate also that case in the ascent of the body, where the force of gravity is less than can be expressed by $DA^2$ or $AB^2 + BD^2$, and greater than can be expressed by $AB^2 - DB^2$, and must be expressed by $AB^2$. But I hasten to other things.

PROPOSITION XIV. THEOREM XI.
The same things being supposed, I say, that the space described in the ascent or descent is as the difference of the area by which the time is expressed, and of some other area which is augmented or diminished in an arithmetical progression; if the forces compounded of the resistance and the gravity be taken in a geometrical progression. (Pl. 3, Fig. 6, 7, 8.)

Take AC (in the three last figures) proportional to the gravity, and AK to the resistance; but take them on the same side of the point A, if the body is descending, otherwise on the contrary. Erect Ab, which make to DB as $DB^2$ to 4BAC: and to the rectangular asymptotes CK, CH, describe the hyperbola bN; and, erecting KN perpendicular to CK, the area $AbNK$ will be augmented or diminished in an arithmetical progression, while the forces CK are taken in a geometrical progression. I say, therefore, that the distance of the body from its greatest altitude is as the excess of the area $AbNK$ above the area DET.

For since AK is as the resistance, that is, as $AP^2 \times CBAP$; assume any given quantity $Z$, and put AK equal to
\[
\frac{AP^4 + 2BAP}{Z}; \text{ then (by lem. 2 of this book) the moment KL of AK will be equal to } \frac{2AP^4 + 2BA \times PQ}{Z} \frac{2BPQ}{Z},
\]
and the moment KLON of the area AbNK will be equal to \[
\frac{2BPQ \times LO}{Z} \frac{BPQ \times BD}{Z} \text{ or } \frac{2Z \times CK \times AB}{Z}.
\]

**Case 1.** Now if the body ascends, and the gravity be as \(AB^4 + BD^4\), BET (in Fig. 6), being a circle, the line AC, which is proportional to the gravity, will be \(\frac{AB^4 + BD^4}{Z}\), and \(DP^4\) or \(AP^4 + 2BAP + AB^4 + BD^4\) will be AK \(\times\) Z \(\times\) AC \(\times\) Z or CK \(\times\) Z; and therefore the area DTV will be to the area DPQ as DT to BD to CK \(\times\) Z.

**Case 2.** If the body ascends, and the gravity be as \(AB^4 - BD^4\), the line AC (in Fig. 7) will be \(\frac{AB^4 - BD^4}{Z}\), and DT will be to DP as DF to DB to BP \(\times\) BD or \(AP^4 + 2BAP + AB^4 - BD^4\); that is, to AK \(\times\) Z \(\times\) AC \(\times\) Z or CK \(\times\) Z. And therefore the area DTV will be to the area DPQ as DB to CK \(\times\) Z.

**Case 3.** And by the same reasoning, if the body descends, and therefore the gravity is as \(BD^4 - AB^4\), and the line AC (in Fig. 8) becomes equal to \(\frac{BD^4 - AB^4}{Z}\); the area DTV will be to the area DPQ as DB to CK \(\times\) Z; as above.

Since, therefore, these areas are always in this ratio, if for the area DTV, by which the moment is the time, always equal to itself, is expressed, there be put any determinate rect. angle, as BD \(\times\) m, the area DPQ, that is, \(\frac{1}{4}BD \times PQ\), will be to BD \(\times\) m as CK \(\times\) Z to BD. And thence PQ \(\times\) BD becomes equal to \(2BD \times m \times CK \times Z\), and the moment KLON of the area AbNK, found before, becomes \(\frac{BP \times BD \times m}{AB}\). From the area DET subduct its moment DTV or BD \(\times\) m, and there will remain \(\frac{AP \times BD \times m}{AB}\). There-
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fore the difference of the moments, that is, the moment of the difference of the areas, is equal to $\frac{AP \times BD \times m}{AB}$; and therefore (because of the given quantity $\frac{BD \times m}{AB}$) as the velocity $AP$; that is, as the moment of the space which the body describes in its ascent or descent. And therefore the difference of the areas, and that space, increasing or decreasing by proportional moments, and beginning together or vanishing together, are proportional. Q.E.D.

Cor. If the length, which arises by applying the area DET to the line BD, be called M; and another length V be taken in that ratio to the length M, which the line DA has to the line DE; the space which a body, in a resifting medium, describes in its whole ascent or descent, will be to the space which a body, in a non-resifting medium, falling from rest, can describe in the same time, as the difference of the aforesaid areas to $\frac{BD \times V^2}{AB}$; and therefore is given from the time given. For the space in a non-resifting medium is in a duplicate ratio of the time, or as $V^2$; and, because BD and AB are given, $\frac{BD \times V^2}{AB}$. This area is equal to the area $\frac{DA^2 \times BD \times M^2}{DE^2 \times AB}$ and the moment of M is m; and therefore the moment of this area is $\frac{DA^2 \times BD \times 2M \times m}{DE^2 \times AB}$. But this moment is to the moment of the difference of the aforesaid areas DET and AbNK, viz. to $\frac{AP \times BD \times m}{AB}$, as $\frac{DA^2 \times BD \times M}{DE^2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}BD \times AP$, or as $\frac{DA^2}{DE^2}$ into DET to DAP; and, therefore, when the areas DET and DAP are least, in the ratio of equality. Therefore the area $\frac{BD \times V^2}{AB}$ and the difference of the areas DET and AbNK, when all these areas are least, have equal moments; and are therefore equal. Therefore since the velocities, and
therefore also the spaces in both mediums described together, in the beginning of the descent, or the end of the ascent, approach to equality, and therefore are then one to another as the area $\frac{BD \times V^2}{AB}$, and the difference of the areas DET and AbNK; and moreover since the space, in a non-resisting medium, is perpetually as $\frac{BD \times V^2}{AB}$, and the space, in a resisting medium, is perpetually as the difference of the areas DET and AbNK; it necessarily follows, that the spaces, in both mediums, described in any equal times, are one to another as that area $\frac{BD \times V^2}{AB}$, and the difference of the areas DET and AbNK. Q.E.D.

SCHOLIUM.

The resistance of spherical bodies in fluids arises partly from the tenacity, partly from the attrition, and partly from the density of the medium. And that part of the resistance which arises from the density of the fluid, is, as I said, in a duplicate ratio of the velocity; the other part, which arises from the tenacity of the fluid, is uniform, or as the moment of the time; and, therefore, we might now proceed to the motion of bodies, which are resisted partly by an uniform force, or in the ratio of the moments of the time, and partly in the duplicate ratio of the velocity. But it is sufficient to have cleared the way to this speculation in the 8th and 9th prop. foregoing, and their corollaries. For in those propositions, instead of the uniform resistance made to an ascending body arising from its gravity, one may substitute the uniform resistance which arises from the tenacity of the medium, when the body moves by its vis invidia alone; and when the body ascends in a right line, add this uniform resistance to the force of gravity, and subduct it when the body descends in a right line. One might also go on to the motion of bodies which are resisted in part uniformly, in part in the ratio of the velocity, and in part in the duplicate ratio of the same velo-
city. And I have opened a way to this in the 13th and 14th prop. foregoing, in which the uniform resistance arising from the tenacity of the medium may be substituted for the force of gravity, or be compounded with it as before. But I hasten to other things.

SECTION IV.

Of the circular motion of bodies in resisting mediums.

LEMMA III.

Let PQR be a spiral cutting all the radii SP, SQ, SR, &c. in equal angles. Draw the right line PT touching the spiral in any point P, and cutting the radius SQ in T; draw PO, QO perpendicular to the spiral, and meeting in O, and join SO. I say, that if the points P and Q approach and coincide, the angle PSO will become a right angle, and the ultimate ratio of the rectangle TQ × 2PS to PQ² will be the ratio of equality. (Pl. 4, Fig. 1.)

For from the right angles OPQ, OQR, subduct the equal angles SPQ, SQR, and there will remain the equal angles OPS, OQS. Therefore a circle which passes through the points OSP will pass also through the point Q. Let the points P and Q coincide, and this circle will touch the spiral in the place of coincidence PQ, and will therefore cut the right line OP perpendicularly. Therefore OP will become a diameter of this circle, and the angle OSP, being in a semicircle, becomes a right one. Q.E.D.

Draw QD, SE perpendicular to OP, and the ultimate ratios of the lines will be as follows: TQ to PD as TS or PS to PE, or 2PO to 2PS; and PD to PQ as PQ to 2PO; and, ex æquo perturbatæ, TQ to PQ as PQ to 2PS. Whence PQ² becomes equal to TQ × 2PS. Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XV. THEOREM XII.

If the density of a medium in each place thereof be reciprocally as the distance of the places from an immovable centre, and the centripetal force be in the duplicate ratio of the density; I say, that a body may revolve in a spiral which cuts all the radii drawn from that centre in a given angle. (Pl. 4, Fig. 2.)
Suppose every thing to be as in the foregoing lemma, and produce $SQ$ to $V$ so that $SV$ may be equal to $SP$. In any time let a body, in a resisting medium, describe the least arc $PQ$, and in double the time the least arc $PR$; and the decrements of those arcs arising from the resistance, or their differences from the arcs which would be described in a non-resisting medium in the same times, will be to each other as the squares of the times in which they are generated; therefore the decrement of the arc $PQ$ is the fourth part of the decrement of the arc $PR$. Whence also if the area $QSr$ be taken equal to the area $PSQ$, the decrement of the arc $PQ$ will be equal to half the lineola $Rr$; and therefore the force of resistance and the centripetal force are to each other as the lineolae $\frac{1}{4}Rr$ and $TQ$ which they generate in the same time. Because the centripetal force with which the body is urged in $P$ is reciprocally as $SP^3$, and (by lem. 10, book 1) the lineola $TQ$, which is generated by that force, is in a ratio compounded of the ratio of this force and the duplicate ratio of the time in which the arc $PQ$ is described (for in this case I neglect the resistance, as being infinitely less than the centripetal force), it follows that $TQ \times SP^3$, that is (by the last lemma), $\frac{1}{4}PQ^2 \times SP$, will be in a duplicate ratio of the time, and therefore the time is as $PQ \times \sqrt{SP}$; and the velocity of the body, with which the arc $PQ$ is described in that time, as $\frac{PQ}{PQ \times \sqrt{SP}}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{SP}^3}$, that is, in the subduplicate ratio of $SP$ reciprocally. And, by a like reasoning, the velocity with which the arc $QR$ is described, is in the subduplicate ratio of $SQ$ reciprocally. Now those arcs $PQ$ and $QR$ are as the describing velocities to each other; that is, in the subduplicate ratio of $SQ$ to $SP$, or as $SQ$ to $\sqrt{SP \times SQ}$; and, because of the equal angles $SPQ$, $SQr$, and the equal areas $PSQ$, $QSr$, the arc $PQ$ is to the arc $QR$ as $SQ$ to $SP$. Take the differences of the proportional consequtents, and the arc $PQ$ will be to the arc $Rr$ as $SQ$ to $SP - \sqrt{SP \times SQ}$, or $\frac{1}{4}VQ$. For the points $P$ and $Q$ coinciding, the ultimate ratio of $SP - \sqrt{SP \times SQ}$ to $\frac{1}{4}VQ$ is the ratio of equality. Because the decrement of the arc $PQ$ arising from the resistance, or its
double $Rr$, is as the resistance and the square of the time conjunctly, the resistance will be as $\frac{Rr}{PQ \times SP}$. But $PQ$ was to $Rr$ as $SQ$ to $\frac{1}{4}VQ$, and thence $\frac{Rr}{PQ \times SP}$ becomes as $\frac{\frac{1}{4}VQ}{PQ \times SP \times SQ}$ or as $\frac{\frac{1}{4}OS}{OP \times SP^2}$. For the points $P$ and $Q$ coinciding, $SP$ and $SQ$ coincide also, and the angle $PVQ$ becomes a right one; and, because of the similar triangles $PVQ$, $PSQ$, $PQ$ becomes to $\frac{1}{4}VQ$ as $OP$ to $\frac{1}{4}OS$. Therefore $\frac{OS}{OP \times SP^2}$ is as the resistance, that is, in the ratio of the density of the medium in $P$ and the duplicate ratio of the velocity conjunctly. Subtract the duplicate ratio of the velocity, namely, the ratio $\frac{1}{SP}$, and there will remain the density of the medium in $P$, as $\frac{OS}{OP \times SP}$. Let the spiral be given, and, because of the given ratio of $OS$ to $OP$, the density of the medium in $P$ will be as $\frac{1}{SP}$. Therefore in a medium whose density is reciprocally as $SP$ the distance from the centre, a body will revolve in this spiral. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. The velocity in any place $P$, is always the same wherewith a body in a non-resisting medium with the same centripetal force would revolve in a circle, at the same distance $SP$ from the centre.

Cor. 2. The density of the medium, if the distance $SP$ be given, is as $\frac{OS}{OP}$, but if that distance is not given, as $\frac{OS}{OP \times SP}$. And thence a spiral may be fitted to any density of the medium.

Cor. 3. The force of the resistance in any place $P$ is to the centripetal force in the same place as $\frac{1}{4}OS$ to $OP$. For those forces are to each other as $\frac{1}{4}Rr$ and $TQ$, or as $\frac{\frac{1}{4}VQ \times PQ}{SQ}$.
Suppose every thing to be as in the foregoing lemma, and produce SQ to V so that SV may be equal to SP. In any time let a body, in a resistless medium, describe the least arc PQ, and in double the time the least arc PR; and the decrements of those arcs arising from the resistance, or their differences from the arcs which would be described in a non-resisting medium in the same times, will be to each other as the squares of the times in which they are generated; therefore the decrement of the arc PQ is the fourth part of the decrement of the arc PR. Whence also if the area QSr be taken equal to the area PSQ, the decrement of the arc PQ will be equal to half the lineola Rr; and therefore the force of resistance and the centripetal force are to each other as the lineolas ¼Rr and TQ which they generate in the same time. Because the centripetal force with which the body is urged in P is reciprocally as SP², and (by lem. 10, book 1) the lineola TQ, which is generated by that force, is in a ratio compounded of the ratio of this force and the duplicate ratio of the time in which the arc PQ is described (for in this case I neglect the resistance, as being infinitely less than the centripetal force), it follows that TQ × SP², that is (by the last lemma), ¼PQ² × SP, will be in a duplicate ratio of the time, and therefore the time is as PQ × √SP; and the velocity of the body, with which the arc PQ is described in that time, as \( \frac{PQ}{PQ \times \sqrt{SP}} \) or \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{SP}} \), that is, in the subduplicate ratio of SP reciprocally. And, by a like reasoning, the velocity with which the arc QR is described, is in the subduplicate ratio of SQ reciprocally. Now those arcs PQ and QR are as the describing velocities to each other; that is, in the subduplicate ratio of SQ to SP, or as SQ to \( \sqrt{SP} \times SQ \); and, because of the equal angles SPQ, SQR, and the equal areas PSQ, QSr, the arc PQ is to the arc QR as SQ to SP. Take the differences of the proportional consequents, and the arc PQ will be to the arc Rr as SQ to SP — \( \sqrt{SP} \times SQ \), or \( \frac{1}{2}VQ \). For the points P and Q coinciding, the ultimate ratio of SP — \( \sqrt{SP} \times SQ \) to \( \frac{1}{2}VQ \) is the ratio of equality. Because the decrement of the arc PQ arising from the resistance, or its
double $Rr$, is as the resistance and the square of the time conjunctly, the resistance will be as $\frac{Rr}{PQ^2 \times SP}$. But $PQ$ was to $Rr$ as $SQ$ to $\frac{1}{4}VQ$, and thence $\frac{Rr}{PQ^2 \times SP}$ becomes as $\frac{\frac{1}{4}VQ}{PQ \times SP \times SQ}$ or as $\frac{\frac{1}{4}OS}{OP \times SP^2}$. For the points $P$ and $Q$ coinciding, $SP$ and $SQ$ coincide also, and the angle $PVQ$ becomes a right one; and, because of the similar triangles $PVQ$, $PSO$, $PQ$ becomes to $\frac{1}{4}VQ$ as $OP$ to $\frac{1}{4}OS$. Therefore $\frac{OS}{OP \times SP^2}$ is as the resistance, that is, in the ratio of the density of the medium in $P$ and the duplicate ratio of the velocity conjunctly. Subduct the duplicate ratio of the velocity, namely, the ratio $\frac{1}{SP}$, and there will remain the density of the medium in $P$, as $\frac{OS}{OP \times SP}$. Let the spiral be given, and, because of the given ratio of $OS$ to $OP$, the density of the medium in $P$ will be as $\frac{1}{SP}$. Therefore in a medium whose density is reciprocally as $SP$ the distance from the centre, a body will revolve in this spiral. Q.E.D.

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and \( \frac{4PQ}{SP} \), that is, as \( \frac{1}{4}VQ \) and \( PQ \), or \( \frac{1}{4}OS \) and \( OP \). The spiral, therefore, being given, there is given the proportion of the resistance to the centripetal force; and, vice versa, from that proportion given the spiral is given.

Cor. 4. Therefore the body cannot revolve in this spiral, except where the force of resistance is less than half the centripetal force. Let the resistance be made equal to half the centripetal force, and the spiral will coincide with the right line \( PS \), and in that right line the body will descend to the centre with a velocity that is to the velocity, with which it was proved before, in the case of the parabola (theor. 10, book 1), the descent would be made in a non-resisting medium, in the subduplicate ratio of unity to the number two. And the times of the descent will be here reciprocally as the velocities, and therefore given.

Cor. 5. And because at equal distances from the centre the velocity is the same in the spiral \( PQR \) as it is in the right line \( SP \), and the length of the spiral is to the length of the right line \( PS \) in a given ratio, namely, in the ratio of \( OP \) to \( OS \); the time of the descent in the spiral will be to the time of the descent in the right line \( SP \) in the same given ratio, and therefore given.

Cor. 6. If from the centre \( S \), with any two given intervals, two circles are described; and these circles remaining, the angle which the spiral makes with the radius \( PS \) be any how changed; the number of revolutions which the body can complete in the space between the circumferences of those circles, going round in the spiral from one circumference to another, will be as \( \frac{PS}{OS} \), or as the tangent of the angle which the spiral makes with the radius \( PS \); and the time of the same revolutions will be as \( \frac{OP}{OS} \), that is, as the secant of the same angle, or reciprocally as the density of the medium.

Cor. 7. If a body, in a medium whose density is reciprocally as the distances of places from the centre, revolves in any
curve $\text{AEB}$ (Pl. 4, Fig. 3) about that centre, and cuts the first radius $\text{AS}$ in the same angle in $\text{B}$ as it did before in $\text{A}$, and that with a velocity that shall be to its first velocity in $\text{A}$ reciprocally in a subduplicate ratio of the distances from the centre (that is, as $\text{AS}$ to a mean proportional between $\text{AS}$ and $\text{BS}$) that body will continue to describe innumerable similar revolutions $\text{BFC}$, $\text{CGD}$, &c. and by its interjections will distinguish the radius $\text{AS}$ into parts $\text{AS}$, $\text{BS}$, $\text{CS}$, $\text{DS}$, &c. that are continually proportional. But the times of the revolutions will be as the perimeters of the orbits $\text{AEB}$, $\text{BFC}$, $\text{CGD}$, &c. directly, and the velocities at the beginnings $\text{A}$, $\text{B}$, $\text{C}$ of those orbits inversely; that is, as $\text{AS}^{3}$, $\text{BS}^{3}$, $\text{CS}^{3}$. And the whole time in which the body will arrive at the centre, will be to the time of the first revolution as the sum of all the continued proportionals $\text{AS}^{3}$, $\text{BS}^{3}$, $\text{CS}^{3}$, going on ad infinitum, to the first term $\text{AS}^{3}$; that is, as the first term $\text{AS}^{3}$ to the difference of the two first $\text{AS}^{3} - \text{BS}^{3}$, or as $\frac{1}{3}$ $\text{AS}$ to $\text{AB}$ very nearly. Whence the whole time may be easily found.

Cor. 8. From hence also may be deduced, near enough, the motions of bodies in mediums whose density is either uniform, or observes any other assigned law. From the centre $\text{S}$, with intervals $\text{SA}$, $\text{SB}$, $\text{SC}$, &c. continually proportional, describe as many circles; and suppose the time of the revolutions between the perimeters of any two of those circles, in the medium whereof we treated, to be to the time of the revolutions between the same in the medium proposed as the mean density of the proposed medium between those circles to the mean density of the medium whereof we treated, between the same circles, nearly, and that the secant of the angle in which the spiral above determined, in the medium whereof we treated, cuts the radius $\text{AS}$, is in the same ratio to the secant of the angle in which the new spiral, in the proposed medium, cuts the same radius: and also that the number of all the revolutions between the same two circles is nearly as the tangents of those angles. If this be done every where
between every two circles, the motion will be continued through all the circles. And by this means one may without difficulty conceive at what rate and in what time bodies ought to revolve in any regular medium.

Cor. 9. And although these motions becoming eccentrical should be performed in spirals approaching to an oval figure, yet, conceiving the several revolutions of those spirals to be at the same distances from each other, and to approach to the centre by the same degrees as the spiral above described, we may also understand how the motions of bodies may be performed in spirals of that kind.

PROPOSITION XVI. THEOREM XIII.
If the density of the medium in each of the places be reciprocally as the distance of the places from the immovable centre, and the centripetal force be reciprocally as any power of the same distance, I say, that the body may revolve in a spiral intersecting all the radii drawn from that centre in a given angle.

(Pt. 4, Fig. 2.)

This is demonstrated in the same manner as the foregoing proposition. For if the centripetal force in P be reciprocally as any power $SP^{n+1}$ of the distance $SP$ whose index is $n + 1$; it will be collected, as above, that the time in which the body describes any arc $PQ$, will be as $PQ \times PS^{\frac{1}{n}}$; and the resistance in $P$ as $\frac{Rr}{PQ^{2} \times SP^{n}}$, or as $\frac{1}{PQ \times SP^{n}} \times VQ$, and therefore as $\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n} \times OS}{OP \times SP^{n+1}}$, that is, (because $\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n} \times OS}{OP}$ is a given quantity), reciprocally as $SP^{n+1}$. And therefore, since the velocity is reciprocally as $SP^{\frac{1}{n}}$, the density in $P$ will be reciprocally as $SP$.

Cor. 1. The resistance is to the centripetal force as $1 - \frac{1}{n} \times OS$ to $OP$.

Cor. 2. If the centripetal force be reciprocally as $SP^1$, $1 - \frac{1}{n}$ will be $= 0$; and therefore the resistance and density of the medium will be nothing, as in prop. 9, book 1.

Cor. 3. If the centripetal force be reciprocally as any power of the radius $SP$, whose index is greater than the num-
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ber 3, the affirmative resistance will be changed into a negative.

SCHOLIUM.
This proposition and the former, which relate to mediums of unequal density, are to be understood of the motion of bodies that are so small, that the greater density of the medium on one side of the body above that on the other is not to be considered. I suppose also the resistance, ceteris paribus, to be proportional to its density. Whence, in mediums whose force of resistance is not as the density, the density must be so much augmented or diminished, that either the excess of the resistance may be taken away, or the defect supplied.

PROPOSITION XVII. PROBLEM IV.
To find the centripetal force and the resisting force of the medium, by which a body, the law of the velocity being given, shall revolve in a given spiral. (Pl. 4. Fig. 4.)
Let that spiral be PQR. From the velocity, with which the body goes over the very small arc PQ, the time will be given; and from the altitude TQ, which is as the centripetal force, and the square of the time, that force will be given. Then from the difference RSr of the areas PSQ and QSR described in equal particles of time, the retardation of the body will be given; and from the retardation will be found the resisting force and density of the medium.

PROPOSITION XVIII. PROBLEM V.
The law of centripetal force being given, to find the density of the medium in each of the places thereof, by which a body may describe a given spiral.
From the centripetal force the velocity in each place must be found; then from the retardation of the velocity the density of the medium is found, as in the foregoing proposition.
But I have explained the method of managing these problems in the tenth proposition and second lemma of this book; and will no longer detain the reader in these perplexed disquisitions. I shall now add some things relating to the forces of progressive bodies, and to the density and resistance of those mediums in which the motions hitherto treated of, and those akin to them, are performed.

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SECTION V.
Of the density and compression of fluids; and of hydrostatics.

THE DEFINITION OF A FLUID.

A fluid is any body whose parts yield to any force impressed on it, and, by yielding, are easily moved among themselves.

PROPOSITION XIX. THEOREM XIV.
All the parts of a homogeneous and unmoved fluid included in any unmoved vessel, and compressed on every side (setting aside the consideration of condensation, gravity, and all centripetal forces), will be equally pressed on every side, and remain in their places without any motion arising from that pressure. (Pl. 4, Fig. 5.)

CASE 1. Let a fluid be included in the spherical vessel ABC, and uniformly compressed on every side: I say, that no part of it will be moved by that pressure. For if any part, as D, be moved, all such parts at the same distance from the centre on every side must necessarily be moved at the same time by a like motion; because the pressure of them all is similar and equal; and all other motion is excluded that does not arise from that pressure. But if these parts come all of them nearer to the centre, the fluid must be condensed towards the centre, contrary to the supposition. If they recede from it, the fluid must be condensed towards the circumference; which is also contrary to the supposition. Neither can they move in any one direction retaining their distance from the centre, because, for the same reason, they may move in a contrary direction; but the same part cannot be moved contrary ways at the same time. Therefore no part of the fluid will be moved from its place. Q.E.D.

CASE 2. I say now, that all the spherical parts of this fluid are equally pressed on every side. For let EF be a spherical part of the fluid; if this be not pressed equally on every side, augment the lesser pressure till it be pressed equally on every side; and its parts (by case 1.) will remain in their places. But before the increase of the pressure, they would remain in their places (by case 1); and by
the addition of a new presfure they will be moved, by the definition of a fluid, from those places. Now these two conclusions contradict each other. Therefore it was false to say that the sphere EF was not pressed equally on every side. **Q.E.D.**

**Case 3.** I say besides, that different spherical parts have equal pressures. For the contiguous spherical parts press each other mutually and equally in the point of contact (by law 3), but (by case 2) they are pressed on every side with the same force. Therefore any two spherical parts not contiguous, since an intermediate spherical part can touch both, will be pressed with the same force. **Q.E.D.**

**Case 4.** I say now, that all the parts of the fluid are everywhere pressed equally. For any two parts may be touched by spherical parts in any points whatever; and there they will equally press those spherical parts (by case 3), and are reciprocally equally pressed by them (by law 3). **Q.E.D.**

**Case 5.** Since, therefore, any part GHI of the fluid is enclosed by the rest of the fluid as in a vessel, and is equally pressed on every side; and also its parts equally press one another, and are at rest among themselves; it is manifest that all the parts of any fluid as GHI, which is pressed equally on every side, do press each other mutually and equally, and are at rest among themselves. **Q.E.D.**

**Case 6.** Therefore if that fluid be included in a vessel of a yielding substance, or that is not rigid, and be not equally pressed on every side, the same will give way to a stronger presfure, by the definition of fluidity.

**Case 7.** And therefore, in an inflexible or rigid vessel, a fluid will not sustain a stronger pressure on one side than on the other, but will give way to it, and that in a moment of time; because the rigid side of the vessel does not follow the yielding liquor. But the fluid, by thus yielding, will press against the opposite side, and so the pressure will tend on every side to equality. And because the fluid, as soon as it endeavours to recede from the part that is most pressed, is withstanded by the resistance of the vessel on the opposite side, the pressure will...
on every side be reduced to equality, in a moment of time, without any local motion: and from thence the parts of the fluid (by case 5) will press each other mutually and equally, and be at rest among themselves. Q.E.D.

Cor. Whence neither will a motion of the parts of the fluid among themselves be changed by a pressure communicated to the external superfcies, except so far as either the figure of the superfcies may be somewhere altered, or that all the parts of the fluid, by pressing one another more intently or remissly, may slide with more or less difficulty among themselves.

PROPOSITION XX. THEOREM XV.
If all the parts of a spherical fluid, homogeneous at equal distances from the centre, lying on a spherical concentric bottom, gravitate towards the centre of the whole, the bottom will sustain the weight of a cylinder, whose base is equal to the superfcies of the bottom, and whose altitude is the same with that of the incumbent fluid. (Pl. 4, Fig. 6.)

Let DHM be the superfcies of the bottom, and AEI the upper superfcies of the fluid. Let the fluid be distinguished into concentric orbs of equal thickness, by the innumerable spherical superfcies BFK, CGL; and conceive the force of gravity to act only in the upper superfcies of every orb, and the actions to be equal on the equal parts of all the superfcies. Therefore the upper superfcies AE is pressed by the single force of its own gravity, by which all the parts of the upper orb, and the second superfcies BFK, will (by prop. 19), according to its measure, be equally pressed. The second superfcies BFK is pressed likewise by the force of its own gravity, which, added to the former force, makes the pressure double. The third superfcies CGL is, according to its measure, acted on by this pressure and the force of its own gravity besides, which makes its pressure triple. And in like manner the fourth superfcies receives a quadruple pressure, the fifth superfcies a quintuple, and so on. Therefore the pressure acting on every superfcies is not as the solid quantity of the incumbent fluid, but as the number of the orbs reaching to the upper surface of the fluid; and is equal to the
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Gravity of the lowest orb multiplied by the number of orbs: that is, to the gravity of a solid whole ultimate ratio to the cylinder above-mentioned (when the number of the orbs is increased and their thickness diminished, *ad infinitum*, so that the action of gravity from the lowest superficies to the uppermost may become continued) is the ratio of equality. Therefore the lowest superficies sustains the weight of the cylinder above determined. Q.E.D. And by a like reasoning the proposition will be evident, where the gravity of the fluid decreases in any assigned ratio of the distance from the centre, and also where the fluid is more rare above and denser below. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore the bottom is not pressed by the whole weight of the incumbent fluid, but only sustains that part of it which is described in the proposition; the rest of the weight being sustained archwise by the spherical figure of the fluid.

Cor. 2. The quantity of the pressure is the same always at equal distances from the centre, whether the superficies pressed be parallel to the horizon, or perpendicular, or oblique; or whether the fluid, continued upwards from the compressed superficies, rises perpendicularly in a rectilinear direction, or creeps obliquely through crooked cavities and canals, whether those passages be regular or irregular, wide or narrow. That the pressure is not altered by any of these circumstances, may be collected by applying the demonstration of this theorem to the several cases of fluids.

Cor. 3. From the same demonstration it may also be collected (by prop. 19), that the parts of a heavy fluid acquire no motion among themselves by the pressure of the incumbent weight, except that motion which arises from condensation.

Cor. 4. And therefore if another body of the same specific gravity, incapable of condensation, be immersed in this fluid, it will acquire no motion by the pressure of the incumbent weight: it will neither descend, nor ascend, nor change its figure. If it be spherical, it will remain so, notwithstanding the pressure; if it be square, it will remain square; and that, whether it be soft or fluid; whether it swims freely in the
fluid, or lies at the bottom. For any internal part of a fluid is in the same state with the submersed body; and the case of all submersed bodies that have the same magnitude, figure, and specific gravity, is alike. If a submersed body, retaining its weight, should dissolve and put on the form of a fluid, this body, if before it would have ascended, descended, or from any pressure assume a new figure, would now likewise ascend, descend, or put on a new figure; and that, because its gravity and the other causes of its motion remain. But (by case 5, prop. 19) it would now be at rest, and retain its figure. Therefore also in the former case.

Cor. 5. Therefore a body that is specifically heavier than a fluid contiguous to it will sink; and that which is specifically lighter will ascend, and attain so much motion and change of figure as that excess or defect of gravity is able to produce. For that excess or defect is the same thing as an impulse, by which a body, otherwise in equilibrio with the parts of the fluid, is acted on; and may be compared with the excess or defect of a weight in one of the scales of a balance.

Cor. 6. Therefore bodies placed in fluids have a twofold gravity; the one true and absolute, the other apparent, vulgar, and comparative. Absolute gravity is the whole force with which the body tends downwards; relative and vulgar gravity is the excess of gravity with which the body tends downwards more than the ambient fluid. By the first kind of gravity the parts of all fluids and bodies gravitate in their proper places; and therefore their weights taken together compose the weight of the whole. For the whole taken together is heavy, as may be experienced in vessels full of liquor; and the weight of the whole is equal to the weights of all the parts, and is therefore composed of them. By the other kind of gravity bodies do not gravitate in their places; that is, compared with one another, they do not preponderate, but, hindering one another’s endeavours to descend, remain in their proper places, as if they were not heavy. Those things which are in the air, and do not preponderate, are commonly looked on as not heavy. Those which do preponderate are commonly reckoned heavy, in as much as they are not sustained
by the weight of the air. The common weights are nothing else but the excess of the true weights above the weight of the air. Hence also, vulgarly, those things are called light which are less heavy, and, by yielding to the preponderating air, mount upwards. But these are only comparatively light, and not truly so, because they descend in vacuo. Thus, in water, bodies which, by their greater or less gravity, descend or ascend, are comparatively and apparently heavy or light; and their comparative and apparent gravity or levity is the excess or defect by which their true gravity either exceeds the gravity of the water or is exceeded by it. But those things which neither by preponderating descend, nor, by yielding to the preponderating fluid, ascend, although by their true weight they do increase the weight of the whole, yet comparatively, and in the sense of the vulgar, they do not gravitate in the water. For these cases are alike demonstrated.

Cor. 7. These things which have been demonstrated concerning gravity take place in any other centripetal forces.

Cor. 8. Therefore if the medium in which any body moves be acted on either by its own gravity, or by any other centripetal force, and the body be urged more powerfully by the same force; the difference of the forces is that very motive force, which, in the foregoing propositions, I have considered as a centripetal force. But if the body be more lightly urged by that force, the difference of the forces becomes a centrifugal force, and is to be considered as such.

Cor. 9. But since fluids by pressing the included bodies do not change their external figures, it appears also (by cor. prop. 19) that they will not change the situation of their internal parts in relation to one another; and therefore if animals were immersed therein, and that all sensation did arise from the motion of their parts, the fluid will neither hurt the immersed bodies, nor excite any sensation, unless so far as those bodies may be condensed by the compression. And the case is the same of any system of bodies encompassed with a compressing fluid. All the parts of the system will be agitated with the same motions as as if they were placed in a vacuum, and would only retain their comparative gravity;
unless so far as the fluid may somewhat refrift their motions, or be requisite to conglutinate them by compresion.

**PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM XVI.**

*Let the density of any fluid be proportional to the compression, and its parts be attracted downwards by a centripetal force reciprocally proportional to the distances from the centre: I say, that, if those distances be taken continually proportional, the densities of the fluid at the same distances will be also continually proportional.* (Pl. 5, Fig. 1.)

Let ATV denote the spherical bottom of the fluid, S the centre, SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, &c. distances continually proportional. Erect the perpendiculars AH, BI, CK, DL, EM, FN, &c. which shall be as the densities of the medium in the places A, B, C, D, E, F; and the specific gravities in those places will be as \(\frac{AH}{AS}, \frac{BI}{BS}, \frac{CK}{CS}, \frac{DL}{DS}, \frac{EM}{ES}, \frac{FN}{FS}, \frac{&c.}{&c.}\). Suppose, first, these gravities to be uniformly continued from A to B, from B to C, from C to D, &c. the decrements in the points B, C, D, &c. being taken by steps. And these gravities drawn into the altitudes AB, BC, CD, &c. will give the pressures AH, BI, CK, &c. by which the bottom ATV is acted on (by theor. 15). Therefore the particle A sustains all the pressures AH, BI, CK, DL, &c. proceeding in infinitum; and the particle B sustains the pressures of all but the first AH; and the particle C all but the two first AH, BI; and so on: and therefore the density AH of the first particle A is to the density BI of the second particle B as the sum of all AH + BI + CK + DL, in infinitum, to the sum of all BI + CK + DL, &c. And BI the density of the second particle B is to CK the density of the third C, as the sum of all BI + CK + DL, &c. to the sum of all CK + DL, &c. Therefore these sums are proportional to their differences AH, BI, CK, &c. and therefore continually proportional (by lem. 1 of this book); and therefore the differences AH, BI, CK, &c. proportional to the sums, are also continually proportional. Therefore since the densities in the places A, B, C, &c. are as AH, BI, CK, &c.
they will also be continually proportional. Proceed inter-
misively, and, *ex aquo*, at the distances SA, SC, SE, continually proportional, the densities AH, CK, EM will be continually proportional. And by the same reasoning, at any dis-
tances SA, SD, SG, continually proportional, the densities AH, DL, GO, will be continually proportional. Let now the points A, B, C, D, E, &c. coincide, so that the progression of the specific gravities from the bottom A to the top of the fluid may be made continual; and at any distances SA, SD, SG, continually proportional, the densities AH, DL, GO, being all along continually proportional, will still remain continually proportional. Q.E.D.

Cor. Hence if the density of the fluid in two places, as A and E, be given, its density in any other place Q may be collected. With the centre S, and the rectangular asymptotes SQ, SX, describe (Fig. 2) an hyperbola cutting the perpendiculars AH, EM, QT in a, e, and q, as also the perpendiculars HX, MY, TZ, let fall upon the asymptote SX, in h, m, and t. Make the area YmtZ to the given area YmhX as the given area EeqQ to the given area EeaA; and the line Zt produced will cut off the line QT proportional to the density. For if the lines SA, SE, SQ are continually proportional, the areas EeqQ, EeaA will be equal, and thence the areas YmtZ, XhmY, proportional to them, will be also equal; and the lines SX, SY, SZ, that is, AH, EM, QT continually pro-
portional, as they ought to be. And if the lines SA, SE, SQ, obtain any other order in the series of continued proportionals, the lines AH, EM, QT, because of the proportional hyperbo-
lic areas, will obtain the same order in another series of quan-
ties continually proportional.

**Proposition XXII. Theorem XVII.**

Let the density of any fluid be proportional to the compression, and its parts be attracted downwards by a gravitation recipro-
cally proportional to the squares of the distances from the centre: I say, that, if the distances be taken in harmonic pro-
gression, the densities of the fluid at those distances will be in a geometrical progressioin. (Pl. 5, Fig. 3.)

Let S denote the centre, and SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, the dis-
tances in geometrical progression. Erect the perpendiculars AH,
BL, CK, &c. which shall be as the densities of the fluid in the places A, B, C, D, E, &c. and the specific gravities thereof in those places will be as $\frac{AH}{SA}$, $\frac{BI}{SB}$, $\frac{CK}{SC}$, &c. Suppose these gravities to be uniformly continued, the first from A to B, the second from B to C, the third from C to D, &c. And these drawn into the altitudes AB, BC, CD, DE, &c. or, which is the same thing, into the distances SA, SB, SC, &c. proportional to those altitudes, will give $\frac{AH}{SA}$, $\frac{BI}{SB}$, $\frac{CK}{SC}$, &c. the exponents of the pressures. Therefore since the densities are as the sums of those pressures, the differences $AH - BI, BI - CK, &c.$ of the densities will be as the differences of those sums $\frac{AH}{SA}$, $\frac{BI}{SB}$, $\frac{CK}{SC}$, &c. With the centre S, and the asymptotes SA, SX, describe any hyperbola, cutting the perpendiculars AH, BI, CK, &c. in a, b, c, &c. and the perpendiculars HT, IU, KW, let fall upon the asymptote SX, in h, i, k; and the differences of the densities tu, uw, &c. will be as $\frac{AH}{SA}$, $\frac{BI}{SB}$, &c. And the rectangles $tu \times th, uw \times ui, &c.$ or tp, uq, &c. as $\frac{AH \times th}{SA}$, $\frac{BI \times ui}{SB}$, &c. that is, as $Aa, Bb, &c.$

For, by the nature of the hyperbola, SA is to AH or St as th to Aa, and therefore $\frac{AH \times th}{SA}$ is equal to $Aa$. And, by a like reasoning, $\frac{BI \times ui}{SB}$ is equal to Bb, &c. But $Aa, Bb, Cc, &c.$ are continually proportional, and therefore proportional to their differences $Aa - Bb, Bb - Cc, &c.$, and therefore the rectangles tp, uq, &c. are proportional to those differences; as also the sums of the rectangles tp + uq, or tp + uq + wr to the sums of the differences $Aa - Cc$ or $Aa - Dd$. Suppose several of these terms, and the sum of all the differences, as $Aa - Ff$, will be proportional to the sum of all the rectangles, as zthn. Increase the number of terms, and diminish the distances of the points $A, B, C, &c.$ in infinitum,
and thse rectangls will become equ to the hyperbolic area
2\pi R^2, and therefore the difference Aa — FF is proportional to
this area. Take now any distances, as SA, SD, SF, in har-
monic progression, and the differences Aa — Dd, Dd — FF
will be equal; and therefore the areas thlx, xlnz, proportional
to thse differences will be equal among themselves, and the
densities St, Sx, Sz, that is, AH, DL, FN, continually pro-
portional. Q.E.D.

Cor. 2. Hence if any two densities of the fluid, as AH and
BI, be given, the area thin, answerin to their difference tu,
will be given; and thence the densify FN will be found at any
height SF, by taking the area thxn to that given area thiu as
the difference Aa — FF to the difference Aa — BB.

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By a like reasoning it may be proved, that if the gravity
of the particles of a fluid be diminished in a triplicate ratio
of the distances from the centre; and the reciprocals of
the squares of the distances SA, SB, SC, &c. (namely,
\frac{SA^3}{SA^2}, \frac{SA^3}{SB^2}, \frac{SA^3}{SC^2}) be taken in an arithmetical progression, the
densities AH, BI, CK, &c. will be in a geometrical progres-
sion. And if the gravity be diminished in a quadruplicate ratio
of the distances, and the reciprocals of the cubes of the dist-
ances (as \frac{SA^4}{SA^3}, \frac{SA^4}{SB^3}, \frac{SA^4}{SC^3} &c.) be taken in arithmetical pro-
gression, the densities AH, BI, CK, &c. will be in geome-
trical progression. And so in infinitum. Again; if the gra-
vity of the particles of the fluid be the same at all distances,
and the distances be in arithmetical progression, the densities
will be in a geometrical progression, as Dr. Halley has found.
If the gravity be as the distance, and the squares of the dis-
tances be in arithmetical progression, the densities will be in
geometrical progression. And so in infinitum. These things
will be so, when the densify of the fluid condensed by com-
pression is as the force of compression; or, which is the same
thing, when the space possessed by the fluid is reciprocally to
this force. Other laws of condensation may be supposed, as
that the cube of the compressing force may be as the biqua-
of the density; or the triplicate ratio of the force the
same with the quadruplicate ratio of the density: in which
case, if the gravity be reciprocally as the square of the distance
from the centre, the density will be reciprocally as the cube
of the distance. Suppose that the cube of the compressing
force be as the quadrato-cube of the density; and if the gra-
vity be reciprocally as the square of the distance, the density
will be reciprocally in a sesquiquadrate ratio of the distance.
Suppose the compressing force to be in a duplicate ratio of the
density, and the gravity reciprocally in a duplicate ratio of the
distance, and the density will be reciprocally as the distance.
To run over all the cases that might be offered would be te-
dious. But as to our own air, this is certain from experiment,
that its density is either accurately, or very nearly at least, as
the compressing force; and therefore the density of the air in
the atmosphere of the earth is as the weight of the whole in-
cumbent air, that is, as the height of the mercury in the ba-
rometer.

PROPOSITION XXIII. THEOREM XVIII.
If a fluid be composed of particles mutually flying each other,
and the density be as the compression, the centrifugal forces
of the particles will be reciprocally proportional to the dis-
ances of their centres. And, vice versa, particles flying each
other with forces that are reciprocally proportional to the
distances of their centres, compose an elastic fluid, whose den-
sity is as the compression. (Pl. 5, Fig. 4.)

Let the fluid be supposed to be included in a cubic space
ACE, and then to be reduced by compression into a lesser
 cubic space ace; and the distances of the particles retaining
a like situation with respect to each other in both the spaces,
will be as the sides AB, ab of the cubes; and the densities of
the mediums will be reciprocally as the containing spaces
AB', ab'. In the plane side of the greater cube ABCD take
the square DP equal to the plane side db of the lesser cube;
and, by the supposition, the pressure with which the square
DP urges the inclosed fluid will be to the pressure with which
that square db urges the inclosed fluid as the densities of the
mediums are to each other, that is, as ab' to AB'. But the
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Pressure with which the square DB urges the included fluid is to the pressure with which the square DP urges the same fluid as the square DB to the square DP, that is, as AB² to ab². Therefore, *ex aequo*, the pressure with which the square DB urges the fluid is to the pressure with which the square db urges the fluid as ab to AB. Let the planes FGH, fgh, be drawn through the middle parts of the two cubes, and divide the fluid into two parts. These parts will press each other mutually with the same forces with which they are themselves pressed by the planes AC, ac, that is, in the proportion of ab to AB: and therefore the centrifugal forces by which these pressures are sustained are in the same ratio. The number of the particles being equal, and the situation alike, in both cubes, the forces which all the particles exert, according to the planes FGH, fgh, upon all, are as the forces which each exerts on each. Therefore the forces which each exerts on each, according to the plane FGH in the greater cube, are to the forces which each exerts on each, according to the plane fgh in the lesser cube, as ab to AB, that is, reciprocally as the distances of the particles from each other. Q.E.D.

And, *vice versa*, if the forces of the single particles are reciprocally as the distances, that is, reciprocally as the sides of the cubes AB, ab; the sums of the forces will be in the same ratio, and the pressures of the sides DB, db as the sums of the forces; and the pressure of the square DP to the pressure of the side DB as ab² to AB². And, *ex aequo*, the pressure of the square DP to the pressure of the side db as ab³ to AB³; that is, the force of compression in the one to the force of compression in the other as the density in the former to the density in the latter. Q.E.D.

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By a like reasoning, if the centrifugal forces of the particles are reciprocally in the duplicate ratio of the distances between the centres, the cubes of the compressing forces will be as the biquadrates of the densities. If the centrifugal forces be reciprocally in the triplicate or quadruplicate ratio of the distances, the cubes of the compressing forces will be as the quadrato-cubes, or cubo-cubes of the densities. And univer-
fully, if D be put for the distance, and E for the density of
the compressed fluid, and the centrifugal forces be reciprocally
as any power $D^n$ of the distance, whose index is the number
n, the compressing forces will be as the cube roots of the
power $E^{n+2}$, whose index is the number $n + 2$: and the con-
trary. All these things are to be understood of particles whose
centrifugal forces terminate in those particles that are next
them, or are diffused not much further. We have an example
of this in magnetical bodies. Their attractive virtue is termi-
nated nearly in bodies of their own kind that are next them.
The virtue of the magnet is contracted by the interposition of
an iron plate, and is almost terminated at it; for bodies fur-
ther off are not attracted by the magnet so much as by the
iron plate. If in this manner particles repel others of their
own kind that lie next them, but do not exert their virtue on
the more remote, particles of this kind will compose such
fluids as are treated of in this proposition. If the virtue of
any particle diffuse itself every way in infinitum, there will be
required a greater force to produce an equal condensation of
a greater quantity of the fluid. But whether elastic fluids do
really consist of particles so repelling each other, is a physical
question. We have here demonstrated mathematically the
property of fluids consisting of particles of this kind, that
hence philosophers may take occasion to discuss that ques-
tion.

SECTION VI.
Of the motion and resistance of funependulous bodies.

PROPOSITION XXIV. THEOREM XIX.
The quantities of matter in funependulous bodics, whose centres
of oscillation are equally distant from the centre of suspension,
are in a ratio compounded of the ratio of the weights and the
duplicate ratio of the times of the oscillations in vacuo.

For the velocity which a given force can generate in a
given matter in a given time is as the force and the time di-
rectly, and the matter inversely. The greater the force or the
time is, or the less the matter, the greater velocity will be ge-
erated. This is manifest from the second law of motion.
Now if pendulums are of the same length, the motive forces
in places equally distant from the perpendicular are as the weights: and therefore if two bodies by oscillating describe equal arcs, and those arcs are divided into equal parts; since the times in which the bodies describe each of the correspondent parts of the arcs are as the times of the whole oscillations, the velocities in the correspondent parts of the oscillations will be to each other as the motive forces and the whole times of the oscillations directly, and the quantities of matter reciprocally: and therefore the quantities of matter are as the forces and the times of the oscillations directly and the velocities reciprocally. But the velocities reciprocally are as the times, and therefore the times directly and the velocities reciprocally are as the squares of the times; and therefore the quantities of matter are as the motive forces and the squares of the times, that is, as the weights and the squares of the times. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore if the times are equal, the quantities of matter in each of the bodies are as the weights.

Cor. 2. If the weights are equal, the quantities of matter will be as the squares of the times.

Cor. 3. If the quantities of matter are equal, the weights will be reciprocally as the squares of the times.

Cor. 4. Whence since the squares of the times, *ceteris paribus*, are as the lengths of the pendulums, therefore if both the times and quantities of matter are equal, the weights will be as the lengths of the pendulums.

Cor. 5. And universally, the quantity of matter in the pendulous body is as the weight and the square of the time directly, and the length of the pendulum inversely.

Cor. 6. But in a non-resisting medium, the quantity of matter in the pendulous body is as the comparative weight and the square of the time directly, and the length of the pendulum inversely. For the comparative weight is the motive force of the body in any heavy medium, as was shewn above; and therefore does the same thing in such a non-resisting medium as the absolute weight does in a vacuum.

Cor. 7. And hence appears a method both of comparing bodies one among another, as to the quantity of matter in
each; and of comparing the weights of the same body in
different places, to know the variation of its gravity. And
by experiments made with the greatest accuracy, I have al-
ways found the quantity of matter in bodies to be proportional
to their weight.

PROPOSITION XXV. THEOREM XX.

Funependulous bodies that are, in any medium, resisted in the
ratio of the moments of time, and funependulous bodies that
move in a non-resisting medium of the same specific gravity,
perform their oscillations in a cycloid in the same time, and
describe proportional parts of arcs together. (Pl. 5, Fig. 5.)

Let AB be an arc of a cycloid, which a body D, by vi-
brating in a non-resisting medium, shall describe in any time.
Biflect that arc in C, so that C may be the lowest point
thereof; and the accelerative force with which the body is
urged in any place D, or d, or E, will be as the length of the
arc CD, or Cd, or CE. Let that force be expressed by that
same arc; and since the resistance is as the moment of the
time, and therefore given, let it be expressed by the given
part CO of the cycloidal arc, and take the arc Od in the
same ratio to the arc CD that the arc OB has to the arc CB:
and the force with which the body in d is urged in a resisting
medium, being the excess of the force Cd above the resistance
CO, will be expressed by the arc Od, and will therefore be
to the force with which the body D is urged in a non-resisting
medium in the place D, as the arc Od to the arc CD; and
therefore also in the place B, as the arc OB to the arc CB.
Therefore if two bodies D, d go from the place B, and are
urged by those forces; since the forces at the beginning are
as the arcs CB and OB, the first velocities and arcs first de-
scribed will be in the same ratio. Let those arcs be BD and
Bd, and the remaining arcs CD, Od, will be in the same ra-
tio. Therefore the forces, being proportional to those arcs
CD, Od, will remain in the same ratio as at the beginning,
and therefore the bodies will continue describing together arcs
in the same ratio. Therefore the forces and velocities and
the remaining arcs CD, Od, will be always as the whole arcs
CB, OB, and therefore those remaining arcs will be described
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together. Therefore the two bodies D and d will arrive together at the places C and O; that which moves in the non-resisting medium, at the place C, and the other, in the resisting medium, at the place O. Now since the velocities in C and O are as the arcs CB, OB, the arcs which the bodies describe when they go farther will be in the same ratio. Let those arcs be CE and Oe. The force with which the body D in a non-resisting medium is retarded in E is as CE, and the force with which the body d in the resisting medium is retarded in e, is as the sum of the force Ce and the resistance CO, that is, as Oe; and therefore the forces with which the bodies are retarded are as the arcs CB, OB, proportional to the arcs CE, Oe; and therefore the velocities, retarded in that given ratio, remain in the same given ratio. Therefore the velocities and the arcs described with those velocities are always to each other in that given ratio of the arcs CB and OB; and therefore if the entire arcs AB, aB are taken in the same ratio, the bodies D and d will describe those arcs together, and in the places A and a will lose all their motion together. Therefore, the whole oscillations are isochronal, or are performed in equal times; and any parts of the arcs, as BD, Bd, or BE, Be, that are described together, are proportional to the whole arcs BA, Ba. Q.E.D.

Cor. Therefore the swiftest motion in a resisting medium does not fall upon the lowest point C, but is found in that point O, in which the whole arc described Ba is bisected. And the body proceeding from thence to a, is retarded at the same rate with which it was accelerated before in its descent from B to O.

PROPOSITION XXVI. THEOREM XXI.

Funnependulous bodies, that are resisted in the ratio of the velocity, have their oscillations in a cycloid isochronal.

For if two bodies, equally distant from their centres of suspension, describe, in oscillating, unequal arcs, and the velocities in the correspondent parts of the arcs be to each other as the whole arcs; the resistances, proportional to the velocities, will be also to each other as the same arcs. Therefore if these resistances be subducted from or added to the motive
forces arising from gravity which are as the same arcs, the differences or sums will be to each other in the same ratio of the arcs; and since the increments and decrements of the velocities are as these differences or sums, the velocities will be always as the whole arcs; therefore if the velocities are in any one case as the whole arcs, they will remain always in the same ratio. But at the beginning of the motion, when the bodies begin to descend and describe those arcs, the forces, which at that time are proportional to the arcs, will generate velocities proportional to the arcs. Therefore the velocities will be always as the whole arcs to be described, and therefore those arcs will be described in the same time. Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XXVII. THEOREM XXII.

If unequal pendulous bodies are resisted in the duplicate ratio of their velocities, the differences between the times of the oscillations in a resisting medium, and the times of the oscillations in a non-resisting medium of the same specific gravity, will be proportional to the arcs described in oscillating nearly.

For let equal pendulums in a resisting medium describe the unequal arcs A, B; and the resistance of the body in the arc A will be to the resistance of the body in the correspondent part of the arc B in the duplicate ratio of the velocities, that is, as AA to BB nearly. If the resistance in the arc B were to the resistance in the arc A as AB to AA, the times in the arcs A and B would be equal (by the last prop.) Therefore the resistance AA in the arc A, or AB in the arc B, causes the excess of the time in the arc A above the time in a non-resisting medium; and the resistance BB causes the excess of the time in the arc B above the time in a non-resisting medium. But those excesses are as the efficient forces AB and BB nearly, that is, as the arcs A and B. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Hence from the times of the oscillations in unequal arcs in a resisting medium, may be known the times of the oscillations in a non-resisting medium of the same specific gravity. For the difference of the times will be to the excess of the time in the lesser arc above the time in a non-resisting medium as the difference of the arcs to the lesser arc.
Cor. 2. The shorter oscillations are more isochronal, and very short ones are performed nearly in the same times as in a non-refracting medium. But the times of those which are performed in greater arcs are a little greater, because the resistance in the descent of the body, by which the time is prolonged, is greater, in proportion to the length described in the descent than the resistance in the subsequent ascent, by which the time is contracted. But the time of the oscillations, both short and long, seems to be prolonged in some measure by the motion of the medium. For retarded bodies are refracted somewhat less in proportion to the velocity, and accelerated bodies somewhat more than those that proceed uniformly forwards; because the medium, by the motion it has received from the bodies, going forwards the same way with them, is more agitated in the former case, and less in the latter; and so conspires more or less with the bodies moved. Therefore it refracts the pendulums in their descent more, and in their ascent less, than in proportion to the velocity; and these two causes concurring prolong the time.

PROPOSITION XXVIII. THEOREM XXIII.
If a fumependulous body, oscillating in a cycloid, be refracted in the ratio of the moments of the time, its resistance will be to the force of gravity as the excess of the arc described in the whole descent above the arc described in the subsequent ascent to twice the length of the pendulum. (Pl. 5, Fig. 5.)

Let BC represent the arc described in the descent, CA the arc described in the ascent, and AA the difference of the arcs; and things remaining as they were constructed and demonstrated in prop. 25, the force with which the oscillating body is urged in any place D will be to the force of resistance as the arc CD to the arc CO, which is half of that difference AA. Therefore the force with which the oscillating body is urged at the beginning or the highest point of the cycloid, that is, the force of gravity, will be to the resistance as the arc of the cycloid, between that highest point and lowest point C, is to the arc CO; that is (doubling those arcs), as the whole cycloidal arc, or twice the length of the pendulum, to the arc AA. Q.E.D.

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PROPOSITION XXIX. PROBLEM VI.
Supposing that a body oscillating in a cycloid is resisted in a
duplicate ratio of the velocity: to find the resistance in each
place. (Pl. 5, Fig. 6.)

Let Ba be an arc described in one entire oscillation, C the
lowest point of the cycloid, and CZ half the whole cycloidal
arc, equal to the length of the pendulum; and let it be re-
quired to find the resistance of the body in any place D. Cut
the indefinite right line OQ in the points O, S, P, Q, so that
(ereacting the perpendiculars OK, ST, PI, QE, and with the
centre O, and the asymptotes OK, OQ, describing the hyper-
bola TIGE cutting the perpendiculars ST, PI, QE in T, I, and
E, and through the point I drawing KE, parallel to the asymp-
tote OQ, meeting the asymptote OK in K, and the perpendiculars ST and QE in L and F) the hyperbolic area PIEQ may
be to the hyperbolic area PILS as the arc BC, described in the
defcet of the body, to the arc Ca described in the ascet;
and that the area IEF may be to the area ILT as OQ to OS.
Then with the perpendicular MN cut off the hyperbolic area
PINM, and let that area be to the hyperbolic area PIEQ as
the arc CZ to the arc BC described in the descent. And if
the perpendicular RG cut off the hyperbolic area PIGR,
which shall be to the area PIEQ as any arc CD to the arc
BC described in the whole descent, the resistance in any
place D will be to the force of gravity as the area
\[
\frac{OQ}{IEF} = \frac{IGH}{PINM}.
\]

For since the forces arising from gravity with which the
body is urged in the places Z, B, D, a, are as the arcs CZ,
CB, CD, Ca, and those arcs are as the areas PINM, PIEQ,
PIGR, PILS; let those areas be the exponents both of the
arcs and of the forces respectively. Let Dd be a very small
space described by the body in its descent; and let it be ex-
pressed by the very small area RGgr comprehended between
the parallels RG, rg; and produce rg to h, so that GHbg
and RGgr may be the contemporaneous decrements of the
areas IGH, PIGR. And the increment GHbg = \frac{Rr}{OQ} IEF.
or $Rr \times HG = \frac{Rr}{OQ} IEF$, of the area $\frac{OR}{OQ} IEF - IGH$ will be to the decrement $RGgr$, or $Rr \times RG$, of the area $PIGR$, as $HG = \frac{IEF}{OQ}$ to $RG$; and therefore as $OR \times HG = \frac{OR}{OQ} IEF$ to $OR \times GR$ or $OP \times PI$, that is (because of the equal quantities $OR \times HG$, $OR \times HR = OR \times GR$, $ORHK = OPIK$, $PIHR$ and $PIGR + IGH$), as $PIGR + IGH = \frac{OR}{OQ} IEF$ to $OPIK$. Therefore if the area $\frac{OR}{OQ} IEF - IGH$ be called $Y$, and $RGgr$ the decrement of the area $PIGR$ be given, the increment of the area $Y$ will be as $PIGR - Y$.

Then if $V$ represent the force arising from the gravity, proportional to the arc $CD$ to be described, by which the body is acted upon in $D$, and $R$ be put for the resistance, $V - R$ will be the whole force with which the body is urged in $D$. Therefore the increment of the velocity is as $V - R$ and the particle of time in which it is generated conjunctly. But the velocity itself is as the contemporaneous increment of the space described directly and the same particle of time inversely. Therefore, since the resistance is, by the supposition, as the square of the velocity, the increment of the resistance will (by lem. 2) be as the velocity and the increment of the velocity conjunctly, that is, as the moment of the space and $V - R$ conjunctly; and, therefore, if the moment of the space be given, as $V - R$; that is, if for the force $V$ we put its exponent $PIGR$, and the resistance $R$ be expressed by any other area $Z$, as $PIGR - Z$.

Therefore the area $PIGR$ uniformly decreasing by the subduction of given moments, the area $Y$ increases in proportion of $PIGR - Y$, and the area $Z$ in proportion of $PIGR - Z$. And therefore if the areas $Y$ and $Z$ begin together, and at the beginning are equal, these, by the addition of equal moments, will continue to be equal; and in like manner decreasing by equal moments, will vanish together. And, vice versa, if they together begin and vanish, they will have equal mo-
ments and be always equal; and that, because if the resistance \( Z \) be augmented, the velocity together with the arc \( Ca \), described in the ascent of the body, will be diminished; and the point in which all the motion together with the resistance ceases coming nearer to the point \( C \), the resistance vanishes sooner than the area \( Y \). And the contrary will happen when the resistance is diminished.

Now the area \( Z \) begins and ends where the resistance is nothing, that is, at the beginning of the motion where the arc \( CD \) is equal to the arc \( CB \), and the right line \( RG \) falls upon the right line \( QE \); and at the end of the motion where the arc \( CD \) is equal to the arc \( Ca \), and \( RG \) falls upon the right line \( ST \). And the area \( Y \) or \( OQ \) IEF — IGH begins and ends also where the resistance is nothing, and therefore where \( \frac{OR}{OQ} \) IEF and IGH are equal; that is (by the construction), where the right line \( RG \) falls successively upon the right lines \( QE \) and \( ST \). Therefore those areas begin and vanish together, and are therefore always equal. Therefore the area \( \frac{OR}{OQ} \) IEF — IGH is equal to the area \( Z \), by which the resistance is expressed, and therefore is to the area \( PINM \), by which the gravity is expressed, as the resistance to the gravity. Q.E.D.

**Cor. 1.** Therefore the resistance in the lowest place \( C \) is to the force of gravity as the area \( \frac{OP}{OQ} \) IEF to the area \( PINM \).

**Cor. 2.** But it becomes greatest where the area \( PIHR \) is to the area \( IEF \) as \( OR \) to \( OQ \). For in that case its moment (that is, \( PIGR — Y \)) becomes nothing.

**Cor. 3.** Hence also may be known the velocity in each place, as being in the subduplicate ratio of the resistance, and at the beginning of the motion equal to the velocity of the body oscillating in the same cycloid without any resistance.

However, by reason of the difficulty of the calculation by which the resistance and the velocity are found by this pro-
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position, we have thought fit to subjoin the proposition following.

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if a right line ab (pl. 6, fig. 1) be equal to the arc of a cycloid which an oscillating body describes, and at each of its points d the perpendiculars dk be erected, which shall be to the length of the pendulum as the resistance of the body in the corresponding points of the arc to the force of gravity; i say, that the difference between the arc described in the whole descent and the arc described in the whole subsequent ascent drawn into half the sum of the same arcs will be equal to the area bka which all those perpendiculars take up.

let the arc of the cycloid, described in one entire oscillation, be expressed by the right line ab, equal to it, and the arc which would have been described in vacuo by the length ab. bisect ab in c, and the point c will represent the lowest point of the cycloid, and cd will be as the force arising from gravity, with which the body in d is urged in the direction of the tangent of the cycloid, and will have the same ratio to the length of the pendulum as the force in d has to the force of gravity. let that force, therefore, be expressed by that length cd, and the force of gravity by the length of the pendulum; and if in de you take dk in the same ratio to the length of the pendulum as the resistance has to the gravity, dk will be the exponent of the resistance. from the centre c with the interval ca or cb describe a semi-circle beea. let the body describe, in the least time, the space dd; and, erecting the perpendiculars de, de, meeting the circumference in e and e, they will be as the velocities which the body descending in vacuo from the point b would acquire in the places d and d. this appears by prop. 52, book 1. let, therefore, these velocities be expressed by those perpendiculars de, de; and let df be the velocity which it acquires in d by falling from b in the resisting medium. and if from the centre c with the interval cf we describe the circle ffm meeting the right lines de and ab in f and m, then m will be the place to which it would thenceforward, without further resistance, ascend, and df the velocity it would acquire in

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d. Whence, also, if $Fg$ represent the moment of the velocity which the body $D$, in describing the least space $Dd$, loses by the resistance of the medium; and $CN$ be taken equal to $Cg$; then will $N$ be the place to which the body, if it met no farther resistance, would thenceforth ascend, and $MN$ will be the decrement of the ascent arising from the loss of that velocity. Draw $Fm$ perpendicular to $df$, and the decrement $Fg$ of the velocity $DF$ generated by the resistance $DK$ will be to the increment $fm$ of the same velocity, generated by the force $CD$, as the generating force $DK$ to the generating force $CD$. But because of the similar triangles $Fmf$, $Fhg$, $FDC$, $fm$ is to $Fm$ or $Dd$ as $CD$ to $DF$; and, \textit{ex aequo}, $Fg$ to $Dd$ as $DK$ to $DF$. Also $Fh$ is to $Fg$ as $DF$ to $CF$; and, \textit{ex aequo perturbata}, $Fh$ or $MN$ to $Dd$ as $DK$ to $CF$ or $CM$; and therefore the sum of all the $MN \times CM$ will be equal to the sum of all the $Dd \times DK$.

At the moveable point $M$ suppose always a rectangular ordinate erected equal to the indeterminate $CM$, which by a continual motion is drawn into the whole length $Aa$; and the trapezium described by that motion, or its equal, the rectangle $Aa \times \frac{1}{4}ab$, will be equal to the sum of all the $MN \times CM$, and therefore to the sum of all the $Dd \times DK$, that is, to the area $BKVTa$. Q.E.D.

Cor. Hence from the law of resistance, and the difference $Aa$ of the arcs $Ca$, $CB$, may be collected the proportion of the resistance to the gravity nearly.

For if the resistance $DK$ be uniform, the figure $BKVTa$ will be a rectangle under $Ba$ and $DK$; and thence the rectangle under $\frac{1}{2}Ba$ and $Aa$ will be equal to the rectangle under $Ba$ and $DK$, and $DK$ will be equal to $\frac{1}{4}Aa$. Wherefore since $DK$ is the exponent of the resistance, and the length of the pendulum the exponent of the gravity, the resistance will be to the gravity as $\frac{1}{4}Aa$ to the length of the pendulum; altogether as in prop. 28 is demonstrated.

If the resistance be as the velocity, the figure $BKVTa$ will be nearly an ellipse. For if a body, in a non-resisting medium, by one entire oscillation, should describe the length $BA$, the velocity in any place $D$ would be as the ordinate
DE of the circle described on the diameter AB. Therefore since Ba in the resisting medium, and BA in the non-resisting one, are described nearly in the same times; and therefore the velocities in each of the points of Ba are to the velocities in the correspondent points of the length BA nearly as Ba is to BA; the velocity in the point D in the resisting medium will be as the ordinate of the circle or ellipsis described upon the diameter Ba; and therefore the figure BKVTa will be nearly an ellipsis. Since the resistance is supposed proportional to the velocity, let OV be the exponent of the resistance in the middle point O; and an ellipsis BRVSa described with the centre O, and the semi-axes OB, OV, will be nearly equal to the figure BKVTa, and to its equal the rectangle Aa × BO. Therefore Aa × BO is to OV × BO as the area of this ellipsis to OV × BO; that is, Aa is to OV as the area of the semi-circle to the square of the radius, or as 11 to 7 nearly; and, therefore, \( \frac{1}{7} \) Aa is to the length of the pendulum as the resistance of the oscillating body in O to its gravity.

Now if the resistance DK be in the duplicate ratio of the velocity, the figure BKVTa will be almost a parabola having V for its vertex and OV for its axis, and therefore will be nearly equal to the rectangle under \( \frac{3}{7} \) Ba and OV. Therefore the rectangle under \( \frac{4}{7} \) Ba and Aa is equal to the rectangle \( \frac{3}{7} \) Ba × OV, and therefore OV is equal to \( \frac{4}{7} \) Aa; and therefore the resistance in O made to the oscillating body is to its gravity as \( \frac{3}{7} \) Aa to the length of the pendulum.

And I take these conclusions to be accurate enough for practical uses. For since an ellipsis or parabola BRVSa falls in with the figure BKVTa in the middle point V, that figure, if greater towards the part BRV or VSa than the other, is left towards the contrary part, and is therefore nearly equal to it.

PROPOSITION XXXI. THEOREM XXV.
If the resistance made to an oscillating body in each of the proportional parts of the arcs described be augmented or diminished in a given ratio, the difference between the arc described in the descent and the arc described in the subsequent ascent will be augmented or diminished in the same ratio.
For that difference arises from the retardation of the pendulum by the resistence of the medium, and therefore is as the whole retardation and the retarding resistence proportional thereto. In the foregoing proposition the rectangle under the right line $\frac{1}{2}aB$ and the difference $Aa$ of the arcs $CB$, $Ca$, was equal to the area $BKTa$. And that area, if the length $aB$ remains, is augmented or diminished in the ratio of the ordinates $DK$; that is, in the ratio of the resistence, and is therefore as the length $aB$ and the resistence conjunctly. And therefore the rectangle under $Aa$ and $\frac{1}{2}aB$ is as $aB$ and the resistence conjunctly, and therefore $Aa$ is as the resistence. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Hence if the resistence be as the velocity, the difference of the arcs in the same medium will be as the whole arc described; and the contrary.

Cor. 2. If the resistence be in the duplicate ratio of the velocity, that difference will be in the duplicate ratio of the whole arc: and the contrary.

Cor. 3. And universally, if the resistence be in the triplicate or any other ratio of the velocity, the difference will be in the same ratio of the whole arc: and the contrary.

Cor. 4. If the resistence be partly in the simple ratio of the velocity, and partly in the duplicate ratio of the same, the difference will be partly in the ratio of the whole arc, and partly in the duplicate ratio of it: and the contrary. So that the law and ratio of the resistence will be the same for the velocity as the law and ratio of that difference for the length of the arc.

Cor. 5. And therefore if a pendulum describe successively unequal arcs, and we can find the ratio of the increment or decrement of this difference for the length of the arc described, there will be had also the ratio of the increment or decrement of the resistence for a greater or less velocity.

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From these propositions we may find the resistence of mediums by pendulums oscillating therein. I found the resistence of the air by the following experiments. I suspended a wooden globe or ball weighing $57\frac{3}{4}$ ounces troy, its diameter $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches, by a fine thread on a firm hook, so that
the distance between the hook and the centre of oscillation of the globe was 10½ feet. I marked on the thread a point 10 feet and 1 inch distant from the centre of suspension; and even with that point I placed a ruler divided into inches, by the help whereof I observed the lengths of the arcs described by the pendulum. Then I numbered the oscillations in which the globe would lose ¼ part of its motion. If the pendulum was drawn aside from the perpendicular to the distance of 2 inches, and thence let go, so that in its whole descent it described an arc of 2 inches, and in the first whole oscillation, compounded of the descent and subsequent ascent, an arc of almost 4 inches, the same in 164 oscillations lost ¼ part of its motion, so as in its last ascent to describe an arc of 1½ inches. If in the first descent it described an arc of 4 inches, it lost ¼ part of its motion in 121 oscillations, so as in its last ascent to describe an arc of 3½ inches. If in the first descent it described an arc of 8, 16, 32, or 64 inches, it lost ¼ part of its motion in 69, 35½, 18½, 9½ oscillations, respectively. Therefore the difference between the arcs described in the first descent and the last ascent was in the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th cases, ¼, ¾, 1, 2, 4, 8 inches, respectively. Divide those differences by the number of oscillations in each case, and in one mean oscillation, wherein an arc of 3½, 7½, 15, 30, 60, 120 inches was described, the difference of the arcs described in the descent and subsequent ascent will be ½, 1½, 3½, 7½, 15½, 31 parts of an inch, respectively. But these differences in the greater oscillations are in the duplicate ratio of the arcs described nearly, but in lesser oscillations something greater than in that ratio; and therefore (by cor. 2, prop. 31 of this book) the resistence of the globe, when it moves very swift, is in the duplicate ratio of the velocity, nearly; and when it moves slowly, somewhast greater than in that ratio. 

Now let \( V \) represent the greatest velocity in any oscillation, and let \( A, B, \) and \( C \) be given quantities, and let us suppose the difference of the arcs to be \( AV + BV\frac{3}{4} + CV^2 \). Since the greatest velocities are in the cycloid as \( \frac{1}{4} \) the arcs described in oscillating, and in the circle as \( \frac{1}{2} \) the chords of those arcs; and
therefore in equal arcs are greater in the cycloid than in the circle in the ratio of $\frac{1}{4}$ the arcs to their chords; but the times in the circle are greater than in the cycloid, in a reciprocal ratio of the velocity; it is plain that the differences of the arcs (which are as the resistance and the square of the time conjunctly) are nearly the same in both curves: for in the cycloid those differences must be on the one hand augmented, with the resistance, in about the duplicate ratio of the arc to the chord, because of the velocity augmented in the simple ratio of the same; and on the other hand diminished, with the square of the time, in the same duplicate ratio. Therefore to reduce these observations to the cycloid, we must take the same differences of the arcs as were observed in the circle, and suppose the greatest velocities analogous to the half, or the whole arcs, that is, to the numbers $\frac{1}{4}$, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16. Therefore in the 2d, 4th, and 6th cases, put 1, 4, and 16 for $V$; and the difference of the arcs in the 2d case will become

$$\frac{1}{121} = A + B + C;$$ in the 4th case, $\frac{2}{354} = 4A + 8B + 16C$; in the 6th case, $\frac{8}{94} = 16A + 64B + 256C$. These equations reduced give $A = 0.0000916$, $B = 0.0010847$, and $C = 0.0029558$. Therefore the difference of the arcs is as $0.0000916V + 0.0010847V^\frac{3}{2} + 0.0029558V^2$: and therefore since (by cor. prop. 30, applied to this case) the resistance of the globe in the middle of the arc described in oscillating, where the velocity is $V$, is to its weight as $\frac{1}{4}AV + \frac{3}{8}BV^\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4}CV^2$ to the length of the pendulum, if for $A$, $B$, and $C$ you put the numbers found, the resistance of the globe will be to its weight as $0.0000583V + 0.0007593V^\frac{3}{2} + 0.0022169V^2$ to the length of the pendulum between the centre of suspension and the ruler, that is, to 121 inches. Therefore since $V$ in the 2d case represents 1, in the 4th case 4, and in the 6th case 16, the resistance will be to the weight of the globe, in the 2d case, as 0.0030345 to 121; in the 4th, as 0.041748 to 121; in the 6th, as 0.61705 to 121.
The arc which the point marked in the thread described in the 6th case, was of $120 - \frac{8}{9^2}$, or $119\frac{3}{4}$ inches. And therefore since the radius was 121 inches, and the length of the pendulum between the point of suspension and the centre of the globe was 126 inches, the arc which the centre of the globe described was $124\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Because the greatest velocity of the oscillating body, by reason of the resistance of the air, does not fall on the lowest point of the arc described, but near the middle place of the whole arc, this velocity will be nearly the same as if the globe in its whole descent in a non-resisting medium should describe $62\frac{1}{4}$ inches, the half of that arc, and that in a cycloid, to which we have above reduced the motion of the pendulum; and therefore that velocity will be equal to that which the globe would acquire by falling perpendicularly from a height equal to the verified sine of that arc. But that verified sine in the cycloid is to that arc $62\frac{1}{4}$ as the same arc to twice the length of the pendulum 252, and therefore equal to 15,278 inches. Therefore the velocity of the pendulum is the same which a body would acquire by falling, and in its fall describing a space of 15,278 inches. Therefore with such a velocity the globe meets with a resistance which is to its weight as 0.61705 to 121, or (if we take that part only of the resistance which is in the duplicate ratio of the velocity) as 0.56752 to 121.

I found, by an hydrostatical experiment, that the weight of this wooden globe was to the weight of a globe of water of the same magnitude as 55 to 97: and therefore since 121 is to 213,4 in the same ratio, the resistance made to this globe of water, moving forwards with the above-mentioned velocity, will be to its weight as 0,56752 to 213,4, that is, as 1 to $376\frac{1}{4}$. Whence since the weight of a globe of water, in the time in which the globe with a velocity uniformly continued describes a length of 30,556 inches, will generate all that velocity in the falling globe, it is manifest that the force of resistance uniformly continued in the same time will take away a velocity, which will be less than the other in the ratio of 1 to $376\frac{1}{4}$.
that is, the $\frac{1}{365\frac{1}{5}}$ part of the whole velocity. And therefore in the time that the globe, with the same velocity uniformly continued, would describe the length of its semi-diameter, or $3\frac{1}{7}$ inches, it would lose the $\frac{7}{14}$ part of its motion.

I also counted the oscillations in which the pendulum lost $\frac{1}{4}$ part of its motion. In the following table the upper numbers denote the length of the arc described in the first descent, expressed in inches and parts of an inch; the middle numbers denote the length of the arc described in the last ascent; and in the lowest place are the numbers of the oscillations. I give an account of this experiment, as being more accurate than that in which only $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the motion was lost. I leave the calculation to such as are disposed to make it.

| First descent | 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 | 64 |
| Last ascent | 1\frac{1}{3} | 3 | 6 | 12 | 24 | 48 |
| Num. of oscill. | 374 | 272 | 182\frac{1}{7} | 83\frac{1}{7} | 41\frac{1}{3} | 22\frac{1}{8} |

I afterwards suspended a leaden globe of 2 inches in diameter, weighing 26\frac{1}{4} ounces troy by the same thread, so that between the centre of the globe and the point of suspension there was an interval of 10\frac{1}{4} feet, and I counted the oscillations in which a given part of the motion was lost. The first of the following tables exhibits the number of oscillations in which $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the whole motion was lost; the second the number of oscillations in which there was lost $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the same.

| First descent | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 | 64 |
| Last ascent | 1\frac{1}{7} | 2 | 3\frac{1}{7} | 7 | 14 | 28 | 56 |
| Num. of oscill... | 226 | 228 | 193 | 140 | 90\frac{1}{4} | 53 | 30 |

Selecting in the first table the 3d, 5th, and 7th observations, and expressing the greatest velocities in these observations particularly by the numbers 1, 4, 16 respectively, and generally by the quantity $V$ as above, there will come out in the 3d observation $\frac{1}{193} = A + B + C$, in the 5th observation $\frac{2}{90\frac{1}{4}} =$
4A + 3B + 16C, in the 7th observation \( \frac{8}{30} = 16A + 64B + 256C \). These equations reduced give \( A = 0.001414 \), \( B = 0.000297 \), \( C = 0.000879 \). And thence the resistance of the globe moving with the velocity \( V \) will be to its weight \( 26\frac{1}{2} \) ounces in the same ratio as \( 0.0009V + 0.000208V^2 + 0.000659V^a \) to 121 inches, the length of the pendulum. And if we regard that part only of the resistance which is in the duplicate ratio of the velocity, it will be to the weight of the globe as \( 0.000659V^a \) to 121 inches. But this part of the resistance in the 1st experiment was to the weight of the wooden globe of 57\( \frac{1}{3} \) ounces as \( 0.002217V^a \) to 121; and thence the resistance of the wooden globe is to the resistance of the leaden one (their velocities being equal) as 57\( \frac{1}{3} \) into \( 0.002217 \) to 26\( \frac{1}{2} \) into \( 0.000659 \), that is, as 7\( \frac{1}{2} \) to 1. The diameters of the two globes were 6\( \frac{1}{2} \) and 2 inches, and the squares of these are to each other as 47\( \frac{1}{2} \) and 4, or 11\( \frac{1}{2} \) and 1, nearly. Therefore the resistances of these equally swift globes were in less than a duplicate ratio of the diameters. But we have not yet considered the resistance of the thread, which was certainly very considerable, and ought to be subducted from the resistance of the pendulums here found. I could not determine this accurately, but I found it greater than a third part of the whole resistance of the leeser pendulum; and thence I gathered that the resistances of the globes, when the resistance of the thread is subducted, are nearly in the duplicate ratio of their diameters. For the ratio of 7\( \frac{1}{2} \) — \( \frac{1}{2} \) to 1 — \( \frac{1}{2} \), or 10\( \frac{1}{2} \) to 1, is not very different from the duplicate ratio of the diameters 11\( \frac{1}{2} \) to 1.

Since the resistance of the thread is of less moment in greater globes, I tried the experiment also with a globe whose diameter was 18\( \frac{1}{2} \) inches. The length of the pendulum between the point of suspension and the centre of oscillation was 122\( \frac{1}{2} \) inches, and between the point of suspension and the knot in the thread 109\( \frac{1}{2} \) inches. The arc described by the knot at the first descent of the pendulum was 32 inches. The arc described by the same knot in the last ascent after five of-
oscillations was 28 inches. The sum of the arcs, or the whole arc described in one mean oscillation, was 60 inches. The difference of the arcs 4 inches. The \(\frac{1}{15}\) part of this, or the difference between the descent and ascent in one mean oscillation, is \(\frac{2}{15}\) of an inch. Then as the radius 109\(\frac{1}{4}\) to the radius 122\(\frac{1}{4}\), so is the whole arc of 60 inches described by the knot in one mean oscillation to the whole arc of 67\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches described by the centre of the globe in one mean oscillation; and so is the difference \(\frac{2}{15}\) to a new difference 0,4475. If the length of the arc described were to remain, and the length of the pendulum should be augmented in the ratio of 126 to 122\(\frac{1}{4}\), the time of the oscillation would be augmented, and the velocity of the pendulum would be diminished in the subduplicate of that ratio; so that the difference 0,4475 of the arcs described in the descent and subsequent ascent would remain. Then if the arc described be augmented in the ratio of 124\(\frac{1}{4}\) to 67\(\frac{1}{4}\), that difference 0,4475 would be augmented in the duplicate of that ratio, and so would become 1,5295. These things would be so upon the supposition that the resistance of the pendulum were in the duplicate ratio of the velocity. Therefore if the pendulum describe the whole arc of 124\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches, and its length between the point of suspension and the centre of oscillation be 126 inches, the difference of the arcs described in the descent and subsequent ascent would be 1,5295 inches. And this difference multiplied into the weight of the pendulous globe, which was 208 ounces, produces 318,136. Again; in the pendulum above-mentioned, made of a wooden globe, when its centre of oscillation, being 126 inches from the point of suspension, described the whole arc of 124\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches, the difference of the arcs described in the descent and ascent was \(\frac{126}{121}\) into \(\frac{8}{9\frac{3}{4}}\). This multiplied into the weight of the globe, which was 57\(\frac{1}{2}\) ounces, produces 49,396. But I multiply these differences into the weights of the globes, in order to find their resistances. For the differences arise from the resistances, and are as the resistances directly and the weights inversely. Therefore the resistances are as the numbers 318,136 and 49,396. But that part of the resistance of the lesser globe,
which is in the duplicate ratio of the velocity, was to the
whole resistance as 0.56752 to 0.61675, that is, as 45,453 to
49,396; whereas that part of the resistance of the greater
globe is almost equal to its whole resistance; and so those
parts are nearly as 318,136 and 45,453, that is, as 7 and 1.
But the diameters of the globes are 18 1/2 and 6 1/2; and their
squares 351 1/2 and 47 1/2 are as 7,438 and 1, that is, as the re-
sistances of the globes 7 and 1, nearly. The difference of these
ratios is scarce greater than may arise from the resistance of
the thread. Therefore those parts of the resistances which
are, when the globes are equal, as the squares of the ve-
cocities, are also, when the velocities are equal, as the squares
of the diameters of the globes.

But the greatest of the globes I used in these experiments
was not perfectly spherical, and therefore in this calculation
I have, for brevity's sake, neglected some little niceties; being
not very solicitous for an accurate calculus in an experiment
that was not very accurate. So that I could wish that these
experiments were tried again with other globes, of a larger
size, more in number, and more accurately formed; since the
demonstration of a vacuum depends thereon. If the globes
be taken in a geometrical proportion, as suppose whose dia-
eters are 4, 8, 16, 32 inches; one may collect from the
progression observed in the experiments what would happen if
the globes were still larger.

In order to compare the resistances of different fluids with
each other, I made the following trials. I procured a wooden
vessel 4 feet long, 1 foot broad, and 1 foot high. This vessel,
being uncovered, I filled with spring water, and, having im-
merged pendulums therein, I made them oscillate in the water.
And I found that a leaden globe weighing 166 1/2 ounces, and
in diameter 9 1/2 inches, moved therein as it is set down in the
following table; the length of the pendulum from the point
of suspension to a certain point marked in the thread being
126 inches, and to the centre of oscillation 13 3/4 inches.

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The arc described in the first descent by a point marked in the thread, was inches 64.32.16.8.4.2.1.4.8
The arc described in the last ascent was inches 48.24.12.6.3.1.4.2.8.4
The difference of the arcs proportional to the motion lost, was inches 16.8.4.2.1.4.2.8.4
The number of the oscillations in water \(\frac{2}{3}.1\frac{1}{3}.3.7.11\frac{1}{2}.12\frac{1}{2}.13\frac{1}{2}\)
The number of the oscillations in air \(85\frac{1}{4}.287.535\)

In the experiments of the 4th column there were equal motions lost in 535 oscillations made in the air, and 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) in water. The oscillations in the air were indeed a little swifter than those in the water. But if the oscillations in the water were accelerated in such a ratio that the motions of the pendulums might be equally swifter in both mediums, there would be still the same number 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) of oscillations in the water, and by these the same quantity of motion would be lost as before; because the resistance is increased, and the square of the time diminished in the same duplicate ratio. The pendulums, therefore, being of equal velocities, there were equal motions lost in 535 oscillations in the air, and 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) in the water; and therefore the resistance of the pendulum in the water is to its resistance in the air as 535 to 1\(\frac{1}{2}\). This is the proportion of the whole resistances in the case of the 4th column.

Now let \(AV + CV^2\) represent the difference of the arcs described in the descent and subsequent ascent by the globe moving in air with the greatest velocity \(V\); and since the greatest velocity is in the case of the 4th column to the greatest velocity in the case of the 1st column as 1 to 8; and that difference of the arcs in the case of the 4th column to the dif-
ference in the case of the 1st column as \( \frac{2}{535} \) to \( \frac{16}{854} \), or as \( 85\frac{2}{4} \) to 4280; put in these cases 1 and 8 for the velocities, and 85\( \frac{2}{4} \) and 4280 for the differences of the arcs, and \( A + C \) will be \( 85\frac{2}{4} \), and \( 8A + 64C = 4280 \) or \( A + 8C = 535 \); and then, by reducing these equations, there will come out \( 7C = 449\frac{1}{4} \) and \( C = 64\frac{1}{4} \) and \( A = 21\frac{1}{4} \); and therefore the resistance, which is as \( \frac{1}{7}AV + \frac{1}{4}CV^2 \), will become as \( 13\frac{1}{4}V + 48\frac{1}{4}V^2 \). Therefore in the case of the 4th column, where the velocity was 1, the whole resistance is to its part proportional to the square of the velocity as \( 13\frac{1}{4} + 48\frac{1}{4} \) or \( 61\frac{1}{4} \) to \( 48\frac{1}{4} \); and therefore the resistance of the pendulum in water is to that part of the resistance in air, which is proportional to the square of the velocity, and which in swift motions is the only part that deserves consideration, as \( 61\frac{1}{4} \) to \( 48\frac{1}{4} \) and 535 to 14 conjunctly, that is, as 571 to 1. If the whole thread of the pendulum oscillating in the water had been immersed, its resistance would have been still greater; so that the resistance of the pendulum oscillating in the water, that is, that part which is proportional to the square of the velocity, and which only needs to be considered in swift bodies, is to the resistance of the same whole pendulum, oscillating in air with the same velocity, as about 850 to 1, that is, as the density of water to the density of air, nearly.

In this calculation we ought also to have taken in that part of the resistance of the pendulum in the water which was as the square of the velocity; but I found (which will perhaps seem strange) that the resistance in the water was augmented in more than a duplicate ratio of the velocity. In searching after the cause, I thought upon this, that the vessel was too narrow for the magnitude of the pendulous globe, and by its narrowness obstructed the motion of the water as it yielded to the oscillating globe. For when I immersed a pendulous globe, whose diameter was one inch only, the resistance was augmented nearly in a duplicate ratio of the velocity. I tried this by making a pendulum of two globes, of which the lesser and lower oscillated in the water, and the greater and higher was fastened to the thread just above the
water, and, by oscillating in the air, assisted the motion of the pendulum, and continued it longer. The experiments made by this contrivance proved according to the following table.

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\begin{align*}
\text{Arc descr. in first descent} & : 16 & : 8 & : 4 & : 2 & : 1 & : 4 & : \frac{1}{4}
\text{Arc descr. in last ascent} & : 12 & : 6 & : 3 & : 4 & : 4 & : \frac{1}{4} & : \frac{1}{16}
\text{Diff. of arcs, proport. to motion lost} & \quad 4 & : 2 & : 1 & : \frac{1}{4} & : \frac{1}{4} & : \frac{1}{16}
\text{Number of oscillations} & \quad 3\frac{1}{4} & & 6\frac{1}{4} & & 12\frac{1}{4} & & 21\frac{1}{4} & & 84 & & 59 & & 62\frac{1}{4}
\end{align*}
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In comparing the resistances of the mediums with each other, I also caused iron pendulums to oscillate in quicksilver. The length of the iron wire was about 3 feet, and the diameter of the pendulous globe about \(\frac{1}{4}\) of an inch. To the wire, just above the quicksilver, there was fixed another leaden globe of a bigness sufficient to continue the motion of the pendulum for some time. Then a vessel, that would hold about 3 pounds of quicksilver, was filled by turns with quicksilver and common water, that, by making the pendulum oscillate successively in these two different fluids, I might find the proportion of their resistances; and the resistance of the quicksilver proved to be to the resistance of water as about 13 or 14 to 1; that is, as the density of quicksilver to the density of water. When I made use of a pendulous globe something bigger, as of one whose diameter was about \(\frac{1}{2}\) or \(\frac{3}{4}\) of an inch, the resistance of the quicksilver proved to be to the resistance of the water as about 12 or 10 to 1. But the former experiment is more to be relied on, because in the latter the vessel was too narrow in proportion to the magnitude of the immersed globe; for the vessel ought to have been enlarged together with the globe. I intended to have repeated these experiments with larger vessels, and in melted metals, and other liquors both cold and hot; but I had not leisure to try all; and besides, from what is already described, it appears sufficiently that the resistance of bodies moving swiftly is nearly proportional to the densities of the fluids in which they move. I do not say accurately; for more tenacious fluids, of equal density, will undoubtedly resist more than those that are more liquid; as cold oil more than warm, warm oil more than rainwater, and water more than spirit of wine. But in liquors,
which are sensibly fluid enough, as in air, in salt and fresh water, in spirit of wine, of turpentine, and salts, in oil cleared of its fæces by distillation and warmed, in oil of vitriol, and in mercury, and melted metals, and any other such like, that are fluid enough to retain for some time the motion impressed upon them by the agitation of the vessel, and which being poured out are easily resolved into drops, I doubt not but the rule already laid down may be accurate enough, especially if the experiments be made with larger pendulous bodies, and more swiftly moved.

Lastly, since it is the opinion of some that there is a certain æthereal medium extremely rare and subtile, which freely pervades the pores of all bodies; and from such a medium, so pervading the pores of bodies, some resistance must needs arise; in order to try whether the resistance, which we experience in bodies in motion, be made upon their outward superficies only, or whether their internal parts meet with any considerable resistance upon their superficies, I thought of the following experiment. I suspended a round deal box by a thread 11 feet long, on a steel hook, by means of a ring of the same metal, so as to make a pendulum of the aforesaid length. The hook had a sharp hollow edge on its upper part, so that the upper arc of the ring pressing on the edge might move the more freely; and the thread was fastened to the lower arc of the ring. The pendulum being thus prepared, I drew it aside from the perpendicular to the distance of about 6 feet, and that in a plane perpendicular to the edge of the hook, left the ring, while the pendulum oscillated, should slide to and fro on the edge of the hook: for the point of suspension, in which the ring touches the hook, ought to remain immovable. I therefore accurately noted the place to which the pendulum was brought, and, letting it go, I marked three other places, to which it returned at the end of the 1st, 2d, and 3d oscillation. This I often repeated, that I might find those places as accurately as possible. Then I filled the box with lead and other heavy metals that were near at hand. But, first, I weighed the box when empty, and that part of the thread that went round it, and half the remaining part, extended
between the hook and the suspended box; for the thread so extended always acts upon the pendulum, when drawn aside from the perpendicular, with half its weight. To this weight I added the weight of the air contained in the box. And this whole weight was about \( \frac{1}{4} \) of the weight of the box when filled with the metals. Then because the box when full of the metals, by extending the thread with its weight, increased the length of the pendulum, I shortened the thread so as to make the length of the pendulum, when oscillating, the same as before. Then drawing aside the pendulum to the place first marked, and letting it go, I reckoned about 77 oscillations before the box returned to the second mark, and as many afterwards before it came to the third mark, and as many after that before it came to the fourth mark. From whence I conclude that the whole resistance of the box, when full, had not a greater proportion to the resistance of the box, when empty, than 78 to 77. For if their resistances were equal, the box, when full, by reason of its vis in fītā, which was 78 times greater than the vis in fītā of the same when empty, ought to have continued its oscillating motion so much the longer, and therefore to have returned to those marks at the end of 78 oscillations. But it returned to them at the end of 77 oscillations.

Let, therefore, A represent the resistance of the box upon its external superficies, and B the resistance of the empty box on its internal superficies; and if the resistances to the internal parts of bodies equally swift be as the matter, or the number of particles that are resisted, then 78B will be the resistance made to the internal parts of the box, when full; and therefore the whole resistance A + B of the empty box will be to the whole resistance A + 78B of the full box as 77 to 78, and, by division, A + B to 77B as 77 to 1; and thence A + B to B as 77 \times 77 to 1, and, by division again, A to B as 5928 to 1. Therefore the resistance of the empty box in its internal parts will be above 5000 times less than the resistance on its external superficies. This reasoning depends upon the supposition that the greater resistance of the full box arises
not from any other latent cause, but only from the action of some subtile fluid upon the included metal.

This experiment is related by memory, the paper being lost in which I had described it; so that I have been obliged to omit some fractional parts, which are slip out of my memory; and I have no leisure to try it again. The first time I made it, the hook being weak, the full box was retarded sooner. The cause I found to be, that the hook was not strong enough to bear the weight of the box; so that, as it oscillated to and fro, the hook was bent sometimes this and sometimes that way. I therefore procured a hook of sufficient strength, so that the point of suspension might remain unmoved, and then all things happened as is above described.

SECTION VII.

Of the motion of fluids, and the resistance made to projected bodies.

PROPOSITION XXXII. THEOREM XXVI.

Suppose two similar systems of bodies consisting of an equal number of particles, and let the correspondent particles be similar and proportional, each in one system to each in the other, and have a like situation among themselves, and the same given ratio of density to each other; and let them begin to move among themselves in proportional times, and with like motions (that is, those in one system among one another, and those in the other among one another). And if the particles that are in the same system do not touch one another, except in the moments of reflexion; nor attract, nor repel each other, except with accelerative forces that are as the diameters of the correspondent particles inversely, and the squares of the velocities directly; I say, that the particles of those systems will continue to move among themselves with like motions and in proportional times.

Like bodies in like situations are said to be moved among themselves with like motions and in proportional times, when their situations at the end of those times are always found alike in respect of each other: as suppose we compare the particles in one system with the correspondent particles in the other. Hence the times will be proportional, in which simi-
lar and proportional parts of similar figures will be described by correspondent particles. Therefore if we suppose two systems of this kind, the correspondent particles, by reason of the similitude of the motions at their beginning, will continue to be moved with like motions, so long as they move without meeting one another; for if they are acted on by no forces, they will go on uniformly in right lines, by the 1st law. But if they do agitate one another with some certain forces, and those forces are as the diameters of the correspondent particles inversely and the squares of the velocities directly, then, because the particles are in like situations, and their forces are proportional, the whole forces with which correspondent particles are agitated, and which are compounded of each of the agitating forces (by corol. 2 of the laws), will have like directions, and have the same effect as if they respected centres placed alike among the particles; and those whole forces will be to each other as the several forces which compose them, that is, as the diameters of the correspondent particles inversely, and the squares of the velocities directly: and therefore will cause correspondent particles to continue to describe like figures. These things will be so (by cor. 1 and 8, prop. 4, book 1), if those centres are at rest; but if they are moved, yet, by reason of the similitude of the translations, their situations among the particles of the system will remain similar; so that the changes introduced into the figures described by the particles will still be similar. So that the motions of correspondent and similar particles will continue similar till their first meeting with each other; and hence will arise similar collisions, and similar reflexions; which will again beget similar motions of the particles among themselves (by what was just now shewn), till they mutually fall upon one another again, and so on ad infinitum.

Cor. 1. Hence if any two bodies, which are similar and in like situations to the correspondent particles of the systems, begin to move amongst them in like manner and in proportional times, and their magnitudes and densities be to each other as the magnitudes and densities of the corresponding particles, these bodies will continue to be moved in like man
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mer and in proportional times; for the case of the greater parts of both systems and of the particles is the very same.

Cor. 2. And if all the similar and similarly situated parts of both systems be at rest among themselves; and two of them, which are greater than the rest, and mutually correspondent in both systems, begin to move in lines alike posited, with any similar motion whatsoever, they will excite similar motions in the rest of the parts of the systems, and will continue to move among those parts in like manner and in proportional times; and will therefore describe spaces proportional to their diameters.

PROPOSITION XXXIII. THEOREM XXVII.

The same things being supposed, I say, that the greater parts of the systems are resisted in a ratio compounded of the duplicate ratio of their velocities, and the duplicate ratio of their diameters, and the simple ratio of the density of the parts of the systems.

For the resistance arises partly from the centripetal or centrifugal forces with which the particles of the system mutually act on each other, partly from the collisions and reflexions of the particles and the greater parts. The resistances of the first kind are to each other as the whole motive forces from which they arise, that is, as the whole accelerative forces and the quantities of matter in corresponding parts; that is (by the supposition), as the squares of the velocities directly, and the distances of the corresponding particles inversely, and the quantities of matter in the correspondent parts directly; and therefore since the distances of the particles in one system are to the correspondent distances of the particles of the other as the diameter of one particle or part in the former system to the diameter of the correspondent particle or part in the other, and since the quantities of matter are as the densities of the parts and the cubes of the diameters; the resistances are to each other as the squares of the velocities and the squares of the diameters and the densities of the parts of the systems. Q.E.D. The resistances of the latter sort are as the number of correspondent reflexions and the forces of those reflexions conjunctly; but the number
of the reflexions are to each other as the velocities of the corresponding parts directly and the spaces between their reflexions inversely. And the forces of the reflexions are as the velocities and the magnitudes and the densities of the corresponding parts conjunctly; that is, as the velocities and the cubes of the diameters and the densities of the parts. And, joining all these ratios, the resistances of the corresponding parts are to each other as the squares of the velocities and the squares of the diameters and the densities of the parts conjunctly. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore if those systems are two elastic fluids, like our air, and their parts are at rest among themselves; and two similar bodies proportional in magnitude and density to the parts of the fluids, and similarly situated among those parts, be any how projected in the direction of lines similarly posited; and the accelerative forces with which the particles of the fluids mutually act upon each other are as the diameters of the bodies projected inversely and the squares of their velocities directly; those bodies will excite similar motions in the fluids in proportional times, and will describe similar spaces and proportional to their diameters.

Cor. 2. Therefore in the same fluid a projected body that moves swiftly meets with a resistance that is in the duplicate ratio of its velocity, nearly. For if the forces, with which distant particles act mutually upon one another should be augmented in the duplicate ratio of the velocity, the projected body would be refuted in the same duplicate ratio accurately; and therefore in a medium, whose parts when at a distance do not act mutually with any force on one another, the resistance is in the duplicate ratio of the velocity accurately. Let there be, therefore, three mediums A, B, C, consisting of similar and equal parts regularly disposed at equal distances. Let the parts of the mediums A and B recede from each other with forces that are among themselves as T and V; and let the parts of the medium C be entirely destitute of any such forces. And if four equal bodies D, E, F, G, move in these mediums, the two first D and E in the two first A and B, and the other two F and G in the third C; and if
the velocity of the body D be to the velocity of the body E, and the velocity of the body F to the velocity of the body G, in the subduplicate ratio of the force T to the force V; the resistance of the body D to the resistance of the body E, and the resistance of the body F to the resistance of the body G, will be in the duplicate ratio of the velocities; and therefore the resistance of the body D will be to the resistance of the body F as the resistance of the body E to the resistance of the body G. Let the bodies D and F be equally swift, as also the bodies E and G; and, augmenting the velocities of the bodies D and F in any ratio, and diminishing the forces of the particles of the medium B in the duplicate of the same ratio, the medium B will approach to the form and condition of the medium C at pleasure; and therefore the resistances of the equal and equally swift bodies E and G in these mediums will perpetually approach to equality, so that their difference will at last become less than any given. Therefore, since the resistances of the bodies D and F are to each other as the resistances of the bodies E and G, those will also in like manner approach to the ratio of equality. Therefore the bodies D and F, when they move with very great swiftness, meet with resistances very nearly equal; and therefore since the resistance of the body F is in a duplicate ratio of the velocity, the resistance of the body D will be nearly in the same ratio.

Cor. 3. The resistance of a body moving very swift in an elastic fluid is almost the same as if the parts of the fluid were defitute of their centrifugal forces, and did not fly from each other; if so be that the elasticity of the fluid arise from the centrifugal forces of the particles, and the velocity be so great as not to allow the particles time enough to act.

Cor. 4. Therefore, since the resistances of similar and equally swift bodies, in a medium whose distant parts do not fly from each other, are as the squares of the diameters, the resistances made to bodies moving with very great and equal velocities in an elastic fluid will be as the squares of the diameters, nearly.

Cor. 5. And since similar, equal, and equally swift bodies, moving through mediums of the same density, whose parti-
ties do not fly from each other mutually, will strike against an equal quantity of matter in equal times, whether the particles of which the medium consists be more and smaller, or fewer and greater, and therefore impress on that matter an equal quantity of motion, and in return (by the 3d law of motion) suffer an equal re-action from the same, that is, are equally resisted; it is manifest, also, that in elastic fluids of the same density, when the bodies move with extreme swiftness, their resistances are nearly equal, whether the fluids consist of gross parts, or of parts ever so subtile. For the resistance of projectiles moving with exceedingly great celerities is not much diminished by the subtility of the medium.

Cor. 6. All these things are so in fluids whose elastic force takes its rise from the centrifugal forces of the particles. But if that force arise from some other cause, as from the expansion of the particles after the manner of wool, or the boughs of trees, or any other cause, by which the particles are hindered from moving freely among themselves, the resistance, by reason of the lesser fluidity of the medium, will be greater than in the corollaries above.

PROPOSITION XXXIV. THEOREM XXVIII.
If in a rare medium, consisting of equal particles freely disposed at equal distances from each other, a globe and a cylinder described on equal diameters move with equal velocities in the direction of the axis of the cylinder, the resistance of the globe will be but half so great as that of the cylinder.

For since the action of the medium upon the body is the same (by cor. 5 of the laws) whether the body move in a quiescent medium, or whether the particles of the medium impinge with the same velocity upon the quiescent body, let us consider the body as if it were quiescent, and see with what force it would be impelled by the moving medium. Let, therefore, ABKI (Pl. 6, Fig. 2) represent a spherical body described from the centre C with the semi-diameter CA, and let the particles of the medium impinge with a given velocity upon that spherical body in the directions of right lines parallel to AC; and let FB be one of those right lines. In FB take LB equal to the semi-diameter CB, and draw BD touch-
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ing the sphere in B. Upon KC and BD let fall the perpendiculars BE, LD; and the force with which a particle of the medium, impinging on the globe obliquely in the direction FB, would strike the globe in B, will be to the force with which the same particle, meeting the cylinder ONGO described about the globe with the axis AC1, would strike it perpendicularly in B, as LD to LB, or BE to BC. Again; the efficacy of this force to move the globe according to the direction of its incidence FB or AC, is to the efficacy of the same to move the globe according to the direction of its determination, that is, in the direction of the right line BC in which it impels the globe directly, as BE to BC. And, joining these ratios, the efficacy of a particle, falling upon the globe obliquely in the direction of the right line FB, to move the globe in the direction of its incidence, is to the efficacy of the same particle falling in the same line perpendicularly on the cylinder, to move it in the same direction, as BB to BC. Therefore if in BE, which is perpendicular to the circular base of the cylinder NAO, and equal to the radius AC, we take BH equal to $\frac{BE^2}{CB}$; then BH will be to BE as the effect of the particle upon the globe to the effect of the particle upon the cylinder. And therefore the solid which is formed by all the right lines BH will be to the solid formed by all the right lines BE as the effect of all the particles upon the globe to the effect of all the particles upon the cylinder. But the former of these solids is a paraboloid whose vertex is C, its axis CA, and latus rectum CA, and the latter solid is a cylinder circumscribing the paraboloid; and it is known that a paraboloid is half its circumscribed cylinder. Therefore the whole force of the medium upon the globe is half of the entire force of the same upon the cylinder. And therefore if the particles of the medium are at rest, and the cylinder and globe move with equal velocities, the resistance of the globe will be half the resistance of the cylinder. Q.E.D.

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By the same method other figures may be compared together as to their resistance; and those may be found which
are most apt to continue their motions in resisted mediums. As if upon the circular base CEBH (Pl. 6, Fig. 3) from the centre O, with the radius OC, and the altitude OD, one would construct a frustum CBGF of a cone, which should meet with less resistance than any other frustum constructed with the same base and altitude, and going forwards towards D in the direction of its axis: bisect the altitude OD in Q, and produce OQ to S, so that QS may be equal to QC, and S will be the vertex of the cone whose frustum is sought.

Whence, by the bye, since the angle CSB is always acute, it follows, that, if the solid ADBE (Pl. 6, Fig. 4) be generated by the convolution of an elliptical or oval figure ADBE about its axis AB, and the generating figure be touched by three right lines FG, GH, HI, in the points F, B, and I, so that GH shall be perpendicular to the axis in the point of contact B, and FG, HI may be inclined to GH in the angles FGB, BHI of 135 degrees; the solid arising from the convolution of the figure ADFGHIE about the same axis AB will be less resisted than the former solid; if so be that both move forward in the direction of their axis AB, and that the extremity B of each go foremost. Which proposition I conceive may be of use in the building of ships.

If the figure DNFG be such a curve, that if, from any point thereof, as N, the perpendicular NM be let fall on the axis AB, and from the given point G there be drawn the right line GR parallel to a right line touching the figure in N, and cutting the axis produced in R, MN becomes to GR as GR³ to 4BR × GB², the solid described by the revolution of this figure about its axis AB, moving in the before-mentioned rare medium from A towards B, will be less resisted than any other circular solid whatsoever, described of the same length and breadth.

--- The demonstration of these curious Theorems being omitted by the author, the analysis thereof, communicated by a friend, is added at the end of this volume.

**PROPOSITION XXXV. PROBLEM VII.**

If a rare medium consist of very small quiescent particles of equal magnitudes, and freely disposed at equal distances from
one another: to find the resistance of a globe moving uniformly forwards in this medium.

Case 1. Let a cylinder described with the same diameter and altitude be conceived to go forward with the same velocity in the direction of its axis through the same medium; and let us suppose that the particles of the medium, on which the globe or cylinder falls, fly back with as great a force of reflexion as possible. Then since the resistance of the globe (by the last proposition) is but half the resistance of the cylinder, and since the globe is to the cylinder as 2 to 3, and since the cylinder by falling perpendicularly on the particles, and reflecting them with the utmost force, communicates to them a velocity double to its own; it follows that the cylinder, in moving forward uniformly half the length of its axis, will communicate a motion to the particles which is to the whole motion of the cylinder as the density of the medium to the density of the cylinder; and that the globe, in the time it describes one length of its diameter in moving uniformly forwards, will communicate the same motion to the particles; and in the time that it describes two thirds of its diameter, will communicate a motion to the particles which is to the whole motion of the globe as the density of the medium to the density of the globe. And therefore the globe meets with a resistance, which is to the force by which its whole motion may be either taken away or generated in the time in which it describes two thirds of its diameter moving uniformly forwards, as the density of the medium to the density of the globe.

Case 2. Let us suppose that the particles of the medium incident on the globe or cylinder are not reflected; and then the cylinder falling perpendicularly on the particles will communicate its own simple velocity to them, and therefore meets a resistance but half so great as in the former case, and the globe also meets with a resistance but half so great.

Case 3. Let us suppose the particles of the medium to fly back from the globe with a force which is neither the greatest, nor yet none at all, but with a certain mean force; then the resistance of the globe will be in the same mean ratio between
the resistance in the first case and the resistance in the second. Q.E.I.

Cor. 1. Hence if the globe and the particles are infinitely hard, and destitute of all elastic force, and therefore of all force of reflexion; the resistance of the globe will be to the force by which its whole motion may be destroyed or generated, in the time that the globe describes four third parts of its diameter, as the density of the medium to the density of the globe.

Cor. 2. The resistance of the globe, ceteris paribus, is in the duplicate ratio of the velocity.

Cor. 3. The resistance of the globe, ceteris paribus, is in the duplicate ratio of the diameter.

Cor. 4. The resistance of the globe is, ceteris paribus, as the density of the medium.

Cor. 5. The resistance of the globe is in a ratio compounded of the duplicate ratio of the velocity, and the duplicate ratio of the diameter, and the ratio of the density of the medium.

Cor. 6. The motion of the globe and its resistance may be thus expounded. Let AB (Pl. 7, Fig. 1) be the time in which the globe may, by its resistance uniformly continued, lose its whole motion. Erect AD, BC perpendicular to AB. Let BC be that whole motion, and through the point C, the asymptotes being AD, AB, describe the hyperbola CF. Produce AB to any point E. Erect the perpendicular EF meeting the hyperbola in F. Complete the parallelogram CBEG, and draw AF meeting BC in H. Then if the globe in any time BE, with its first motion BC uniformly continued, describes in a non-resisting medium the space CBEG expounded by the area of the parallelogram, the same in a resisting medium will describe the space CBEF expounded by the area of the hyperbola; and its motion at the end of that time will be expounded by EF, the ordinate of the hyperbola, there being lost of its motion the part FG. And its resistance at the end of the same time will be expounded by the length BH, there being lost of its resistance the part CH. All these things appear by cor. 1 and 3, prop. 5, book 2.
Cor. 7. Hence if the globe in the time $T$ by the resistance $R$ uniformly continued lose its whole motion $M$, the same globe in the time $t$ in a resisting medium, wherein the resistance $R$ decreases in a duplicate ratio of the velocity, will lose out of its motion $M$ the part $\frac{tM}{T}$, the part $\frac{TM}{T \times t}$ remaining; and will describe a space which is to the space described in the same time $t$, with the uniform motion $M$, as the logarithm of the number $\frac{T + t}{T}$ multiplied by the number 2,302585092994 is to the number $\frac{t}{T}$, because the hyperbolic area $BCFE$ is to the rectangle $BCGE$ in that proportion.

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I have exhibited in this proposition the resistance and retardation of spherical projectiles in mediums that are not continued, and shewn that this resistance is to the force by which the whole motion of the globe may be destroyed or produced in the time in which the globe can describe two thirds of its diameter, with a velocity uniformly continued, as the density of the medium to the density of the globe, if so be the globe and the particles of the medium be perfectly elastic, and are ended with the utmost force of reflection; and that this force, where the globe and particles of the medium are infinitely hard and void of any reflecting force, is diminished one half. But in continued mediums, as water, hot oil, and quicksilver, the globe as it passes through them does not immediately strike against all the particles of the fluid that generate the resistance made to it, but presses only the particles that lie next to it, which presses the particles beyond, which presses other particles, and so on; and in these mediums the resistance is diminished one other half. A globe in these extremely fluid mediums meets with a resistance that is to the force by which its whole motion may be destroyed or generated in the time wherein it can describe, with that motion uniformly continued, eight third parts of its diameter, as the density of the medium to the density of the globe. This I shall endeavour to shew in what follows.
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PROPOSITION XXXVI. PROBLEM VIII.
To define the motion of water running out of a cylindrical vessel through a hole made at the bottom.

Let ACDB (Pl. 7, Fig. 2) be a cylindrical vessel, AB the mouth of it, CD the bottom parallel to the horizon, EF a circular hole in the middle of the bottom, G the centre of the hole, and GH the axis of the cylinder perpendicular to the horizon. And suppose a cylinder of ice APQB to be of the same breadth with the cavity of the vessel, and to have the same axis, and to descend perpetually with an uniform motion, and that its parts, as soon as they touch the superficies AB, dissolve into water, and flow down by their weight into the vessel, and in their fall compose the cataract or column of water ABNFE, passing through the hole EF, and filling up the same exactly. Let the uniform velocity of the descending ice and of the contiguous water in the circle AB be that which the water would acquire by falling through the space IH; and let IH and HG lie in the same right line; and through the point I let there be drawn the right line KL parallel to the horizon, and meeting the ice on both the sides thereof in K and L. Then the velocity of the water running out at the hole EF will be the same that it would acquire by falling from I through the space IG. Therefore, by Galileo's theorems, IG will be to IH in the duplicate ratio of the velocity of the water that runs out at the hole to the velocity of the water in the circle AB, that is, in the duplicate ratio of the circle AB to the circle EF; those circles being reciprocally as the velocities of the water which in the same time and in equal quantities passes severally through each of them, and completely fills them both. We are now considering the velocity with which the water tends to the plane of the horizon. But the motion parallel to the same, by which the parts of the falling water approach to each other, is not here taken notice of; since it is neither produced by gravity, nor at all changes the motion perpendicular to the horizon which the gravity produces. We suppose, indeed, that the parts of the water cohere a little, that by their cohesion they may in falling approach to each other with motions parallel to the horizon, in
order to form one single cataract, and to prevent their being divided into several: but the motion parallel to the horizon arising from this cohesion does not come under our present consideration.

Case 1. Conceive now the whole cavity in the vessel, which compasses the falling water ABNFEM, to be full of ice, so that the water may pass through the ice as through a funnel. Then if the water pass very near to the ice only, without touching it; or, which is the same thing, if, by reason of the perfect smoothness of the surface of the ice, the water, through touching it, glides over it with the utmost freedom, and without the least resistance; the water will run through the hole EF with the same velocity as before, and the whole weight of the column of water ABNFEM will be all taken up as before in forcing out the water, and the bottom of the vessel will sustain the weight of the ice encompassing that column.

Let now the ice in the vessel dissolve into water; yet will the efflux of the water remain, as to its velocity, the same as before. It will not be less, because the ice now dissolved will endeavour to descend; it will not be greater, because the ice, now become water, cannot descend without hindering the descent of other water equal to its own descent. The same force ought always to generate the same velocity in the effluent water.

But the hole at the bottom of the vessel, by reason of the oblique motions of the particles of the effluent water, must be a little greater than before. For now the particles of the water do not all of them pass through the hole perpendicularly, but, flowing down on all parts from the sides of the vessel, and converging towards the hole, pass through it with oblique motions; and in tending downwards meet in a stream whose diameter is a little smaller below the hole than at the hole itself; its diameter being to the diameter of the hole as 5 to 6, or as 5½ to 6½, very nearly, if I took the measures of those diameters right. I procured a very thin flat plate, having a hole pierced in the middle, the diameter of the circular hole being ¼ parts of an inch. And that the stream of running waters
might not be accelerated in falling, and by that acceleration, become narrower, I fixed this plate not to the bottom, but to the side of the vessel, so as to make the water go out in the direction of a line parallel to the horizon. Then, when the vessel was full of water, I opened the hole to let it run out; and the diameter of the stream, measured with great accuracy at the distance of about half an inch from the hole, was $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Therefore the diameter of this circular hole was to the diameter of the stream very nearly as 26 to 21. So that the water in passing through the hole converges on all sides, and, after it has run out of the vessel, becomes smaller by converging in that manner, and by becoming smaller is accelerated till it comes to the distance of half an inch from the hole, and at that distance flows in a smaller stream and with greater celerity than in the hole itself, and this in the ratio of 25 x: 25 to 21 x 21, or 17 to 12, very nearly; that is, in about the subduplicate ratio of 2 to 1. Now it is certain from experiments, that the quantity of water running out in a given time through a circular hole made in the bottom of a vessel is equal to the quantity, which, flowing with the aforesaid velocity, would run out in the same time through another circular hole, whose diameter is to the diameter of the former as 21 to 25. And therefore that running water in passing through the hole itself has a velocity downwards equal to that which a heavy body would acquire in falling through half the height of the stagnant water in the vessel, nearly. But, then, after it has run out, it is still accelerated by converging, till it arrives at a distance from the hole that is nearly equal to its diameter, and acquires a velocity greater than the other in about the subduplicate ratio of 2 to 1; which velocity a heavy body would nearly acquire by falling through the whole height of the stagnant water in the vessel.

Therefore in what follows let the diameter of the stream be represented by that lesser hole which we called EF. And imagine another plane VW above the hole EF (Pl. 7, Fig. 3), and parallel to the plane thereof, to be placed at a distance equal to the diameter of the same hole, and to be pierced through with a greater hole ST, of such a magnitude that
a stream which will exactly fill the lower hole EF may pass through it; the diameter of which hole will therefore be to the diameter of the lower hole as 25 to 21, nearly. By this means the water will run perpendicularly out at the lower hole; and the quantity of the water running out will be, according to the magnitude of this last hole, the same, very nearly, which the solution of the problem requires. The space included between the two planes and the falling stream may be considered as the bottom of the vessel. But, to make the solution more simple and mathematical, it is better to take the lower plane alone for the bottom of the vessel, and to suppose that the water which flowed through the ice as through a funnel, and ran out of the vessel through the hole EF made in the lower plane, preserves its motion continually, and that the ice continues at rest. Therefore in what follows let ST be the diameter of a circular hole described from the centre Z, and let the stream run out of the vessel through that hole, when the water in the vessel is all fluid. And let EF be the diameter of the hole, which the stream, in falling through, exactly fills up, whether the water runs out of the vessel by that upper hole ST, or flows through the middle of the ice in the vessel, as through a funnel. And let the diameter of the upper hole ST be to the diameter of the lower EF as about 25 to 21, and let the perpendicular distance between the planes of the holes be equal to the diameter of the lesser hole EF. Then the velocity of the water downwards, in running out of the vessel through the hole ST, will be in that hole the same that a body may acquire by falling from half the height Z; and the velocity of both the falling streams will be in the hole EF, the same which a body would acquire by falling from the whole height IG.

Case 2. If the hole EF be not in the middle of the bottom of the vessel, but in some other part thereof, the water will still run out with the same velocity as before, if the magnitude of the hole be the same. For though an heavy body takes a longer time in descending to the same depth, by an oblique line, than by a perpendicular line, yet in both cases it acquires in its descent the same velocity; as Galileo has demonstrated.
Case 3. The velocity of the water is the same when it runs out through a hole in the side of the vessel. For if the hole be small, so that the interval between the superficies AB and KL may vanish as to sense, and the stream of water horizontally issuing out may form a parabolic figure: from the latus rectum of this parabola may be collected, that the velocity of the effluent water is that which a body may acquire by falling the height IG or HG of the stagnant water in the vessel. For, by making an experiment, I found that if the height of the stagnant water above the hole were 20 inches, and the height of the hole above a plane parallel to the horizon were also 20 inches, a stream of water springing out from thence would fall upon the plane, at the distance of 37 inches, very nearly, from a perpendicular let fall upon that plane from the hole. For without resistance the stream would have fallen upon the plane at the distance of 40 inches, the latus rectum of the parabolic stream being 80 inches.

Case 4. If the effluent water tend upwards, it will still issue forth with the same velocity. For the small stream of water springing upwards, ascends with a perpendicular motion to GH or GI, the height of the stagnant water in the vessel; excepting in so far as its ascent is hindered a little by the resistance of the air; and therefore it springs out with the same velocity that it would acquire in falling from that height. Every particle of the stagnant water is equally pressed on all sides (by prop. 19, book 2), and, yielding to the pressure, tends all ways with an equal force, whether it descends through the hole in the bottom of the vessel, or gushes out in an horizontal direction through an hole in the side, or passes into a canal, and springs up from thence through a little hole made in the upper part of the canal. And it may not only be collected from reasoning, but is manifest also from the well-known experiments just mentioned, that the velocity with which the water runs out is the very same that is assigned in this proposition.

Case 5. The velocity of the effluent water is the same, whether the figure of the hole be circular, or square, or triangular, or any other figure equal to the circular; for the ve-
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Velocity of the effluent water does not depend upon the figure of the hole, but arises from its depth below the plane KL.

Case 6. If the lower part of the vessel ABDC be immersed into stagnant water, and the height of the stagnant water above the bottom of the vessel be GR, the velocity with which the water that is in the vessel will run out at the hole EF into the stagnant water will be the same which the water would acquire by falling from the height IR; for the weight of all the water in the vessel that is below the superficies of the stagnant water will be sustained in equilibrio by the weight of the stagnant water, and therefore does not at all accelerate the motion of the descending water in the vessel. This case will also appear by experiments, measuring the times in which the water will run out.

Cor. 1. Hence if CA the depth of the water be produced to K, so that AK may be to CK in the duplicate ratio of the area of a hole made in any part of the bottom to the area of the circle AB, the velocity of the effluent water will be equal to the velocity which the water would acquire by falling from the height KC.

Cor. 2. And the force with which the whole motion of the effluent water may be generated is equal to the weight of a cylin'dric column of water, whose base is the hole EF, and its altitude 2GI or 2CK. For the effluent water, in the time it becomes equal to this column, may acquire, by falling by its own weight from the height GI, a velocity equal to that with which it runs out.

Cor. 3. The weight of all the water in the vessel ABDC is to that part of the weight which is employed in forcing out the water as the sum of the circles AB and EF to twice the circle EF. For let IO be a mean proportional between IH and IG, and the water running out at the hole EF will, in the time that a drop falling from I would describe the altitude IG, become equal to a cylinder whose base is the circle EF and its altitude 2IG, that is, to a cylinder whose base is the circle AB, and whose altitude is 2IO. For the circle EF is to the circle AB in the subduplicate ratio of the altitude IH to the altitude IG; that is, in the simple ratio of the
bend within it the column of congealed water PHQ, the weight of which is sustained by that little circle. For though the motion of the water tends directly downwards, the external supercicies of that column must yet meet the base PQ in an angle somewhat acute, because the water in its fall is perpetually accelerated, and by reason of that acceleration become narrower. Therefore, since that angle is less than a right one, this column in the lower parts thereof will lie within the hemi-spheroid. In the upper parts also it will be acute or pointed; because, to make it other wise, the horizontal motion of the water must be at the vertex infinitely more swift than its motion towards the horizon. And the less this circle PQ is, the more acute will the vertex of this column be; and the circle being diminished in infinitum, the angle PHQ will be diminished in infinitum, and therefore the column will lie within the hemi-spheroid. Therefore that column is less than that hemi-spheroid, or than two third parts of the cylinder whose base is that little circle, and its altitude GH. Now the little circle sustains a force of water equal to the weight of this column, the weight of the ambient water being employed in causing its efflux out at the hole.

Cor. 9. The weight of water which the little circle PQ sustains, when it is very small, is very nearly equal to the weight of a cylinder whose base is that little circle, and its altitude 1/3GH; for this weight is an arithmetical mean between the weights of the cone and the hemi-spheroid above-mentioned. But if that little circle be not very small, but on the contrary increased till it be equal to the hole EF, it will sustain the weight of all the water lying perpendicularly above it, that is, the weight of a cylinder of water whose base is that little circle, and its altitude GH.

Cor. 10. And (as far as I can judge) the weight which this little circle sustains is always to the weight of a cylinder of water whose base is that little circle, and its altitude 1/3GH, as $EF^2$ to $EF^3 - PQ^2$, or as the circle EF to the excess of this circle above half the little circle PQ, very nearly.

**LEMMA IV.**

*If a cylinder move uniformly forwards in the direction of its length, the resistance made thereto is not at all changed by*
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augmenting or diminishing that length; and is therefore the same with the resistance of a circle, described with the same diameter, and moving forwards with the same velocity in the direction of a right line perpendicular to its plane.

For the sides are not at all opposed to the motion; and a cylinder becomes a circle when its length is diminished in infinitum.

PROPOSITION XXXVII. THEOREM XXIX.

If a cylinder move uniformly forwards in a compressed, infinite, and non-elastic fluid, in the direction of its length, the resistance arising from the magnitude of its transverse section is to the force by which its whole motion may be destroyed or generated, in the time that it moves four times its length, as the density of the medium to the density of the cylinder, nearly.

For let the vessel ABDC (Pl. 7, Fig. 5) touch the surface of stagnant water with its bottom CD, and let the water run out of this vessel into the stagnant water through the cylindric canal EFTS perpendicular to the horizon; and let the little circle PQ be placed parallel to the horizon any where in the middle of the canal; and produce CA to K, so that AK may be to CK in the duplicate of the ratio, which the excess of the orifice of the canal EF above the little circle PQ bears to the circle AB. Then it is manifest (by cafe 5, cafe 6, and cor. 1, prop. 36) that the velocity of the water passing through the annular space between the little circle and the sides of the vessel will be the very same which the water would acquire by falling, and in its fall describing the altitude KC or IG.

And (by cor. 10, prop. 36) if the breadth of the vessel be infinite, so that the lineolæ HI may vanish, and the altitudes IG, HG become equal; the force of the water that flows down and presses upon the circle will be to the weight of a cylinder whose base is that little circle, and the altitude 1/4IG, as EF² to EF² — 1/4PQ², very nearly. For the force of the water flowing downwards uniformly through the whole canal will be the same upon the little circle PQ in whatsoever part of the canal it be placed.
Let now the orifices of the canal \( EF, \ ST \) be closed, and let the little circle ascend in the fluid compressed on every side, and by its ascent let it oblige the water that lies above it to descend through the annular space between the little circle and the sides of the canal. Then will the velocity of the ascending little circle be to the velocity of the descending water as the difference of the circles \( EF \) and \( PQ \) is to the circle \( PQ \); and the velocity of the ascending little circle will be to the sum of the velocities, that is, to the relative velocity of the descending water with which it passes by the little circle in its ascent, as the difference of the circles \( EF \) and \( PQ \) to the circle \( EF \), or as \( EF^2 - PQ^2 \) to \( EF^2 \). Let that relative velocity be equal to the velocity with which it was shewn above that the water would pass through the annular space, if the circle were to remain unmoved, that is, to the velocity which the water would acquire by falling, and in its fall describing the altitude \( IG \); and the force of the water upon the ascending circle will be the same as before (by cor. 5, of the laws of motion); that is, the resistance of the ascending little circle will be to the weight of a cylinder of water whose base is that little circle, and its altitude \( \frac{1}{4} IG \), as \( EF^2 \) to \( EF^2 - \frac{1}{4} PQ^2 \), nearly. But the velocity of the little circle will be to the velocity which the water acquires by falling, and in its fall describing the altitude \( IG \), as \( EF^2 - PQ^2 \) to \( EF^2 \).

Let the breadth of the canal be increased in infinitum; and the ratios between \( EF^2 - PQ^2 \) and \( EF^2 \), and between \( EF^2 - 4 PQ^2 \) and \( EF^2 \), will become at last ratios of equality. And therefore the velocity of the little circle will now be the same which the water would acquire in falling, and in its fall describing the altitude \( IG \); and the resistance will become equal to the weight of a cylinder whose base is that little circle, and its altitude half the altitude \( IG \), from which the cylinder must fall to acquire the velocity of the ascending circle; and with this velocity the cylinder in the time of its fall will describe four times its length. But the resistance of the cylinder moving forwards with this velocity in the direction of its length is the same with the resistance of the little circle (by lem. 4), and is therefore nearly equal to the force by which its
motion may be generated while it describes four times its length.

If the length of the cylinder be augmented or diminished, its motion, and the time in which it describes four times its length, will be augmented or diminished in the same ratio; and therefore the force by which the motion, so increased or diminished, may be destroyed or generated, will continue the same; because the time is increased or diminished in the same proportion; and therefore that force remains still equal to the resistance of the cylinder, because (by lem. 4) that resistance will also remain the same.

If the density of the cylinder be augmented or diminished, its motion, and the force by which its motion may be generated or destroyed in the same time, will be augmented or diminished in the same ratio. Therefore the resistance of any cylinder whatsoever will be to the force by which its whole motion may be generated or destroyed, in the time during which it moves four times its length, as the density of the medium to the density of the cylinder, nearly. Q.E.D.

A fluid must be compressed to become continued; it must be continued and non-elastic, that all the pressure arising from its compression may be propagated in an instant; and so, acting equally upon all parts of the body moved, may produce no change of the resistance. The pressure arising from the motion of the body is spent in generating a motion in the parts of the fluid, and this creates the resistance. But the pressure arising from the compression of the fluid, be it ever so forcible, if it be propagated in an instant, generates no motion in the parts of a continued fluid, produces no change at all of motion therein; and therefore neither augments nor lessens the resistance. This is certain, that the action of the fluid arising from the compression cannot be stronger on the hinder parts of the body moved than on its fore parts, and therefore cannot lessen the resistance described in this proposition. And if its propagation be infinitely swifter than the motion of the body pressed, it will not be stronger on the fore parts than on the hinder parts. But that action will be infinitely swifter, and propagated in an instant, if the fluid be continued and non-elastic.
Cor. 1. The resistances made to cylinders going uniformly forwards in the direction of their lengths through continued infinite mediums, are in a ratio compounded of the duplicate ratio of the velocities and the duplicate ratio of the diameters, and the ratio of the density of the mediums.

Cor. 2. If the breadth of the canal be not infinitely increased, but the cylinder go forwards in the direction of its length through an included quiescent medium, its axis all the while coinciding with the axis of the canal, its resistance will be to the force by which its whole motion, in the time in which it describes four times its length, may be generated or destroyed, in a ratio compounded of the ratio of \( EF^a \) to \( EF^a - \frac{1}{4}PQ^a \) once, and the ratio of \( EF^a - PQ^a \) to \( EF^a - PQ^a \) twice, and the ratio of the density of the medium to the density of the cylinder.

Cor. 3. The same things supposed, and that a length \( L \) is to the quadruple of the length of the cylinder in a ratio compounded of the ratio \( EF^a - \frac{1}{4}PQ^a \) to \( EF^a \) once, and the ratio of \( EF^a - PQ^a \) to \( EF^a \) twice; the resistance of the cylinder will be to the force by which its whole motion, in the time during which it describes the length \( L \), may be destroyed or generated, as the density of the medium to the density of the cylinder.

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In this proposition we have investigated that resistance alone which arises from the magnitude of the transverse section of the cylinder, neglecting that part of the same which may arise from the obliquity of the motions. For as, in case 1, of prop. 36, the obliquity of the motions with which the parts of the water in the vessel converged on every side to the hole \( EF \) hindered the efflux of the water through the hole, so, in this proposition, the obliquity of the motions, with which the parts of the water, pressed by the antecedent extremity of the cylinder, yield to the pressure, and diverge on all sides, retards their passage through the places that lie round that antecedent extremity, towards the hinder parts of the cylinder, and causes the fluid to be moved to a greater distance; which increases the resistance, and that in the same ratio almost in
which it diminished the efflux of the water out of the vessel, that is, in the duplicate ratio of 25 to 21, nearly. And as, in case 1, of that proposition, we made the parts of the water pass through the hole EF perpendicularly and in the greatest plenty, by supposing all the water in the vessel lying round the cataract to be frozen, and that part of the water whose motion was oblique and useless to remain without motion, so in this proposition, that the obliquity of the motions may be taken away, and the parts of the water may give the freest passage to the cylinder, by yielding to it with the most direct and quick motion possible, so that only so much resistance may remain as arises from the magnitude of the transverse section, and which is incapable of diminution, unless by diminishing the diameter of the cylinder; we must conceive those parts of the fluid whose motions are oblique and useless, and produce resistance, to be at rest among themselves at both extremities of the cylinder, and there to cohere, and be joined to the cylinder. Let ABCD (Pl. 7, Fig. 6) be a rectangle, and let AE and BE be two parabolic arcs, described with the axis AB, and with a latus rectum that is to the space HG, which must be described by the cylinder in falling, in order to acquire the velocity with which it moves, as HG to 4AB. Let CF and DF be two other parabolic arcs described with the axis CD, and a latus rectum quadruple of the former; and by the convolution of the figure about the axis EF let there be generated a solid, whose middle part ABDC is the cylinder we are here speaking of; and whose extreme parts ABE and CDF contain the parts of the fluid at rest among themselves, and concreted into two hard bodies, adhering to the cylinder at each end like a head and tail. Then if this solid EACFDB move in the direction of the length of its axis FE towards the parts beyond E, the resistance will be the same which we have here determined in this proposition, nearly; that is, it will have the same ratio to the force with which the whole motion of the cylinder may be destroyed or generated, in the time that it is describing the length 4AC with that motion uniformly continued, as the density of the
fluid has to the density of the cylinder, nearly. And (by cor. 7, prop. 36) the resistance must be to this force in the ratio of 2 to 3, at the least.

LEMMA V.
If a cylinder, a sphere, and a spheroid, of equal breadths be placed successively in the middle of a cylindrie canal, so that their axes may coincide with the axis of the canal, these bodies will equally hinder the passage of the water through the canal.

For the spaces lying between the sides of the canal, and the cylinder, sphere, and spheroid, through which the water passes, are equal; and the water will pass equally through equal spaces.

This is true, upon the supposition that all the water above the cylinder, sphere, or spheroid, whose fluidity is not necessary to make the passage of the water the quickest possible, is congealed, as was explained above in cor. 7, prop. 36.

LEMMA VI.
The same supposition remaining, the forementioned bodies are equally acted on by the water flowing through the canal.

This appears by lem. 5, and the third law. For the water and the bodies act upon each other mutually and equally.

LEMMA VII.
If the water be at rest in the canal, and these bodies move with equal velocity and the contrary way through the canal, their resistances will be equal among themselves.

This appears from the last lemma, for the relative motions remain the same among themselves.

SCHOLIUM.
The case is the same of all convex and round bodies, whose axes coincide with the axis of the canal. Some difference may arise from a greater or less friction; but in these lemmata we suppose the bodies to be perfectly smooth, and the medium to be void of all tenacity and friction; and that those parts of the fluid which by their oblique and superfluous motions may disturb, hinder, and retard the flux of the water through the canal, are at rest amongst themselves; being fixed like water by frost, and adhering to the fore and hinder
parts of the bodies in the manner explained in the Scholium of the last proposition; for in what follows we consider the very least resistance that round bodies described with the greatest given transverse sections can possibly meet with.

Bodies swimming upon fluids, when they move straight forwards, cause the fluid to ascend at their fore parts and subside at their hinder parts, especially if they are of an obtuse figure; and thence they meet with a little more resistance than if they were acute at the head and tail. And bodies moving in elastic fluids, if they are obtuse behind and before, condense the fluid a little more at their fore parts, and relax the same at their hinder parts; and therefore meet also with a little more resistance than if they were acute at the head and tail. But in these lemmas and propositions we are not treating of elastic but non-elastic fluids; not of bodies floating on the surface of the fluid, but deeplyimmered therein. And when the resistance of bodies in non-elastic fluids is once known, we may then augment this resistance a little in elastic fluids, as our air; and in the surfaces of stagnating fluids, as lakes and seas.

PROPOSITION XXXVIII. THEOREM XXX.
If a globe move uniformly forward in a compressed, infinite, and non-elastic fluid, its resistance is to the force by which its whole motion may be destroyed or generated, in the time that it describes eight third parts of its diameter, as the density of the fluid to the density of the globe, very nearly.

For the globe is to its circumscribed cylinder as two to three; and therefore the force which can destroy all the motion of the cylinder while the same cylinder is describing the length of four of its diameters, will destroy all the motion of the globe while the globe is describing two thirds of this length, that is, eight third parts of its own diameter. Now the resistance of the cylinder is to this force very nearly as the density of the fluid to the density of the cylinder or globe (by prop. 37), and the resistance of the globe is equal to the resistance of the cylinder (by lem. 5, 6, and 7). Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. The resistances of globes in infinite compressed mediums are in a ratio compounded of the duplicate ratio of the
velocity, and the duplicate ratio of the diameter, and the ratio of the density of the mediums.

Cor. 2. The greatest velocity with which a globe can descend by its comparative weight through a resisting fluid, is the same which it may acquire by falling with the same weight, and without any resistance, and in its fall describing a space that is to four third parts of its diameter as the density of the globe to the density of the fluid. For the globe in the time of its fall, moving with the velocity acquired in falling, will describe a space that will be to eight third parts of its diameter as the density of the globe to the density of the fluid; and the force of its weight which generates this motion will be to the force that can generate the same motion, in the time that the globe describes eight third parts of its diameter, with the same velocity as the density of the fluid to the density of the globe; and therefore (by this proposition) the force of weight will be equal to the force of resistance, and therefore cannot accelerate the globe.

Cor. 3. If there be given both the density of the globe and its velocity at the beginning of the motion, and the density of the compressed quiescent fluid in which the globe moves, there is given at any time both the velocity of the globe and its resistance, and the space described by it (by cor. 7, prop. 35).

Cor. 4. A globe moving in a compressed quiescent fluid of the same density with itself will lose half its motion before it can describe the length of two of its diameters (by the same cor. 7).

PROPOSITION XXXIX. THEOREM XXXI.
If a globe move uniformly forward through a fluid included and compressed in a cylindric canal, its resistance is to the force by which its whole motion may be generated or destroyed, in the time in which it describes eight third parts of its diameter, in a ratio compounded of the ratio of the orifice of the canal to the excess of that orifice above half the greatest circle of the globe; and the duplicate ratio of the orifice of the canal to the excess of that orifice above the
greatest circle of the globe; and the ratio of the density of
the fluid to the density of the globe, nearly.

This appears by cor. 2, prop. 37, and the demonstration
proceeds in the same manner as in the foregoing proposition.

SCHOLIUM.

In the two last propositions we suppose (as was done before
in lem. 5) that all the water which precedes the globe, and
whose fluidity increases the resistance of the same, is congeal-
ed. Now if that water becomes fluid, it will somewhat in-
crease the resistance. But in these propositions that increase
is so small, that it may be neglected, because the convex
superficies of the globe produces the very same effect almost as
the congelation of the water.

PROPOSITION XL. PROBLEM IX.

To find by phenomena the resistance of a globe moving through
a perfectly fluid compressed medium.

Let A be the weight of the globe in vacuo, B its weight in
the ressifing medium, D the diameter of the globe, F a space
which is to \( \frac{2}{5} D \) as the density of the globe to the density of
the medium, that is, as A to A — B, G the time in which
the globe falling with the weight B without resistance de-
cribes the space F, and H the velocity which the body ac-
quires by that fall. Then H will be the greatest velocity with
which the globe can possibly descend with the weight B in the
ressifing medium, by cor. 2, prop. 38; and the resistance which
the globe meets with, when descending with that velocity,
will be equal to its weight B; and the resistance it meets
with in any other velocity will be to the weight B in the du-
plicate ratio of that velocity to the greatest velocity H, by cor.
1, prop. 38.

This is the resistance that arises from the inactivity of the
matter of the fluid. That resistance which arises from the
elasticity, tenacity, and friction of its parts, may be thus in-
vestigated.

Let the globe be let fall so that it may descend in the fluid
by the weight B; and let P be the time of falling, and let
that time be expressed in seconds, if the time G be given in
seconds. Find the absolute number N agreeing to the lo-
garithm \(0,4342944819\) \(\frac{2P}{G}\), and let \(L\) be the logarithm of the number \(\frac{N}{N + 1}\); and the velocity acquired in falling will be \(\frac{N - 1}{N + 1}V\), and the height described will be \(\frac{2PF}{G} - 1,3862943611F + 4,605170186LF\). If the fluid be of a sufficient depth, we may neglect the term \(4,605170186LF\); and \(\frac{2PF}{G} - 1,3862943611F\) will be the altitude described, nearly.

These things appear by prop. 9, book 2, and its corollaries, and are true upon this supposition, that the globe meets with no other resistance but that which arises from the inactivity of matter. Now if it really meet with any resistance of another kind, the descent will be slower, and from the quantity of that retardation will be known the quantity of this new resistance.

That the velocity and descent of a body falling in a fluid might more easily be known, I have composed the following table; the first column of which denotes the times of descent; the second shews the velocities acquired in falling, the greatest velocity being 100000000; the third exhibits the spaces described by falling in those times, \(2V\) being the space which the body describes in the time \(G\) with the greatest velocity; and the fourth gives the spaces described with the greatest velocity in the same times. The numbers in the fourth column are \(\frac{2P}{G}\), and by subducting the number 1,3862944-4,6051702L, are found the numbers in the third column; and these numbers must be multiplied by the space \(F\) to obtain the spaces described in falling. A fifth column is added to all these, containing the spaces described in the same times by a body falling in vacuo with the force of \(B\) its comparative weight.
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### Scholium.

In order to investigate the resistances of fluids from experiments, I procured a square wooden vessel, whose length and breadth on the inside was 9 inches English measure, and its depth 9 feet \(\frac{1}{4}\); this I filled with rain-water; and having provided globes made up of wax, and lead included therein, I noted the times of the descents of these globes, the height through which they descended being 112 inches. A solid cubic foot of English measure contains 76 pounds troy weight of rain-water; and a solid inch contains \(\frac{1}{8}\) ounces troy weight, or 233\(\frac{1}{7}\) grains; and a globe of water of one inch in diameter contains 132,645 grains in air, or 132,8 grains in vacuo; and any other globe will be as the excess of its weight in vacuo above its weight in water.

**Experiment 1.** A globe whose weight was 1564 grains in air, and 77 grains in water, described the whole height of 112
inches in 4 seconds. And, upon repeating the experiment, the globe spent again the very same time of 4 seconds in falling.

The weight of this globe in vacuo is 156½ grains; and excess of this weight above the weight of the globe in water is 79½ grains. Hence the diameter of the globe appears to be 0.84224 parts of an inch. Then it will be, as that excess to the weight of the globe in vacuo, so is the density of the water to the density of the globe; and so is $\frac{3}{4}$ parts of the diameter of the globe (viz. 2.24507 inches) to the space $2F$, which will be therefore 4,4256 inches. Now a globe falling in vacuo with its whole weight of 156½ grains in one second of time will describe 193½ inches; and falling in water in the same time with the weight of 77 grains without resistance, will describe 95,219 inches; and in the time G, which is to one second of time in the subduplicate ratio of the space $F$, or of 2,2128 inches to 95,219 inches, will describe 2,2128 inches, and will acquire the greatest velocity $H$ with which it is capable of descending in water. Therefore the time G is 0",15244. And in this time G, with that greatest velocity $H$, the globe will describe the space $2F$, which is 4,4256 inches; and therefore in 4 seconds will describe a space of 116,1245 inches. Subtract the space 1,3862944F, or 3,0676 inches, and there will remain a space of 113,0569 inches, which the globe falling through water in a very wide vessel will describe in 4 seconds. But this space, by reason of the narrowness of the wooden vessel before-mentioned, ought to be diminished in a ratio compounded of the subduplicate ratio of the orifice of the vessel to the excess of this orifice above half a great circle of the globe, and of the simple ratio of the same orifice to its excess above a great circle of the globe, that is, in a ratio of 1 to 0,9914. This done, we have a space of 112,08 inches, which a globe falling through the water in this wooden vessel in 4 seconds of time ought nearly to describe by this theory; but it described 112 inches by the experiment.

Exper. 2. Three equal globes, whose weights were severally 76½ grains in air, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ grains in water, were let fall
successively; and every one fell through the water in 15 seconds of time, describing in its fall a height of 112 inches.

By computation, the weight of each globe in vacuo is $76\frac{1}{2}$ grains; the excess of this weight above the weight in water is 71 grains $\frac{4}{7}$; the diameter of the globe 0,81296 of an inch; $\frac{4}{7}$ parts of this diameter 2,16789 inches; the space $2F$ is 2,3217 inches; the space which a globe of 5$\frac{1}{2}$ grains in weight would describe in one second without resistance, 12,808 inches, and the time $00'',301056$. Therefore the globe, with the greatest velocity it is capable of receiving from a weight of 5$\frac{1}{2}$ grains in its descent through water, will describe in the time $00'',301056$ the space of 2,3217 inches; and in 15 seconds the space 115,678 inches. Succeed the space 1,386294$F$, or 1,609 inches, and there remains the space 114,069 inches; which therefore the falling globe ought to describe in the same time, if the vessel were very wide. But because our vessel was narrow, the space ought to be diminished by about 0,895 of an inch. And so the space will remain 113,174 inches, which a globe falling in this vessel ought nearly to describe in 15 seconds, by the theory. But by the experiment it described 112 inches. The difference is not sensible.

Exper. 3. Three equal globes, whose weights were severally 121 grains in air, and 1 grain in water, were successively let fall; and they fell through the water in the times $46'',47''$, and $50''$, describing a height of 112 inches.

By the theory, these globes ought to have fallen in about $40''$. Now whether their falling more slowly were occasioned from hence, that in slow motions the resistance arising from the force of inactivity does really bear a less proportion to the resistance arising from other causes; or whether it is to be attributed to little bubbles that might chance to stick to the globes, or to the rarefaction of the wax by the warmth of the weather, or of the hand that let them fall; or, lastly, whether it proceeded from some insensible errors in weighing the globes in the water, I am not certain. Therefore the weight of the globe in water should be of several grains, that the experiment may be certain, and to be depended on.
EXPER. 4. I began the foregoing experiments to investigate the resistances of fluids, before I was acquainted with the theory laid down in the propositions immediately preceding. Afterwards, in order to examine the theory after it was discovered, I procured a wooden vessel, whose breadth on the inside was 8½ inches, and its depth 15 feet and ¾. Then I made four globes of wax, with lead included, each of which weighed 139½ grains in air, and 7½ grains in water. These I let fall, measuring the times of their falling in the water with a pendulum oscillating to half seconds. The globes were cold, and had remained so some time, both when they were weighed and when they were let fall; because warmth rarefies the wax, and by rarefying it diminishes the weight of the globe in the water; and wax, when rarefied, is not instantly reduced by cold to its former density. Before they were let fall, they were totally immerged under water, left, by the weight of any part of them that might chance to be above the water, their descent should be accelerated in its beginning. Then, when after their immersion they were perfectly at rest, they were let go with the greatest care, that they might not receive any impulse from the hand that let them down. And they fell successively in the times of 47½, 48½, 50, and 51 oscillations, describing a height of 15 feet and 2 inches. But the weather was now a little colder than when the globes were weighed, and therefore I repeated the experiment another day; and then the globes fell in the times of 49, 49½, 50, and 53; and at a third trial in the times of 49½, 50, 51, and 53 oscillations. And by making the experiment several times over, I found that the globes fell mostly in the times of 49½ and 50 oscillations. When they fell slower, I suspect them to have been retarded by striking against the sides of the vessel.

Now, computing from the theory, the weight of the globe in vacuo is 139½ grains; the excess of this weight above the weight of the globe in water 132½ grains; the diameter of the globe 0,99863 of an inch; ¾ parts of the diameter 2,66315 inches; the space 2F 2,8066 inches; the space which a globe weighing 7½ grains falling without resistance describes in a fe-
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cond of time 9,88164 inches; and the time G0°.376843. Therefore the globe with the greatest velocity with which it is capable of descending through the water by the force of a weight of 7¾ grains, will in the time G0°.376843 describe a space of 2,8066 inches, and in one second of time a space of 7,44766 inches, and in the time 25°, or in 50 oscillations, the space 186,1915 inches. Subduct the space 1,386294 F, or 1,9454 inches, and there will remain the space 184,2461 inches which the globe will describe in that time in a very wide vessel. Because our vessel was narrow, let this space be diminished in a ratio compounded of the subduplicate ratio of the orifice of the vessel to the excess of this orifice above half a great circle of the globe, and of the simple ratio of the same orifice to its excess above a great circle of the globe; and we shall have the space of 181,86 inches, which the globe ought by the theory to describe in this vessel in the time of 50 oscillations, nearly. But it described the space of 182 inches, by experiment, in 49¾ or 50 oscillations.

EXPER. 5. Four globes weighing 154¾ grains in air, and 21¾ grains in water, being let fall several times, fell in the times of 28¼, 29, 29¾, and 30, and sometimes of 31, 32, and 33 oscillations, describing a height of 15 feet and 2 inches.

They ought by the theory to have fallen in the time of 29 oscillations, nearly.

EXPER. 6. Five globes, weighing 212½ grains in air, and 79½ in water, being several times let fall, fell in the times of 15, 15¾, 16, 17, and 18 oscillations, describing a height of 15 feet and 2 inches.

By the theory they ought to have fallen in the time of 15 oscillations, nearly.

EXPER. 7. Four globes, weighing 293¾ grains in air, and 35¼ grains in water, being let fall several times, fell in the times of 29¼, 30, 30½, 31, 32, and 33 oscillations, describing a height of 15 feet and 1 inch and ¼.

By the theory they ought to have fallen in the time of 28 oscillations, nearly.

In searching for the cause that occasioned these globes of the same weight and magnitude to fall, some swifter and
some flower, I hit upon this; that the globes, when they were
first let go and began to fall, oscillated about their centres;
that side which chanced to be the heavier descending first,
and producing an oscillating motion. Now by oscillating
thus, the globe communicates a greater motion to the water
than if it descended without any oscillations; and by this
communication loses part of its own motion with which it
should descend; and therefore as this oscillation is greater or
lesser, it will be more or less retarded. Besides, the globe always
recedes from that side of itself which is descending in the of-
cillation, and by so receding comes nearer to the sides of the
vessel, so as even to strike against them sometimes. And the
heavier the globes are, the stronger this oscillation is; and
the greater they are, the more is the water agitated by it.
Therefore to diminish this oscillation of the globes, I made
new ones of lead and wax, sticking the lead in one side of the
globe very near its surface; and I let fall the globe in such
a manner, that, as near as possible, the heavier side might be
lowest at the beginning of the descent. By this means the
oscillations became much less than before, and the times in
which the globes fell were not so unequal: as in the follow-
ing experiments.

Exper. 8. Four globes weighing 139 grains in air, and 6$\frac{1}{2}$
in water, were let fall several times, and fell mostly in the
time of 51 oscillations, never in more than 52, or in fewer
than 50, describing a height of 182 inches.

By the theory they ought to fall in about the time of 52 of-
cillations.

Exper. 9. Four globes weighing 273$\frac{1}{2}$ grains in air, and
140$\frac{1}{2}$ in water, being several times let fall, fell in never fewer
than 12, and never more than 13 oscillations, describing a
height of 182 inches.

These globes by the theory ought to have fallen in the time
of 11$\frac{3}{4}$ oscillations, nearly.

Exper. 10. Four globes, weighing 384 grains in air, and
119$\frac{1}{2}$ in water, being let fall several times, fell in the times of
17$\frac{3}{4}$, 18, 18$\frac{3}{4}$, and 19 oscillations, describing a height of 181$\frac{1}{4}$
inches. And when they fell in the time of 19 oscillations, I
sometimes heard them hit against the sides of the vessel before they reached the bottom.

By the theory they ought to have fallen in the time of 15½ oscillations, nearly.

**Exper. 11.** Three equal globes, weighing 48 grains in the air, and 34¾ in water, being several times let fall, fell in the times of 43¾, 44, 44½, 45, and 46 oscillations, and mostly in 44 and 55, describing a height of 182½ inches, nearly.

By the theory they ought to have fallen in the time of 46 oscillations and ½, nearly.

**Exper. 12.** Three equal globes, weighing 141 grains in air, and 4½ in water, being let fall several times, fell in the times of 61, 62, 63, 64, and 65 oscillations, describing a space of 182 inches.

And by the theory they ought to have fallen in 64½ oscillations, nearly.

From these experiments it is manifest, that when the globes fell slowly, as in the second, fourth, fifth, eighth, eleventh, and twelfth experiments, the times of falling are rightly exhibited by the theory; but when the globes fell more swiftly, as in the sixth, ninth, and tenth experiments, the resistance was somewhat greater than in the duplicate ratio of the velocity. For the globes in falling oscillate a little; and this oscillation, in those globes that are light and fall slowly, soon ceases by the weakness of the motion; but in greater and heavier globes, the motion being strong, it continues longer, and is not to be checked by the ambient water till after several oscillations. Besides, the more swiftly the globes move, the less are they pressed by the fluid at their hinder parts; and if the velocity be perpetually increased, they will at last leave an empty space behind them, unless the compression of the fluid be increased at the same time. For the compression of the fluid ought to be increased (by prop. 32 and 33) in the duplicate ratio of the velocity, in order to preserve the resistance in the same duplicate ratio. But because this is not done, the globes that move swiftly are not so much pressed at their hinder parts as the others; and by the defect of
this pressure it comes to pass that their resistance is a little greater than in a duplicate ratio of their velocity.

So that the theory agrees with the phenomena of bodies falling in water. It remains that we examine the phenomena of bodies falling in air.

Exper. 13. From the top of St. Paul's Church in London, in June 1710, there were let fall together two glass globes, one full of quicksilver, the other of air; and in their fall they described a height of 220 English feet. A wooden table was suspended upon iron hinges on one side, and the other side of the same was supported by a wooden pin. The two globes lying upon this table were let fall together by pulling out the pin by means of an iron wire reaching from thence quite down to the ground; so that, the pin being removed, the table, which had then no support but the iron hinges, fell downwards, and, turning round upon the hinges, gave leave to the globes to drop off from it. At the same instant, with the same pull of the iron wire that took out the pin, a pendulum oscillating to seconds was let go, and began to oscillate. The diameters and weights of the globes, and their times of falling, are exhibited in the following table.

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But the times observed must be corrected; for the globes of mercury (by Galileo's theory), in 4 seconds of time, will describe 257 English feet, and 220 feet in only 3" 42". So that the wooden table, when the pin was taken out, did not turn upon its hinges so quickly as it ought to have done; and the slowness of that revolution hindered the descent of the globes at the beginning. For the globes lay about the middle of the table, and indeed were rather nearer to the axis upon which it turned than to the pin. And hence the times of falling
were prolonged about 18‴; and therefore ought to be correct-
ed by subducting that excess, especially in the larger globes,
which, by reason of the largeness of their diameters, lay longer
upon the revolving table than the others. This being done,
the times in which the six larger globes fell will come forth
8‴ 12″, 7‴ 42‴/, 7″ 42‴/, 7″ 57‴, 8″ 12″, and 7″ 42″.

Therefore the fifth in order among the globes that were
full of air being 5 inches in diameter, and 483 grains in
weight, fell in 8″ 12″, describing a space of 220 feet. The
weight of a bulk of water equal to this globe is 16600 grains;
and the weight of an equal bulk of air is 144050 grains, or
19450 grains; and therefore the weight of the globe in vacuo
is 502150 grains; and this weight is to the weight of a bulk
of air equal to the globe as 502150 to 19450; and so is 2F to 5
of the diameter of the globe, that is, to 13 inches. Whence 2F
becomes 28 feet 11 inches. A globe falling in vacuo with its
whole weight of 502150 grains, will in one second of time de-
scribe 1934 inches as above; and with the weight of 483
grains will describe 185,905 inches; and with that weight 483
grains in vacuo will describe the space F, or 14 feet 5½ inches,
in the time of 57‴ 58″, and acquire the greatest velocity it is
capable of descending with in the air. With this velocity
the globe in 8″ 12‴ of time will describe 245 feet and 5½
inches. Subduct 1,3863F, or 20 feet and ¾ an inch, and there
remain 225 feet 5 inches. This space, therefore, the falling
globe ought by the theory to describe in 8″ 12‴. But by
the experiment it described a space of 220 feet. The differ-
ence is insensible.

By like calculations applied to the other globes full of air,
I composed the following table.

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<th>The spaces which they would describe by the theory</th>
<th>The excesses.</th>
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<td>510 grains</td>
<td>5,1 inches</td>
<td>8‴ 12‴/</td>
<td>226 feet 11 inch.</td>
<td>6 feet 11 inch.</td>
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<td>642</td>
<td>5,2</td>
<td>7 42</td>
<td>230 9</td>
<td>10 9</td>
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BOOK II.

Exper. 14. Anno 1719, in the month of July, Dr. Desaguliers made some experiments of this kind again, by forming hogs’ bladders into spherical orbs; which was done by means of a concave wooden sphere, which the bladders, being wetted well first, were put into. After that, being blown full of air, they were obliged to fill up the spherical cavity that contained them; and then, when dry, were taken out. These were let fall from the lantern on the top of the cupola of the same church, namely, from a height of 272 feet; and at the same moment of time there was let fall a leaden globe, whose weight was about 2 pounds troy weight. And in the mean time some persons standing in the upper part of the church where the globes were let fall observed the whole times of falling; and others standing on the ground observed the differences of the times between the fall of the leaden weight and the fall of the bladder. The times were measured by pendulums oscillating to half seconds. And one of those that stood upon the ground had a machine vibrating four times in one second; and another had another machine accurately made with a pendulum vibrating four times in a second also. One of those also who stood at the top of the church had a like machine; and these instruments were so contrived, that their motions could be stopped or renewed at pleasure. Now the leaden globe fell in about four seconds and ¼ of time; and from the addition of this time to the difference of time above spoken of, was collected the whole time in which the bladder was falling. The times which the five bladders spent in falling, after the leaden globe had reached the ground, were, the first time, $14\frac{2}{4}''$, $12\frac{1}{2}''$, $14\frac{1}{2}''$, $17\frac{1}{2}''$, and $16\frac{1}{2}''$; and the second time, $14\frac{3}{4}''$, $14\frac{1}{4}''$, $14''$, $19''$, and $16\frac{1}{4}''$. Add to these $4\frac{1}{4}''$, the time in which the leaden globe was falling, and the whole times in which the five bladders fell were, the first time, $19''$, $17''$, $18''$, $22''$, and $21\frac{1}{2}''$; and the second time, $18\frac{2}{4}''$, $18\frac{1}{2}''$, $18\frac{1}{4}''$, $23\frac{1}{4}''$, and $21''$. The times observed at the top of the church were, the first time, $19\frac{3}{4}''$, $17\frac{3}{4}''$, $18\frac{1}{2}''$, $22\frac{3}{4}''$, and $21\frac{1}{2}''$; and the second time, $19''$, $18\frac{3}{4}''$, $18\frac{1}{4}''$, $24''$, and $21\frac{1}{2}''$. But the bladders did not always fall directly down, but sometimes fluttered a little in the air, and waved to and fro as they were descending. And by these motions the times of their falling were prolonged,
and increased by half a second sometimes, and sometimes by a whole second. The second and fourth bladder fell most directly the first time, and the first and third the second time. The fifth bladder was wrinkled, and by its wrinkles was a little retarded. I found their diameters by their circumferences measured with a very fine thread wound about them twice. In the following table I have compared the experiments with the theory; making the density of air to be to the density of rain-water as 1 to 860, and computing the spaces which by the theory the globes ought to describe in falling.

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<td>128 grains</td>
<td>3,28 inches</td>
<td>19″</td>
<td>271 feet 11 in. — 0ft. 1 in.</td>
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<td>156</td>
<td>3.19</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>272 0½</td>
<td>+ 0 0½</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>187½</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>272 7</td>
<td>+ 0 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>97½</td>
<td>3.26</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>277 4</td>
<td>+ 5 4</td>
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<td>99½</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>21½</td>
<td>282 0</td>
<td>+ 10 0</td>
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Our theory, therefore, exhibits rightly, within a very little, all the resistance that globes moving either in air or in water meet with; which appears to be proportional to the densities of the fluids in globes of equal velocities and magnitudes.

In the scholium subjoined to the sixth section, we shewed, by experiments of pendulums, that the resistances of equal and equally swift globes moving in air, water, and quicksilver, are as the densities of the fluids. We here prove the same more accurately by experiments of bodies falling in air and water. For pendulums at each oscillation excite a motion in the fluid always contrary to the motion of the pendulum in its return; and the resistance arising from this motion, as also the resistance of the thread by which the pendulum is suspended, makes the whole resistance of a pendulum greater than the resistance deduced from the experiments of falling bodies. For by the experiments of pendulums described in that scholium, a globe of the same density as water in describing the length of its semi-diameter in air would lose the part of its motion. But by the theory delivered in this
seventh section, and confirmed by experiments of falling bodies, the same globe in describing the same length would lose only a part of its motion equal to \( \frac{1}{4} \), supposing the density of water to be to the density of air as 860 to 1. Therefore the resistances were found greater by the experiments of pendulums (for the reasons just mentioned) than by the experiments of falling globes; and that in the ratio of about 4 to 3. But yet since the resistances of pendulums oscillating in air, water, and quicksilver, are alike increased by like causes, the proportion of the resistances in these mediums will be rightly enough exhibited by the experiments of pendulums, as well as by the experiments of falling bodies. And from all this it may be concluded, that the resistances of bodies, moving in any fluids whatsoever, though of the most extreme fluidity, are, ceteris paribus, as the densities of the fluids.

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SECTION VIII.

Of motion propagated through fluids.

PROPOSITION XLI. THEOREM XXXII.

A pressure is not propagated through a fluid in rectilinear directions, unless where the particles of the fluid lie in a right line. (Pl. 8, Fig. 1.)

If the particles a, b, c, d, e, lie in a right line, the pressure may be indeed directly propagated from a to e; but then the particle e will urge the obliquely posited particles f and g obliquely, and those particles f and g will not sustain this pressure, unless they be supported by the particles h and k lying beyond them; but the particles that support them are also pressed by them; and those particles cannot sustain that pressure, without being supported by, and pressing upon, those particles that lie still farther, as l and m, and so on in infinitum. Therefore the pressure, as soon as it is propagated to particles that lie out of right lines, begins to deflect towards one hand and the other, and will be propagated obliquely in infinitum; and after it has begun to be propagated obliquely, if it reaches more distant particles lying out of the right line, it will deflect again on each hand; and this it will do as often as it lights on particles that do not lie exactly in a right line.

Q.E.D.

Cor. If any part of a pressure, propagated through a fluid from a given point, be intercepted by any obstacle, the remaining part, which is not intercepted, will deflect into the spaces behind the obstacle. This may be demonstrated also after the following manner. Let a pressure be propagated from the point A (Pl. 8, Fig. 2) towards any part, and, if it be possible, in rectilinear directions; and the obstacle NBCK being perforated in BC, let all the pressure be intercepted but the coniform part APQ passing through the circular hole BC. Let the cone APQ be divided into frustums by the transverse planes de, fg, hi. Then while the cone ABC, propagating the pressure, urges the conic frustum de beyond it on the superficies de, and this frustum urges the next frustum fgh on the superficies fg, and that frustum urges a third frustum, and so in infinitum; it is manifest (by the third law) that the
first frutum defg is, by the re-action of the second frutum fghi, as much urged and pressed on the superficies fg, as it urges and presses that second frutum. Therefore the frutum defg is compressed on both sides, that is, between the cone Ade and the frutum fhi; and therefore (by case 6, prop. 19) cannot preserve its figure, unless it be compressed with the same force on all sides. Therefore with the same force with which it is pressed on the superficies de, fg, it will endeavour to break forth at the sides df, eg; and there (being not in the least tenacious or hard, but perfectly fluid) it will run out, expanding itself, unless there be an ambient fluid opposing that endeavour. Therefore, by the effort it makes to run out, it will press the ambient fluid, at its sides df, eg, with the same force that it does the frutum fghi; and therefore, the pressure will be propagated as much from the sides df, eg, into the spaces NO, KL this way and that way, as it is propagated from the superficies fg towards PQ. Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XLII. THEOREM XXXIII.
All motion propagated through a fluid diverges from a rectilinear progress into the unmoved spaces. (Pl. 8, Fig. 3.)

Case 1. Let a motion be propagated from the point A through the hole BC, and, if it be possible, let it proceed in the conic space BCQP according to right lines diverging from the point A. And let us first suppose this motion to be that of waves in the surface of standing water; and let de, fg, hi, kl, &c. be the tops of the several waves, divided from each other by as many intermediate valleys or hollows. Then, because the water in the ridges of the waves is higher than in the unmoved parts of the fluid KL, NO, it will run down from off the tops of those ridges e, g, i, l, &c. d, f, h, k, &c. this way and that way towards KL and NO; and because the water is more depressed in the hollows of the waves than in the unmoved parts of the fluid KL, NO, it will run down into those hollows out of those unmoved parts. By the first deflux the ridges of the waves will dilate themselves this way and that way, and be propagated towards KL and NO. And because the motion of the waves from A towards PQ is carried on by a continual deflux from the ridges of the waves into
the hollows next to them, and therefore cannot be swifter than in proportion to the celerity of the descent; and the descent of the water on each side towards KL and NO must be performed with the same velocity; it follows, that the dilatation of the waves on each side towards KL and NO will be propagated with the same velocity as the waves themselves go forward with directly from A to PQ. And therefore the whole space this way and that way towards KL and NO will be filled by the dilated waves agr, shis, tklt, vmnv, &c. Q.E.D. That these things are so, any one may find by making the experiment in still water.

Case 2. Let us suppose that de, fg, hi, kl, mn, represent pulses successively propagated from the point A through an elastic medium. Conceive the pulses to be propagated by successive condensations and rarefactions of the medium, so that the densest part of every pulse may occupy a spherical supercicies described about the centre A, and that equal intervals intervene between the successive pulses. Let the lines de, fg, hi, kl, &c. represent the densest parts of the pulses, propagated through the hole BC; and because the medium is denser there than in the spaces on either side towards KL and NO, it will dilate itself as well towards those spaces KL, NO, on each hand, as towards the rare intervals between the pulses; and hence the medium, becoming always more rare next the intervals, and more dense next the pulses, will partake of their motion. And because the progressive motion of the pulses arises from the perpetual relaxation of the denser parts towards the antecedent rare intervals; and since the pulses will relax themselves on each hand towards the quiescent parts of the medium KL, NO, with very near the same celerity; therefore the pulses will dilate themselves on all sides into the unmoved parts KL, NO, with almost the same celerity with which they are propagated directly from the centre A; and therefore will fill up the whole space KLON. Q.E.D.

And we find the same by experience also in sounds which are heard though a mountain interpose; and, if they come into a chamber through the window, dilate themselves into all the parts of the room, and are heard in every corner; and
not as reflected from the opposite walls, but directly propagated from the window, as far as our sense can judge.

Case 3. Let us suppose, lastly, that a motion of any kind is propagated from A through the hole BC. Then since the cause of this propagation is that the parts of the medium that are near the centre A disturb and agitate those which lie farther from it; and since the parts which are urged are fluid, and therefore recede every way towards those spaces where they are least pressed, they will by consequence recede towards all the parts of the quiescent medium; as well to the parts on each hand, as KL and NO, as to those right before, as PQ: and by this means all the motion, as soon as it has passed through the hole BC, will begin to dilate itself, and from thence, as from its principle and centre, will be propagated directly every way. Q.E.D.

Proposition XLIII. Theorem XXXIV.
Every tremulous body in an elastic medium propagates the motion of the pulses on every side right forward; but in a non-elastic medium excites a circular motion.

Case 1. The parts of the tremulous body alternately going and returning, do in going urge and drive before them those parts of the medium that lie nearest, and by that impulse compress and condense them; and in returning suffer those compressed parts to recede again, and expand themselves. Therefore the parts of the medium that lie nearest to the tremulous body move to and fro by turns, in like manner as the parts of the tremulous body itself do; and for the same cause that the parts of this body agitate these parts of the medium, these parts, being agitated by like tremors, will in their turn agitate others next to themselves; and these others, agitated in like manner, will agitate those that lie beyond them, and so on in infinitum. And in the same manner as the first parts of the medium were condensed in going, and relaxed in returning, so will the other parts be condensed every time they go, and expand themselves every time they return. And therefore they will not be all going and all returning at the same instant (for in that case they would always preserve determined
celerated or retarded in any place, as $Q$, of a cycloid, is (by cor. prop. 51) to its whole weight as its distance $PQ$ from the lowest place $P$ to the length $PR$ of the cycloid. Therefore the motive forces of the water and pendulum, describing the equal spaces $AE$, $PQ$, are as the weights to be moved; and therefore if the water and pendulum are quiescent at first, those forces will move them in equal times, and will cause them to go and return together with a reciprocal motion.

Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore the reciprocations of the water in ascending and descending are all performed in equal times, whether the motion be more or less intense or remiss.

Cor. 2. If the length of the whole water in the canal be of $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet of French measure, the water will descend in one second of time, and will ascend in another second, and so on by turns in infinitum; for a pendulum of $3\frac{1}{4}$ such feet in length will oscillate in one second of time.

Cor. 3. But if the length of the water be increased or diminished, the time of the reciprocation will be increased or diminished in the subduplicate ratio of the length.

PROPOSITION XLV. THEOREM XXXVI. The velocity of waves is in the subduplicate ratio of the breadths.

This follows from the construction of the following proposition.

PROPOSITION XLVI. PROBLEM X. To find the velocity of waves.

Let a pendulum be constructed, whose length between the point of suspension and the centre of oscillation is equal to the breadth of the waves; and in the time that the pendulum will perform one single oscillation the waves will advance forward nearly a space equal to their breadth.

That which I call the breadth of the waves is the transverse measure lying between the deepest part of the hollows, or the tops of the ridges. Let $ABCDEF$ (Pl. 8, Fig. 5) represent the surface of stagnant water ascending and descending in successive waves; and let $A$, $C$, $E$, &c. be the tops of the waves; and let $B$, $D$, $F$, &c. be the intermediate hollows.
distances from each other, and there could be no alternate condensation and rarefaction; but since, in the places where they are condensed, they approach to, and, in the places where they are rarefied, recede from each other, therefore some of them will be going while others are returning; and so on in infinitum. The parts so going, and in their going condensed, are pulses, by reason of the progressive motion with which they strike obstacles in their way; and therefore the successive pulses produced by a tremulous body will be propagated in rectilinear directions; and that at nearly equal distances from each other, because of the equal intervals of time in which the body, by its several tremors, produces the several pulses. And though the parts of the tremulous body go and return in some certain and determinate direction, yet the pulses propagated from thence through the medium will dilate themselves towards the sides, by the foregoing proposition; and will be propagated on all sides from that tremulous body, as from a common centre, in superficies nearly spherical and concentrical. An example of this we have in waves excited by shaking a finger in water, which proceed not only forwards and backwards agreeably to the motion of the finger, but spread themselves in the manner of concentrical circles all round the finger, and are propagated on every side. For the gravity of the water supplies the place of elastic force.

Case 2. If the medium be not elastic, then, because its parts cannot be condensed by the pressure arising from the vibrating parts of the tremulous body, the motion will be propagated in an instant towards the parts where the medium yields most easily, that is, to the parts which the tremulous body would otherwise leave vacuous behind it. The case is the same with that of a body projected in any medium whatever. A medium yielding to projectiles does not recede in infinitum, but with a circular motion comes round to the spaces which the body leaves behind it. Therefore as often as a tremulous body tends to any part, the medium yielding to it comes round in a circle to the parts which the body leaves; and as often as the body returns to the first place, the me-
dium will be driven from the place it came round to, and return to its original place: And though the tremulous body be not firm and hard, but every way flexible, yet if it continue of a given magnitude, since it cannot impel the medium by its tremors anywhere where without yielding to it somewhere else, the medium receding from the parts of the body where it is pressed will always come round in a circle to the parts that yield to it. Q.E.D.

Cor. It is a mistake, therefore, to think, as some have done, that the agitation of the parts of flame conduces to the propagation of a pressure in rectilinear directions through an ambient medium. A pressure of that kind must be derived not from the agitation of the parts of flame, but from the dilatation of the whole.

**PROPOSITION XLIV. THEOREM XXXV.**

If water ascend and descend alternately in the erected legs KL, MN, of a canal or pipe; and a pendulum be constructed whose length between the point of suspension and the centre of oscillation is equal to half the length of the water in the canal; I say, that the water will ascend and descend in the same times in which the pendulum oscillates. (Pl. 8, Fig. 4.)

I measure the length of the water along the axes of the canal and its legs, and make it equal to the sum of those axes; and take no notice of the resistance of the water arising from its attrition by the sides of the canal. Let, therefore, AB, CD, represent the mean height of the water in both legs; and when the water in the leg KL ascends to the height EF, the water will descend in the leg MN to the height GH. Let P be a pendulous body, VP the thread, V the point of suspension, RPQS the cycloid which the pendulum describes, P its lowest point, PQ an arc equal to the height AE. The force with which the motion of the water is accelerated and retarded alternately is the excess of the weight of the water in one leg above the weight in the other; and, therefore, when the water in the leg KL ascends to EF, and in the other leg descends to GH, that force is double the weight of the water EABF, and therefore is to the weight of the whole water as AE or PQ to VP or PR. The force also with which the body P is ac-
celerated or retarded in any place, as \( Q \), of a cycloid, is (by cor. prop. 51) to its whole weight as its distance \( PQ \) from the lowest place \( P \) to the length \( PR \) of the cycloid. Therefore the motive forces of the water and pendulum, describing the equal spaces \( AE, PQ \), are as the weights to be moved; and therefore if the water and pendulum are quiescent at first, those forces will move them in equal times, and will cause them to go and return together with a reciprocal motion. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore the reciprocations of the water in ascending and descending are all performed in equal times, whether the motion be more or less intense or remiss.

Cor. 2. If the length of the whole water in the canal be of 6\( \frac{1}{4} \) feet of French measure, the water will descend in one second of time, and will ascend in another second, and so on by turns in infinitum; for a pendulum of 3\( \frac{1}{4} \) such feet in length will oscillate in one second of time.

Cor. 3. But if the length of the water be increased or diminished, the time of the reciprocation will be increased or diminished in the subduplicate ratio of the length.

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Because the motion of the waves is carried on by the successive ascent and descent of the water, so that the parts thereof, as A, C, E, &c. which are highest at one time become lowest immediately after; and because the motive force, by which the highest parts descend and the lowest ascend, is the weight of the elevated water; that alternate ascent and descent will be analogous to the reciprocal motion of the water in the canal, and observe the same laws as to the times of its ascent and descent; and therefore (by prop. 44) if the distances between the highest places of the waves A, C, E, and the lowest B, D, F, be equal to twice the length of any pendulum, the highest parts A, C, E, will become the lowest in the time of one oscillation, and in the time of another oscillation will ascend again. Therefore between the passage of each wave the time of two oscillations will intervene; that is, the wave will describe its breadth in the time that pendulum will oscillate twice; but a pendulum of four times that length, and which therefore is equal to the breadth of the waves, will just oscillate once in that time. Q.E.I.

Cor. 1. Therefore waves, whose breadth is equal to \(3\frac{1}{4}\) French feet, will advance through a space equal to their breadth in one second of time; and therefore in one minute will go over a space of 183\(\frac{1}{4}\) feet; and in an hour a space of 11000 feet, nearly.

Cor. 2. And the velocity of greater or less waves will be augmented or diminished in the subduplicate ratio of their breadth.

These things are true upon the supposition that the parts of water ascend or descend in a right line; but, in truth, that ascent and descent is rather performed in a circle; and therefore I propose the time defined by this proposition as only near the truth.

Proposition XLVII. Theorem XXXVII.

If pulses are propagated through a fluid, the several particles of the fluid, going and returning with the shortest reciprocal motion, are always accelerated or retarded according to the law of the oscillating pendulum. (Pl. 9, Fig. 1.)
Let AB, BC, CD, &c. represent equal distances of successive pulses; ABC the line of direction of the motion of the successive pulses propagated from A to B; E, F, G three physical points of the quiescent medium situate in the right line AC at equal distances from each other; Ee, Ff, Gg, equal spaces of extreme shortness, through which those points go and return with a reciprocal motion in each vibration; ε, Φ, Ψ, any intermediate places of the same points; EF, FG physical lineolæ, or linear parts of the medium lying between those points, and successively transferred into the places Φ, Κ, and Ψ, τ. Let there be drawn the right line PS equal to the right line Ee. Biflect the same in O, and from the centre O, with the interval OP, describe the circle SLPl. Let the whole time of one vibration, with its proportional parts, be expounded by the whole circumference of this circle and its parts, in such sort, that, when any time PH or PHSh is completed, if there be let fall to PS the perpendicular HL or hl, and there be taken Eε equal to PL or Pl, the physical point E may be found in ε. A point, as E, moving according to this law with a reciprocal motion in its going from E through ε to e, and returning again through ε to E, will perform its several vibrations with the same degrees of acceleration and retardation with those of an oscillating pendulum. We are now to prove that the several physical points of the medium will be agitated with such a kind of motion—Let us suppose, then, that a medium hath such a motion excited in it from any cause whatsoever, and consider what will follow from thence.

In the circumference PHSh let there be taken the equal arcs HI, IK, or hi, ik, having the same ratio to the whole circumference as the equal right lines EF, FG have to BC, the whole interval of the pulses. Let fall the perpendiculars IM, KN, or im, kn; then because the points E, F, G are successively agitated with like motions, and perform their entire vibrations composed of their going and return, while the pulse is transferred from B to C; if PH or PHSh be the time elapsed since the beginning of the motion of the point E, then with PI or PHSi be the time elapsed since the beginning of the
motion of the point $F$, and $PK$ or $PHSk$ the time elapsed since the beginning of the motion of the point $G$; and therefore $E\alpha$, $F\phi$, $G\gamma$, will be respectively equal to $PL$, $PM$, $PN$, while the points are going, and to $Pl$, $Pm$, $Pn$, when the points are returning. Therefore $\varepsilon\gamma$ or $EG + G\gamma - E\alpha$ will, when the points are going, be equal to $EG - LN$, and in their return equal to $EG + Ln$. But $\varepsilon\gamma$ is the breadth or expansion of the part $EG$ of the medium in the place $\varepsilon\gamma$; and therefore the expansion of that part in its going is to its mean expansion as $EG - LN$ to $EG$; and in its return, as $EG + Ln$ or $EG + LN$ to $EG$. Therefore since $LN$ is to $KH$ as $IM$ to the radius $OP$, and $KII$ to $EG$ as the circumference $PHShP$ to $BC$; that is, if we put $V$ for the radius of a circle whose circumference is equal to $BC$ the interval of the pulses, as $OP$ to $V$; and, $ex eqvo$, $LN$ to $EG$ as $IM$ to $V$; the expansion of the part $EG$, or of the physical point $F$ in the place $\varepsilon\gamma$, to the mean expansion of the same part in its first place $EG$, will be as $V - IM$ to $V$ in going, and as $V + im$ to $V$ in its return. Hence the elastic force of the point $F$ in the place $\varepsilon\gamma$ to its mean elastic force in the place $EG$ is as $\frac{1}{V-IM}$ to $\frac{1}{V}$ in its going, and as $\frac{1}{V+im}$ to $\frac{1}{V}$ in its return. And by the same reasoning the elastic forces of the physical points $E$ and $G$ in going are as $\frac{1}{V-HL}$ and $\frac{1}{V-KN}$ to $\frac{1}{V}$; and the difference of the forces to the mean elastic force of the medium as $\frac{HL-KN}{V-V\times HL-V\times KN+HL\times KN}$ to $\frac{1}{V}$; that is, as $\frac{HL-KN}{VV}$ to $\frac{1}{V}$ or as $HL-KN$ to $V$; if we suppose (by reason of the very short extent of the vibrations) $HL$ and $KN$ to be indefinitely less than the quantity $V$. Therefore since the quantity $V$ is given, the difference of the forces is as $HL - KN$; that is (because $HL - KN$ is proportional to $HK$, and $OM$ to $OI$ or $OP$; and because $HK$ and $OP$ are given) as $OM$; that is, if $Ff$ be bisected in $\Omega$, as $\Omega\phi$. And for the same reason the difference of the elastic forces of the physical points $\varepsilon$ and $\gamma$, in the return of the physical lineolae $\varepsilon\gamma$, is as
But that difference (that is, the excess of the elastic force of the point \( \varepsilon \) above the elastic force of the point \( \gamma \)) is the very force by which the intervening physical lineolae \( \varepsilon \gamma \) of the medium is accelerated in going, and retarded in returning; and therefore the accelerative force of the physical lineolae \( \varepsilon \gamma \) is as its distance from \( \Omega \), the middle place of the vibration. Therefore (by prop. 38, book 1) the time is rightly expounded by the arc \( PL \); and the linear part of the medium \( \varepsilon \gamma \) is moved according to the law above-mentioned, that according to the law of a pendulum oscillating; and the case is the same of all the linear parts of which the whole medium is compounded. Q.E.D.

Cor. Hence it appears that the number of the pulses propagated is the same with the number of the vibrations of the tremulous body, and is not multiplied in their progress. For the physical lineolae \( \varepsilon \gamma \) as soon as it returns to its first place is at rest; neither will it move again, unless it receives a new motion either from the impulse of the tremulous body, or of the pulses propagated from that body. As soon, therefore, as the pulses cease to be propagated from the tremulous body, it will return to a state of rest, and move no more.

**Proposition XLVIII. Theorem XXXVIII.**

_The velocities of pulses propagated in an elastic fluid are in a ratio compounded of the subduplicate ratio of the elastic force directly, and the subduplicate ratio of the density inversely; supposing the elastic force of the fluid to be proportional to its condensation._

**Case 1.** If the mediums be homogeneous, and the distances of the pulses in those mediums be equal amongst themselves, but the motion in one medium is more intense than in the other, the contractions and dilatations of the correspondent parts will be as those motions: not that this proportion is perfectly accurate. However, if the contractions and dilatations are not exceedingly intense, the error will not be sensible; and therefore this proportion may be considered as physically exact. Now the motive elastic forces are as the contractions and dilatations; and the velocities generated in the same time in equal parts are as the force.
of the lineolæ; and therefore, ex æquo, the force with which
the lineolæ EG is urged in the places P and S is to the
weight of that lineolæ as HK x A to V x EG; or as PO x A
to VV; because HK was to EG as PO to V. Therefore since
the times in which equal bodies are impelled through equal
spaces are reciprocally in the subduplicate ratio of the forces,
the time of one vibration, produced by the action of that elastic
force, will be to the time of a vibration, produced by the im-
pulse of the weight in a subduplicate ratio of VV to PO x A;
and therefore to the time of the oscillation of a pendulum
whose length is A in the subduplicate ratio of VV to PO x
A, and the subduplicate ratio of PO to A conjunctly; that
is, in the entire ratio of V to A. But in the time of one vibration
composed of the going and returning of the pendulum, the
pulse will be propagated right onwards through a space equal
to its breadth BC. Therefore the time in which a pulse runs
over the space BC is to the time of one oscillation composed
of the going and returning of the pendulum as V to A, that
is, as BC to the circumference of a circle whose radius is A.
But the time in which the pulse will run over the space BC
is to the time in which it will run over a length equal to that
circumference in the same ratio; and therefore in the time
of such an oscillation the pulse will run over a length equal
to that circumference. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. The velocity of the pulses is equal to that which
heavy bodies acquire by falling with an equally accelerated
motion, and in their fall describing half the altitude A. For
the pulse will, in the time of this fall, supposing it to move
with the velocity acquired by that fall, run over a space that
will be equal to the whole altitude A; and therefore in the
time of one oscillation composed of one going and return, will
go over a space equal to the circumference of a circle describ-
ed with the radius A; for the time of the fall is to the time
of oscillation as the radius of a circle to its circumference.

Cor. 2. Therefore since that altitude A is as the elastic
force of the fluid directly, and the density of the same inversely,
the velocity of the pulses will be in a ratio compounded
of the subduplicate ratio of the density inversely, and the
subduplicate ratio of the elastic force directly.

PROPOSITION L. PROBLEM XII.
To find the distances of the pulses.

Let the number of the vibrations of the body, by whose
tremor the pulses are produced, be found to any given time.
By that number divide the space which a pulse can go over
in the same time, and the part found will be the breadth of
one pulse. Q.E.I.

SCHOLIUM.
The last propositions respect the motions of light and sounds;
for since light is propagated in right lines, it is certain that
it cannot consist in action alone (by prop. 41 and 42). As to
sounds, since they arise from tremulous bodies, they can be
nothing else but pulses of the air propagated through it (by
prop. 43); and this is confirmed by the tremors which
sounds, if they be loud and deep, excite in the bodies near
them, as we experience in the sound of drums; for quick
and short tremors are less easily excited. But it is well
known that any sounds, falling upon strings in unison with
the sonorous bodies, excite tremors in those strings. This
is also confirmed from the velocity of sounds; for since the
specific gravities of rain-water and quicksilver are to one
another as about 1 to 18\(\frac{2}{3}\), and when the mercury in the
barometer is at the height of 30 inches of our measure, the
specific gravities of the air and of rain-water are to one an-
other as about 1 to 870, therefore the specific gravity of air
and quicksilver are to each other as 1 to 11890. Therefore
when the height of the quicksilver is at 30 inches, a height
of uniform air, whose weight would be sufficient to com-
press our air to the density we find it to be of, must be equal to
356700 inches, or 29725 feet of our measure: and this is
that very height of the medium, which I have called \(A\) in
the construction of the foregoing proposition. A circle whose
radius is 29725 feet is 186768 feet in circumference. And
since a pendulum 394 inches in length completes one oscilla-
tion, composed of its going and return, in two seconds of
time, as is commonly known, it follows that a pendulum
29725 feet, or 356700 inches in length will perform a like oscillation in 190⁴/₉ seconds. Therefore in that time a sound will go right onwards 186768 feet, and therefore in one second 979 feet.

But in this computation we have made no allowance for the crassitude of the solid particles of the air, by which the sound is propagated instantaneously. Because the weight of air is to the weight of water as 1 to 870, and because solids are almost twice as dense as water; if the particles of air are supposed to be of near the same density as those of water or salt, and the rarity of the air arises from the intervals of the particles; the diameter of one particle of air will be to the interval between the centres of the particles as 1 to about 9 or 10, and to the interval between the particles themselves as 1 to 8 or 9. Therefore to 979 feet, which, according to the above calculation, a sound will advance forward in one second of time, we may add ⅓₂, or about 109 feet, to compensate for the crassitude of the particles of the air: and then a sound will go forward about 1088 feet in one second of time.

Moreover, the vapours floating in the air being of another spring, and a different tone, will hardly, if at all, partake of the motion of the true air in which the sounds are propagated. Now if these vapours remain unmoved, that motion will be propagated the swifter through the true air alone, and that in the subduplicate ratio of the defect of the matter. So if the atmosphere consist of ten parts of true air and one part of vapours, the motion of sounds will be swifter in the subduplicate ratio of 11 to 10, or very nearly in the entire ratio of 21 to 20, than if it were propagated through eleven parts of true air: and therefore the motion of sounds above discovered must be increased in that ratio. By this means the found will pass through 1142 feet in one second of time.

These things will be found true in spring and autumn, when the air is raresied by the gentle warmth of those seasons, and by that means its elastic force becomes somewhat more intense. But in winter, when the air is condensed by the cold, and its elastic force is somewhat remitted, the motion
of sounds will belower in a subduplicate ratio of the density; 
and, on the other hand, swifter in the summer.

Now by experiments it actually appears that sounds do 
really advance in one second of time about 1142 feet of Eng- 
glish measure, or 1070 feet of French measure.

The velocity of sounds being known, the intervals of the 
pulses are known also. For M. Sauveur, by some experi-
ments that he made, found that an open pipe about five Paris 
feet in length gives a sound of the same tone with a viol-string 
that vibrates a hundred times in one second. Therefore there 
are near 100 pulses in a space of 1070 Paris feet, which 
found runs over in a second of time; and therefore one pulse 
fills up a space of about 1070 Paris feet, that is, about two 
the length of the pipe. From whence it is probable that the 
breadths of the pulses, in all sounds made in open pipes, 
are equal to twice the length of the pipes.

Moreover, from the corollary of prop. 47 appears the rea-
son why the sounds immediately cease with the motion of 
the sonorous body, and why they are heard no longer when 
we are at a great distance from the sonorous bodies than when 
we are very near them. And besides, from the foregoing 
principles, it plainly appears how it comes to pass that sounds 
are so mightily increased in speaking-trumpets; for all re-
ciprocal motion ues to be increased by the generating cause 
at each return. And in tubes hindering the dilatation of the 
found, the motion decays more slowly, and recurs more 
forcibly; and therefore is the more increased by the new mo-
tion impressed at each return. And these are the principal 
phenomena of sounds.

SECTION IX.

Of the circular motion of fluids.

HYPOTHESIS.
The resistance arising from the want of lubricity in the parts 
of a fluid, is, cæteris paribus, proportional to the velocity 
with which the parts of the fluid are separated from each 
other.
PROPOSITION LI. THEOREM XXXVIII.
If a solid cylinder infinitely long, in an uniform and infinite fluid, revolve with an uniform motion about an axis given in position, and the fluid be forced round by only this impulse of the cylinder, and every part of the fluid persevere uniformly in its motion; I say, that the periodic times of the parts of the fluid are as their distances from the axis of the cylinder.

Let AFL (Pl. 9, Fig. 2) be a cylinder turning uniformly about the axis S, and let the concentric circles BGM, CHN, DIO, EKP, &c. divide the fluid into innumerable concentric cylindric solid orbs of the same thicknesses. Then, because the fluid is homogeneous, the impressions which the contiguous orbs make upon each other mutually will be (by the hypothesis) as their translations from each other, and as the contiguous supercicies upon which the impressions are made. If the impression made upon any orb be greater or less on its concave than on its convex side, the stronger impression will prevail, and will either accelerate or retard the motion of the orb, according as it agrees with, or is contrary to, the motion of the same. Therefore, that every orb may persevere uniformly in its motion, the impressions made on both sides must be equal, and their directions contrary. Therefore since the impressions are as the contiguous superficies, and as their translations from one another, the translations will be inversely as the superficies, that is, inversely as the distances of the superficies from the axis. But the differences of the angular motions about the axis are as those translations applied to the distances, or as the translations directly and the distances inversely; that is, joining these ratios together, as the squares of the distances inversely. Therefore if there be erected the lines Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, &c. perpendicular to the several parts of the infinite right line SABCDEQ, and reciprocally proportional to the squares of SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, &c. and through the extremities of those perpendiculars there be supposed to pass an hyperbolic curve, the sums of the differences, that is, the whole angular motions, will be as the correspondent sums of the lines Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, that
to continue a medium uniformly fluid the number of the parts be increased and their mutual diminished is infinite in the hyperbolic areas &c. BuQ, CeQ, DeQ, EqQ, &c. diminishing to the finite and the times reciprocally proportionals if the angular motions will be also reciprocally proportionals to those areas. Therefore the periodic time of any particle at D is reciprocally to the area DeQ, that is (as appears from the known measures of quantities of curves) directly as the distance SD. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Hence the angular motions of the particles of the fluid are reciprocally as their distances from the axis of the cylinder, and the absolute velocities are equal.

Cor. 2. If a fluid be contained in a cylindrical vessel of an infinite length and contain another cylinder within, and both the cylinders revolve about one common axis, and the times of their revolutions be as their semi-diameters, and every part of the fluid perseveres in its motion, the periodic times of the several parts will be as the distances from the axis of the cylinders.

Cor. 3. If there be added or taken away any common quantity of angular motion from the cylinder and fluid moving in this manner: yet, because this new motion will not alter the mutual attrition of the parts of the fluid, the motion of the parts among themselves will not be changed; for the translations of the parts from one another depend upon the attrition. Any part will persever in that motion, which, by the attrition made on both sides with contrary directions, is no more accelerated than it is retarded.

Cor. 4. Therefore if there be taken away from this whole system of the cylinders and the fluid all the angular motion of the outward cylinder, we shall have the motion of the fluid in a quiescent cylinder.

Cor. 5. Therefore if the fluid and outward cylinder are at rest, and the inward cylinder revolve uniformly, there will be communicated a circular motion to the fluid, which will be propagated by degrees through the whole fluid; and will go on continually increasing, till such time as the several parts of the fluid acquire the motion determined in cor. 4.
Cor. 6. And because the fluid endeavours to propagate its motion still farther, its impulse will carry the outmost cylinder also about with it, unless the cylinder be violently detained; and accelerate its motion till the periodic times of both cylinders become equal among themselves. But if the outward cylinder be violently detained, it will make an effort to retard the motion of the fluid; and unless the inward cylinder preserve that motion by means of some external force impressed thereon, it will make it cease by degrees.

All these things will be found true by making the experiment in deep standing water.

PROPOSITION LII. THEOREM XL.
If a solid sphere, in an uniform and infinite fluid, revolves about an axis given in position with an uniform motion, and the fluid be forced round by only this impulse of the sphere; and every part of the fluid perseveres uniformly in its motion:
I say, that the periodic times of the parts of the fluid are as the squares of their distances from the centre of the sphere.

Case 1. Let AFL be a sphere turning uniformly about the axis S, and let the concentric circles BGM, CHN, DIO, EKP, &c. divide the fluid into innumerable concentric orbs of the same thickness. Suppose those orbs to be solid; and, because the fluid is homogeneous, the impressions which the contiguous orbs make one upon another will be (by the supposition) as their translations from one another, and the contiguous superficies upon which the impressions are made. If the impression upon any orb be greater or less upon its concave than upon its convex side, the more forcible impression will prevail, and will either accelerate or retard the velocity of the orb, according as it is directed with a conspiring or contrary motion to that of the orb. Therefore that every orb may persevere uniformly in its motion, it is necessary that the impressions made upon both sides of the orb should be equal, and have contrary directions. Therefore since the impressions are as the contiguous superficies, and as their translations from one another, the translations will be inversely as the superficies, that is, inversely as the squares of the distances of the superficies from the centre. But the differences of the angular motions about the axis are as those translations ap-
plied to the distances, or as the translations directly and the
distances inversely; that is, by compounding those ratios, as
the cubes of the distances inversely. Therefore if upon the
several parts of the infinite right line SABCDEQ there be
erected the perpendiculars Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, &c. recipro-
cally proportional to the cubes of SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, &c.
the sums of the differences, that is, the whole angular mo-
tions, will be as the corresponding sums of the lines Aa, Bb,
Cc, Dd, Ee, &c. that is (if to constitute an uniformly fluid
medium the number of the orbs be increased and their thick-
nesses diminished *in infinitum*), as the hyperbolic areas AaQ,
BbQ, CcQ, DdQ, EeQ, &c. analogous to the sums; and the
periodic times being reciprocally proportional to the angular
motions, will be also reciprocally proportional to those areas.
Therefore the periodic time of any orb DIO is reciprocally
as the area DdQ, that is (by the known methods of qua-
dratures), directly as the square of the distance SD. Which was
first to be demonstrated.

Case 2. From the centre of the sphere let there be drawn
a great number of indefinite right lines, making given angles
with the axis, exceeding one another by equal differences;
and, by these lines revolving about the axis, conceive the orbs
to be cut into innumerable annuli; then will every annulus
have four annuli contiguous to it, that is, one on its inside,
one on its outside, and two on each hand. Now each of
these annuli cannot be impelled equally and with contrary di-
rections by the attrition of the interior and exterior annuli,
unless the motion be communicated according to the law
which we demonstrated in case 1. This appears from that
demonstration. And therefore any series of annuli, taken in
any right line extending itself *in infinitum* from the globe,
will move according to the law of case 1, except we should
imagine it hindered by the attrition of the annuli on each side
of it. But now in a motion, according to this law, no such
attrition is, and therefore cannot be, any obstacle to the mo-
tions persevering according to that law. If annuli at equal
distances from the centre revolve either more swiftly or more
slowly near the poles than near the ecliptic, they will be ac-
celerated if flow, and retarded if swift, by their mutual attri-
tion; and so the periodic times will continually approach to
equality, according to the law of case 1. Therefore this at-
traction will not at all hinder the motion from going on ac-
cording to the law of case 1, and therefore that law will take
place; that is, the periodic times of the several annuli will be
as the squares of their distances from the centre of the globe.
Which was to be demonstrated in the second place.

Case 3. Let now every annulus be divided by transverse
sections into innumerable particles constituting a substance abso-
lutely and uniformly fluid; and because these sections do
not at all respect the law of circular motion, but only serve
to produce a fluid substance, the law of circular motion will
continue the same as before. All the very small annuli will
either not at all change their asperity and force of mutual at-
traction upon account of these sections, or else they will change
the same equally. Therefore the proportion of the causes re-
mainings the same, the proportion of the effects will remain
the same also; that is, the proportion of the motions and the
periodic times. Q.E.D. But now as the circular motion,
and the centrifugal force thence arising, is greater at the
ecliptic than at the poles, there must be some cause operating
to retain the several particles in their circles; otherwise the
matter that is at the ecliptic will always recede from the cen-
tre, and come round about to the poles by the outside of the
vortex, and from thence return by the axis to the ecliptic
with a perpetual circulation.

Cor. 1. Hence the angular motions of the parts of the
fluid about the axis of the globe are reciprocally as the
squares of the distances from the centre of the globe, and the
absolute velocities are reciprocally as the same squares applied
to the distances from the axis.

Cor. 2. If a globe revolve with a uniform motion about an
axis of a given position in a similar and infinite quiescent fluid
with an uniform motion, it will communicate a whirling mo-
tion to the fluid like that of a vortex, and that motion will
by degrees be propagated onwards in infinitum; and this mo-
tion will be increased continually in every part of the fluid,
til the periodical times of the several parts become as the squares of the distances from the centre of the globe.

Cor. 3. Because the inward parts of the vortex are by reason of their greater velocity continually pressing upon and driving forwards the external parts, and by that action are perpetually communicating motion to them, and at the same time those exterior parts communicate the same quantity of motion to those that lie still beyond them, and by this action preserve the quantity of their motion continually unchanged, it is plain that the motion is perpetually transferred from the centre to the circumference of the vortex, till it is quite swallowed up and lost in the boundless extent of that circumference. The matter between any two spherical surfaces concentrical to the vortex will never be accelerated; because that matter will be always transferring the motion it receives from the matter nearer the centre to that matter which lies nearer the circumference.

Cor. 4. Therefore, in order to continue a vortex in the same state of motion, some active principle is required from which the globe may receive continually the same quantity of motion which it is always communicating to the matter of the vortex. Without such a principle it will undoubtedly come to pass that the globe and the inward parts of the vortex, being always propagating their motion to the outward parts, and not receiving any new motion, will gradually move slower and slower, and at last be carried round no longer.

Cor. 5. If another globe should be swimming in the same vortex at a certain distance from its centre, and in the mean time by some force revolve constantly about an axis of a given inclination, the motion of this globe will drive the fluid round after the manner of a vortex; and at first this new and small vortex will revolve with its globe about the centre of the other; and in the mean time its motion will creep on farther and farther, and by degrees be propagated in infinitum, after the manner of the first vortex. And for the same reason that the globe of the new vortex was carried about before by the motion of the other vortex, the globe of this other will be carried about by the motion of this new vortex,
to that the two globes will revolve about some intermediate point, and by reason of that circular motion mutually fly from each other, unless some force restrains them. Afterwards, if the constantly impressed forces, by which the globes persevere in their motions, should cease, and every thing be left to act according to the laws of mechanics, the motion of the globes will languish by degrees (for the reason assigned in cor. 3 and 4), and the vortices at last will quite stand still.

Cor. 6. If several globes in given places should constantly revolve with determined velocities about axes given in position, there would arise from them as many vortices going on in infinitum. For upon the same account that any one globe propagates its motion in infinitum, each globe apart will propagate its own motion in infinitum also; so that every part of the infinite fluid will be agitated with a motion resulting from the actions of all the globes. Therefore the vortices will not be confined by any certain limits, but by degrees run mutually into each other; and by the mutual actions of the vortices on each other, the globes will be perpetually moved from their places, as was shewn in the last corollary; neither can they possibly keep any certain position among themselves, unless some force restrains them. But if those forces, which are constantly impressed upon the globes to continue these motions, should cease, the matter (for the reason assigned in cor. 3 and 4) will gradually stop, and cease to move in vortices.

Cor. 7. If a similar fluid be inclosed in a spherical vessel, and, by the uniform rotation of a globe in its centre, is driven round in a vortex; and the globe and vessel revolve the same way about the same axis, and their periodical times be as the squares of the semi-diameters; the parts of the fluid will not go on in their motions without acceleration or retardation, till their periodical times are as the squares of their distances from the centre of the vortex. No constitution of a vortex can be permanent but this.

Cor. 8. If the vessel, the inclosed fluid, and the globe, retain this motion, and revolve besides with a common angular motion about any given axis, because the mutual attri-
tion of the parts of the fluid is not changed by this motion, the motions of the parts among each other will not be changed; for the translations of the parts among themselves depend upon this attrition. Any part will persever in that motion in which its attrition on one side retards it just as much as its attrition on the other side accelerates it.

Cor. 9. Therefore if the vessel be quiescent, and the motion of the globe be given, the motion of the fluid will be given. For conceive a plane to pass through the axis of the globe, and to revolve with a contrary motion; and suppose the sum of the time of this revolution and of the revolution of the globe to be to the time of the revolution of the globe as the square of the semi-diameter of the vessel to the square of the semi-diameter of the globe; and the periodic times of the parts of the fluid in respect of this plane will be as the squares of their distances from the centre of the globe.

Cor. 10. Therefore if the vessel move about the same axis with the globe, or with a given velocity about a different one, the motion of the fluid will be given. For if from the whole system we take away the angular motion of the vessel, all the motions will remain the same among themselves as before, by cor. 8, and those motions will be given by cor. 9.

Cor. 11. If the vessel and the fluid are quiescent, and the globe revolves with an uniform motion, that motion will be propagated by degrees through the whole fluid to the vessel, and the vessel will be carried round by it, unless violently detained; and the fluid and the vessel will be continually accelerated till their periodic times become equal to the periodic times of the globe. If the vessel be either withheld by some force, or revolve with any constant and uniform motion, the medium will come by little and little to the state of motion defined in cor. 8, 9, 10, nor will it ever persever in any other state. But if then the forces, by which the globe and vessel revolve with certain motions, should cease, and the whole system be left to act according to the mechanical laws, the vessel and globe, by means of the intervening fluid, will act upon each other, and will continue to propagate their motions.
through the fluid to each other, till their periodic times become equal among themselves, and the whole system revolves together like one solid body.

**SCHOLIUM.**

In all these reasonings I suppose the fluid to consist of matter of uniform density and fluidity; I mean, that the fluid is such, that a globe placed any where therein may propagate with the same motion of its own, at distances from itself continually equal, similar and equal motions in the fluid in the same interval of time. The matter by its circular motion endeavours to recede from the axis of the vortex, and therefore presses all the matter that lies beyond. This pressure makes the attrition greater, and the separation of the parts more difficult; and by consequence diminishes the fluidity of the matter. Again; if the parts of the fluid are in any one place denser or larger than in the others, the fluidity will be less in that place, because there are fewer superficies where the parts can be separated from each other. In these cases I suppose the defect of the fluidity to be supplied by the smoothness or softness of the parts, or some other condition; otherwise the matter where it is less fluid will cohere more, and be more sluggish, and therefore will receive the motion more slowly, and propagate it farther than agrees with the ratio above assigned. If the vessel be not spherical, the particles will move in lines not circular, but answering to the figure of the vessel; and the periodic times will be nearly as the squares of the mean distances from the centre. In the parts between the centre and the circumference the motions will be slower where the spaces are wide, and swifter where narrow; but yet the particles will not tend to the circumference at all the more for their greater swiftness; for they then describe arcs of less curvity, and the conatus of receding from the centre is as much diminished by the diminution of this curvature, as it is augmented by the increase of the velocity. As they go out of narrow into wide spaces, they recede a little farther from the centre, but in doing so are retarded; and when they come out of wide into narrow spaces, they are again accelerated; and so each particle is retarded and accelerated by turns for
ever. These things will come to pass in a rigid vessel; for the state of vortices in an infinite fluid is known by cor. 6 of this proposition.

I have endeavoured in this proposition to investigate the properties of vortices, that I might find whether the celestial phenomena can be explained by them; for the phenomenon is this, that the periodic times of the planets revolving about Jupiter are in the sesquiplicate ratio of their distances from Jupiter's centre; and the same rule obtains also among the planets that revolve about the sun. And these rules obtain also with the greatest accuracy, as far as has been yet discovered by astronomical observation. Therefore if those planets are carried round in vortices revolving about Jupiter and the sun, the vortices must revolve according to that law. But here we found the periodic times of the parts of the vortex to be in the duplicate ratio of the distances from the centre of motion; and this ratio cannot be diminished and reduced to the sesquiplicate, unless either the matter of the vortex be more fluid the farther it is from the centre, or the resistance arising from the want of lubricity in the parts of the fluid should, as the velocity with which the parts of the fluid are separated goes on increasing, be augmented with it in a greater ratio than that in which the velocity increases. But neither of these suppositions seem reasonable. The more gross and less fluid parts will tend to the circumference, unless they are heavy towards the centre. And though, for the sake of demonstration, I proposed, at the beginning of this section, an hypothesis that the resistance is proportional to the velocity, nevertheless, it is in truth probable that the resistance is in a less ratio than that of the velocity; which granted, the periodic times of the parts of the vortex will be in a greater than the duplicate ratio of the distances from its centre. If, as some think, the vortices move more swiftly near the centre, then slower to a certain limit, then again swifter near the circumference, certainly neither the sesquiplicate, nor any other certain and determinate ratio, can obtain in them. Let philosophers then see how that phenomenon of the sesquiplicate ratio can be accounted for by vortices.
Proposition LIII. Theorem XLII.

Bodies carried about in a vortex, and returning in the same orb, are of the same density with the vortex, and are moved according to the same law with the parts of the vortex, as to velocity and direction of motion.

For if any small part of the vortex, whose particles or physical points preserve a given situation among each other, be supposed to be congealed, this particle will move according to the same law as before, since no change is made either in its density, vis insita, or figure. And again; if a congealed or solid part of the vortex be of the same density with the rest of the vortex, and be resolved into a fluid, this will move according to the same law as before, except in so far as its particles, now become fluid, may be moved among themselves. Neglect, therefore, the motion of the particles among themselves as not at all concerning the progressive motion of the whole, and the motion of the whole will be the same as before. But this motion will be the same with the motion of other parts of the vortex at equal distances from the centre; because the solid, now resolved into a fluid, is become perfectly like to the other parts of the vortex. Therefore a solid, if it be of the same density with the matter of the vortex, will move with the same motion as the parts thereof, being relatively at rest in the matter that surrounds it. If it be more dense, it will endeavour more than before to recede from the centre; and therefore overcoming that force of the vortex, by which, being, as it were, kept in equilibrio, it was retained in its orbit, it will recede from the centre, and in its revolution describe a spiral, returning no longer into the same orbit. And, by the same argument, if it be more rare, it will approach to the centre. Therefore it can never continually go round in the same orbit, unless it be of the same density with the fluid. But we have shewn in that case that it would revolve according to the same law with those parts of the fluid that are at the same or equal distances from the centre of the vortex.
Cor. 1. Therefore a solid revolving in a vortex, and continually going round in the same orbit, is relatively quiescent in the fluid that carries it.

Cor. 2. And if the vortex be of an uniform density, the same body may revolve at any distance from the centre of the vortex.

SCHOLIUM.

Hence it is manifest that the planets are not carried round in corporeal vortices; for, according to the Copernican hypothesis, the planets going round the sun revolve in ellipses, having the sun in their common focus; and by radii drawn to the sun describe areas proportional to the times. But now the parts of a vortex can never revolve with such a motion. Let AD, BE, CF (Pl. 9, Fig. 3), represent three orbits described about the sun S, of which let the utmost circle CF be concentric to the sun; and let the aphelia of the two innermost be A, B; and their perihelia D, E. Therefore a body revolving in the orb CF, describing, by a radius drawn to the sun, areas proportional to the times, will move with an uniform motion. And, according to the laws of astronomy, the body revolving in the orb BE will move slower in its aphelion B, and swifter in its perihelion E; whereas, according to the laws of mechanics, the matter of the vortex ought to move more swiftly in the narrow space between A and C than in the wide space between D and F; that is, more swiftly in the aphelion than in the perihelion. Now these two conclusions contradict each other. So at the beginning of the sign of Virgo, where the aphelion of Mars is present, the distance between the orbits of Mars and Venus is to the distance between the same orbits, at the beginning of the sign of Piscis, as about 3 to 2; and therefore the matter of the vortex between those orbits ought to be swifter at the beginning of Piscis than at the beginning of Virgo in the ratio of 3 to 2; for the narrower the space is through which the same quantity of matter passes in the same time of one revolution, the greater will be the velocity with which it passes through it. Therefore if the earth being relatively at rest in this celestial matter should be carried round by it, and revolve
together with it about the sun, the velocity of the earth at the
beginning of Pisces would be to its velocity at the beginning
of Virgo in a sesquialteral ratio. Therefore the sun's apparent
diurnal motion at the beginning of Virgo ought to be above
70 minutes, and at the beginning of Pisces less than 48 mi-
nutes; whereas, on the contrary, that apparent motion of
the sun is really greater at the beginning of Pisces than at
the beginning of Virgo, as experience testifies; and therefore
the earth is swifter at the beginning of Virgo than at the be-
inning of Pisces: so that the hypothesis of vortices is utter-
ly irreconcilable with astronomical phenomena, and rather
serves to perplex than explain the heavenly motions. How
these motions are performed in free spaces without vortices,
may be understood by the first book; and I shall now more
fully treat of it in the following book.

BOOK III.

IN the preceding books I have laid down the principles
of philosophy; principles not philosophical, but mathematical;
such, to wit, as we may build our reasonings upon in philo-
sophical enquiries. These principles are the laws and condi-
tions of certain motions, and powers or forces, which chiefly
have respect to philosophy; but, left they should have appear-
ed of themselves dry and barren, I have illustrated them here
and there with some philosophical scholia, giving an ac-
count of such things as are of more general nature, and which
philosophy seems chiefly to be founded on; such as the den-
ity and the reftance of bodies, spaces void of all bodies,
and the motion of light and sounds. It remains that, from
the same principles, I now demonstrate the frame of the
System of the World. Upon this subject I had, indeed, com-
posed the third book in a popular method, that it might be
read by many; but afterwards, considering that such as had
not sufficiently entered into the principles could not easily
discern the strength of the consequences, nor lay aside the
prejudices to which they had been many years accustomed,
therefore, to prevent the disputes which might be raised upon
such accounts, I chose to reduce the substance of this book into the form of propositions (in the mathematical way), which should be read by those only who had first made themselves masters of the principles established in the preceding books: not that I would advise any one to the previous study of every proposition of those books; for they abound with such as might cost too much time, even to readers of good mathematical learning. It is enough if one carefully reads the definitions, the laws of motion, and the first three sections of the first book. He may then pass on to this book, and consult such of the remaining propositions of the first two books, as the references in this, and his occasions, shall require.

RULES OF REASONING IN PHILOSOPHY.

RULE I.
We are to admit no more causes of natural things than such as are both true and sufficient to explain their appearances.

To this purpose the philosophers say that Nature does nothing in vain, and more is in vain when less will serve; for Nature is pleased with simplicity, and affects not the pomp of superfluous causes.

RULE II.
Therefore to the same natural effects we must, as far as possible, assign the same causes.

As to respiration in a man and in a beast; the descent of fstones in Europe and in America; the light of our culinary fire and of the sun; the reflection of light in the earth, and in the planets.

RULE III.
The qualities of bodies, which admit neither intension nor re- mission of degrees, and which are found to belong to all bodies within the reach of our experiments, are to be esteemed the universal qualities of all bodies whatsoever.

For since the qualities of bodies are only known to us by experiments, we are to hold for universal all such as universally agree with experiments; and such as are not liable to diminution can never be quite taken away. We are certainly
not to relinquish the evidence of experiments for the sake of
dreams and vain fictions of our own devising; nor are we to
recede from the analogy of Nature, which urges to be simple,
and always consonant to itself. We no other way know the
extension of bodies than by our senses, nor do these reach it
in all bodies; but because we perceive extension in all that
are sensible, therefore we ascribe it universally to all others
also. That abundance of bodies are hard, we learn by expe-
rience; and because the hardness of the whole arises from the
hardness of the parts, we therefore justly infer the hardness of
the undivided particles not only of the bodies we feel but of
all others. That all bodies are impenetrable, we gather not
from reason, but from sensation. The bodies which we handle
we find impenetrable, and thence conclude impenetrability to
be an universal property of all bodies whatsoever. That all
bodies are moveable, and endowed with certain powers (which
we call the vires inertiae) of persevering in their motion, or in
their rest, we only infer from the like properties observed in
the bodies which we have seen. The extension, hardness,
impenetrability, mobility, and vis inertiae of the whole, result
from the extension, hardness, impenetrability, mobility, and
vires inertiae of the parts; and thence we conclude the least
particles of all bodies to be also all extended, and hard, and
impenetrable, and moveable, and endowed with their proper
vires inertiae. And this is the foundation of all philosophy.
Moreover, that the divided but contiguous particles of bodies
may be separated from one another, is matter of observation;
and, in the particles that remain undivided, our minds are
able to distinguish yet lesser parts, as is mathematically de-
monstrated. But whether the parts so distinguished, and not
yet divided, may, by the powers of Nature, be actually di-
vided and separated from one another, we cannot certainly
determine. Yet, had we the proof of but one experiment that
any undivided particle, in breaking a hard and solid body,
suffered a division, we might by virtue of this rule conclude
that the undivided as well as the divided particles may be di-
vided and actually separated to infinity.

Lastly, if it universally appears, by experiments and astro-
nomical observations, that all bodies about the earth gravi-
tate towards the earth, and that in proportion to the quantity
of matter which they severally contain; that the moon like-
wise, according to the quantity of its matter, gravitates to-
wards the earth; that, on the other hand, our sea gravitates to-
wards the moon; and all the planets mutually one towards
another; and the comets in like manner towards the sun; we
must, in consequence of this rule, universally allow that all
bodies whatsoever are endowed with a principle of mutual gravi-
tation. For the argument from the appearances concludes
with more force for the universal gravitation of all bodies
than for their impenetrability; of which, among those in the
celestial regions, we have no experiments, nor any manner
of observation. Not that I affirm gravity to be essential to
bodies: by their vis infaa I mean nothing but their vis in-
certiae. This is immutable. Their gravity is diminished as they
recede from the earth.

RULE IV.

In experimental philosophy we are to look upon propositions
collected by general induction from phenomena as accurately
or very nearly true, notwithstanding any contrary hypotheses
that may be imagined, till such time as other phenomena
occur, by which they may either be made more accurate, or
liable to exceptions.

This rule we must follow, that the argument of induction may
not be evaded by hypotheses.

PHÆNOMENA, OR APPEARANCES.

PHÆNOMENON I.

That the circumjovial planets, by radii drawn to Jupiter's cen-
tre, describe areas proportional to the times of description;
and that their periodic times, the fixed stars being at rest,
are in the sesquiplese proportion of their distances from
its centre.

This we know from astronomical observations. For the or-
bits of these planets differ but insensibly from circles concen-
tric to Jupiter; and their motions in those circles are found
to be uniform. And all astronomers agree that their periodic
times are in the sesquiplicate proportion of the semi-diameters
of their orbits; and so it manifestly appears from the follow-
ing table
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The periodic times of the satellites of Jupiter.
1°. 18°. 27' 34''. 3°. 13°. 13' 42''. 7°. 3°. 42' 36''.
16°. 16°. 32' 9''.

The distances of the satellites from Jupiter's centre.

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Mr. Pound has determined, by the help of excellent micrometers; the diameters of Jupiter and the elongation of its satellites after the following manner. The greatest heliocentric elongation of the fourth satellite from Jupiter's centre was taken with a micrometer in a 15 feet telescope, and at the mean distance of Jupiter from the earth was found about 8' 16''. The elongation of the third satellite was taken with a micrometer in a telescope of 123 feet; and at the same distance of Jupiter from the earth was found 4' 42''. The greatest elongations of the other satellites, at the same distance of Jupiter from the earth, are found from the periodic times to be 2' 56" 47'', and 1' 51" 6'1''.

The diameter of Jupiter taken with the micrometer in a 123 feet telescope several times, and reduced to Jupiter's mean distance from the earth, proved always less than 40'', never less than 38'', generally 39''. This diameter in shorter telescopes is 40'', or 41''; for Jupiter's light is a little dilated by the unequal refrangibility of the rays, and this dilatation bears a less ratio to the diameter of Jupiter in the longer and more perfect telescopes than in those which are shorter and less perfect. The times in which two satellites, the first and the third, passed over Jupiter's body, were observed, from the beginning of the ingress to the beginning of the egress, and from the complete ingress to the complete egress, with the long telescope. And from the transit of the first satellite, the diameter of Jupiter at its mean distance from the earth came forth 374'', and from the transit of the third 373''. There was observed also the time in which the shadow of the first satellite passed over Jupiter's body, and thence the diameter of Jupiter at its mean distance from the earth came out about
37". Let us suppose its diameter to be 37" very nearly, and then the greatest elongations of the first, second, third, and fourth satellite will be respectively equal to 5,965, 9,494, 15,141, and 26,63 semi-diameters of Jupiter.

PHÆNOMENON II.
That the circum-saturnal planets, by radii drawn to Saturn's centre, describe areas proportional to the times of description; and that their periodic times, the fixed stars being at rest, are in the sesquiplicate proportion of their distances from its centre.

For, as Caffini from his own observations has determined, their distances from Saturn's centre and their periodic times are as follow.

The periodic times of the satellites of Saturn.

1st. 21h. 18' 27". 2nd. 17h. 41' 22". 3rd. 12h. 23' 12". 4th. 9h. 41' 14". 79°. 7h. 48' 00''.

The distances of the satellites from Saturn's centre, in semi-diameters of its ring.

From observations .................. 1 4. 2 3. 8. 24.
From the periodic times .............. 1 93. 2 47. 3 45. 8. 23,35.
The greatest elongation of the fourth satellite from Saturn's centre is commonly determined from the observations to be eight of those semi-diameters very nearly. But the greatest elongation of this satellite from Saturn's centre, when taken with an excellent micrometer in Mr. Huygens's telescope of 123 feet, appeared to be eight semi-diameters and 7/6 of a semi-diameter. And from this observation and the periodic times the distances of the satellites from Saturn's centre in semi-diameters of the ring are 2,1, 2,69, 3,75, 8,7, and 25,35. The diameter of Saturn observed in the same telescope was found to be to the diameter of the ring as 3 to 7; and the diameter of the ring, May 28-29, 1719, was found to be 43"; and thence the diameter of the ring when Saturn is at its mean distance from the earth is 42", and the diameter of Saturn 18". These things appear so in very long and excellent telescopes, because in such telescopes the apparent magnitudes of the heavenly bodies bear a greater proportion to the dilatation of light in the extremities of those bodies than in
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That shorter telescopes, If we, then, reject all the spurious light, the diameter of Saturn will not amount to more than 16".

PHÆNOMENON III.
That the five primary planets, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, with their several orbits, encompass the sun.

That Mercury and Venus revolve about the sun, is evident from their moon-like appearances. When they shine out with a full face, they are, in respect of us, beyond or above the sun; when they appear half full, they are about the same height on one side or other of the sun; when horned, they are below or between us and the sun; and they are sometimes, when directly under, seen like spots traversing the sun's disk. That Mars surrounds the sun, is as plain from its full face when near its conjunction with the sun, and from the gibbous figure which it shews in its quadratures. And the same thing is demonstrable of Jupiter and Saturn, from their appearing full in all situations; for the shadows of their satellites that appear sometimes upon their disks make it plain that the light they shine with is not their own, but borrowed from the sun.

PHÆNOMENON IV.
That the fixed stars being at rest, the periodic times of the five primary planets, and (whether of the sun about the earth, or) of the earth about the sun, are in the sesquiplicate proportion of their mean distanes from the sun.

This proportion, first observed by Kepler, is now received by all astronomers; for the periodic times are the same, and the dimensions of the orbs are the same, whether the sun revolves about the earth, or the earth about the sun. And as to the measures of the periodic times, all astronomers are agreed about them. But for the dimensions of the orbits, Kepler and Bullialdus, above all others, have determined them from observations with the greatest accuracy; and the mean distances corresponding to the periodic times differ but insensibly from those which they have assigned, and for the most part fall in between them; as we may see from the following table.

M 3
The periodic times, with respect to the fixed stars, of the planets and earth revolving about the sun, in days and decimal parts of a day.

\[
\begin{array}{llll}
& h & \mu & \delta & \xi \\
10759,275. & 4339,514. & 686,9785. & 365,2565. & 224,6176. \\
& & & & 87,9692.
\end{array}
\]

The mean distances of the planets and of the earth from the sun.

\[
\begin{array}{llll}
& h & \mu & \delta \\
According to Kepler & \ldots & 951000. & 519650. & 152350. \\
\ldots & to Bullialdus & 954198. & 528590. & 152350. \\
\ldots & to the periodic times & 954006. & 520096. & 152369.
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{llll}
& h & \mu & \delta & \xi \\
According to Kepler & \ldots & 100000. & 72400. & 38806. \\
\ldots & to Bullialdus & 100000. & 72398. & 38805. \\
\ldots & to the periodic times & 100000. & 72333. & 38710.
\end{array}
\]

As to Mercury and Venus, there can be no doubt about their distances from the sun; for they are determined by the elongations of those planets from the sun; and for the distances of the superior planets, all dispute is cut off by the eclipses of the satellites of Jupiter. For by those eclipses the position of the shadow which Jupiter projects is determined; whence we have the heliocentric longitude of Jupiter. And from its heliocentric and geocentric longitudes compared together, we determine its distance.

PHÆNOMENON V.

Then the primary planets, by radii drawn to the earth, describe areas no wise proportional to the times; but that the areas which they describe by radii drawn to the sun are proportional to the times of description.

For to the earth they appear sometimes direct, sometimes stationary, nay, and sometimes retrograde. But from the sun they are always seen direct, and to proceed with a motion nearly uniform, that is to say, a little swifter in the perihelion and a little slower in the aphelion distances, so as to maintain an equality in the description of the areas. This a noted proposition among astronomers, and particularly demonstra-
ble in Jupiter, from the eclipses of his satellites; by the help of which eclipses, as we have said, the heliocentric longitudes of that planet, and its distances from the sun, are determined.

PHÆNOMENON VI.
That the moon, by a radius drawn to the earth's centre, describes an area proportional to the time of description.
This we gather from the apparent motion of the moon, compared with its apparent diameter. It is true that the motion of the moon is a little disturbed by the action of the sun: but in laying down these phænomena, I neglect those small and inconsiderable errors.

PROPOSITIONS.

PROPOSITION I. THEOREM I.
That the forces by which the circumjovial planets are continually drawn off from rectilinear motions, and retained in their proper orbits, tend to Jupiter's centre; and are reciprocally as the squares of the distances of the places of those planets from that centre.
The former part of this proposition appears from phæn. 1, and prop. 2 or 3, book 1; the latter from phæn. 1, and cor. 6, prop. 4, of the same book.
The same thing we are to understand of the planets which encompass Saturn, by phæn. 2.

PROPOSITION II. THEOREM II.
That the forces by which the primary planets are continually drawn off from rectilinear motions, and retained in their proper orbits, tend to the sun; and are reciprocally as the squares of the distances of the places of those planets from the sun's centre.
The former part of the proposition is manifest from phæn. 5, and prop. 2, book 1; the latter from phæn. 4, and cor. 6, prop. 4, of the same book. But this part of the proposition is, with great accuracy, demonstrable from the quiescence of the aphelion points; for a very small aberration from the reciprocal duplicate proportion would (by cor. 1, prop. 45, book 1) produce a motion of the apsides sensible enough in every single revolution, and in many of them enormously great.
PROPOSITION III. THEOREM III.

That the force by which the moon is retained in its orbit tends to the earth; and is reciprocally as the square of the distance of its place from the earth's centre.

The former part of the proposition is evident from phæn. 6, and prop. 2 or 3, book 1; the latter from the very slow motion of the moon's apogee; which in every single revolution amounting but to 3° 3' in consequentia, may be neglected. For (by cor. 1, prop. 45, book 1) it appears, that, if the distance of the moon from the earth's centre is to the semi-diameter of the earth as D to 1, the force, from which such a motion will result, is reciprocally as $D^{1+\frac{1}{4}}$, i.e. reciprocally as the power of D, whose exponent is $2+\frac{1}{4}$; that is to say, in the proportion of the distance something greater than reciprocally duplicate, but which comes $59\frac{1}{4}$ times nearer to the duplicate than to the triplicate proportion. But in regard that this motion is owing to the action of the sun (as we shall afterwards shew), it is here to be neglected. The action of the sun, attracting the moon from the earth, is nearly as the moon's distance from the earth; and therefore (by what we have shewed in cor. 2, prop. 45, book 1) is to the centripetal force of the moon as 2 to 357,45, or nearly so; that is, as 1 to 178$\frac{1}{2}$%. And if we neglect so inconsiderable a force of the sun, the remaining force, by which the moon is retained in its orb, will be reciprocally as $D^2$. This will yet more fully appear from comparing this force with the force of gravity, as is done in the next proposition.

Cor. If we augment the mean centripetal force by which the moon is retained in its orb, first in the proportion of 177$\frac{2}{3}$ to 178$\frac{1}{2}$, and then in the duplicate proportion of the semi-diameter of the earth to the mean distance of the centres of the moon and earth, we shall have the centripetal force of the moon at the surface of the earth; supposing this force, in descending to the earth's surface, continually to increase in the reciprocal duplicate proportion of the height.
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PROPOSITION IV. THEOREM IV.
That the moon gravitates towards the earth, and by the force of gravity is continually drawn off from a rectilinear motion, and retained in its orbit.

The mean distance of the moon from the earth in the syzygies in semi-diameters of the earth, is, according to Ptolemy and most astronomers, $\frac{59}{12}$; according to Vendelin and Huygens, $\frac{60}{12}$; to Copernicus, $\frac{60\frac{1}{2}}{12}$; to Street, $\frac{60\frac{1}{2}}{12}$; and to Tycho, $\frac{56\frac{1}{2}}{12}$. But Tycho, and all that follow his tables of refraction, making the refractions of the sun and moon (altogether against the nature of light) to exceed the refractions of the fixed stars, and that by four or five minutes near the horizon, did thereby increafe the moon's horizontal parallax by a like number of minutes, that is, by a twelfth or fifteenth part of the whole parallax. Correct this error, and the distance will become about $60\frac{1}{2}$ semi-diameters of the earth, near to what others have assigned. Let us assume the mean distance of 60 diameters in the syzygies; and suppose one revolution of the moon, in respect of the fixed stars, to be completed in $27^4.7^h.43^m$, as astronomers have determined; and the circumference of the earth to amount to 123249600 Paris feet, as the French have found by menfuration. And now if we imagine the moon, deprived of all motion, to be let go, so as to descend towards the earth with the impulse of all that force by which (by cor. prop. 3) it is retained in its orb, it will, in the space of one minute of time, describe in its fall $15\frac{1}{4}$ Paris feet. This we gather by a calculus, founded either upon prop. 36, book 1, or (which comes to the same thing) upon cor. 9, prop. 4, of the same book. For the verfed sine of that arc, which the moon, in the space of one minute of time, would by its mean motion describe at the distance of 60 semi-diameters of the earth, is nearly $15\frac{1}{4}$ Paris feet, or more accurately 15 feet, 1 inch, and 1 line $\frac{1}{4}$. Wherefore, since that force, in approaching to the earth, increases in the reciprocal duplicate proportion of the distance, and, upon that account, at the surface of the earth, is $60 \times 60$ times greater than at the moon, a body in our regions, falling with that force, ought, in the space of one minute of time, to describe
$60 \times 60 \times 15\frac{1}{4}$ Paris feet; and, in the space of one second of time, to describe $15\frac{1}{4}$ of those feet; or more accurately 15 feet, 1 inch, and 1 line $\frac{1}{4}$. And with this very force we actually find that bodies here upon earth do really descend; for a pendulum oscillating seconds in the latitude of Paris will be 3 Paris feet, and 8 lines $\frac{1}{4}$ in length, as Mr. Huygens has observed. And the space which a heavy body describes by falling in one second of time is to half the length of this pendulum in the duplicate ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter (as Mr. Huygens has also shewn), and is therefore 15 Paris feet, 1 inch, 1 line $\frac{1}{4}$. And therefore the force by which the moon is retained in its orbit becomes, at the very surface of the earth, equal to the force of gravity which we observe in heavy bodies there. And therefore (by rule 1 and 2) the force by which the moon is retained in its orbit is that very same force which we commonly call gravity; for, were gravity another force different from that, then bodies descending to the earth with the joint impulse of both forces would fall with a double velocity, and in the space of one second of time would describe $30\frac{1}{2}$ Paris feet; altogether against experience.

This calculus is founded on the hypothesis of the earth's standing still; for if both earth and moon move about the sun, and at the same time about their common centre of gravity, the distance of the centres of the moon and earth from one another will be $60\frac{1}{2}$ semi-diameters of the earth; as may be found by a computation from prop. 60, book 1.

SCHOLIUM.

The demonstration of this proposition may be more diffusely explained after the following manner. Suppose several moons to revolve about the earth, as in the system of Jupiter or Saturn; the periodic times of these moons (by the argument of induction) would observe the same law which Kepler found to obtain among the planets; and therefore their centripetal forces would be reciprocally as the squares of the distances from the centre of the earth, by prop. 1, of this book. Now if the lowest of these were very small, and were so near the earth as almost to touch the tops of the highest mountains,
the centripetal force thereof, retaining it in its orb, would be very nearly equal to the weights of any terrestrial bodies that should be found upon the tops of those mountains, as may be known by the foregoing computation. Therefore if the same little moon should be deserted by its centrifugal force that carries it through its orb, and so be disabled from going onwards therein, it would descend to the earth; and that with the same velocity as heavy bodies do actually fall with upon the tops of those very mountains; because of the equality of the forces that oblige them both to descend. And if the force by which that lowest moon would descend were different from gravity, and if that moon were to gravitate towards the earth, as we find terrestrial bodies do upon the tops of mountains, it would then descend with twice the velocity, as being impelled by both these forces conspiring together. Therefore since both these forces, that is, the gravity of heavy bodies, and the centripetal forces of the moons, respect the centre of the earth, and are similar and equal between themselves, they will (by rule 1 and 2) have one and the same cause. And therefore the force which retains the moon in its orbit is that very force which we commonly call gravity; because otherwise this little moon at the top of a mountain must either be without gravity, or fall twice as swiftly as heavy bodies use to do.

PROPOSITION V. THEOREM V.

That the circumjovial planets gravitate towards Jupiter; the circumsaturnal towards Saturn; the circumsolar towards the sun; and by the forces of their gravity are drawn off from rectilinear motions, and retained in curvilinear orbits.

For the revolutions of the circumjovial planets about Jupiter, of the circumsaturnal about Saturn, and of Mercury and Venus, and the other circumsolar planets, about the sun, are appearances of the same sort with the revolution of the moon about the earth; and therefore, by rule 2, must be owing to the same sort of causes; especially since it has been demonstrated, that the forces upon which those revolutions depend tend to the centres of Jupiter, of Saturn, and of the
fun; and that those forces, in receding from Jupiter, from Saturn, and from the sun, decrease in the same proportion, and according to the same law, as the force of gravity does in receding from the earth.

Cor. 1. There is, therefore, a power of gravity tending to all the planets; for, doubtless, Venus, Mercury, and the rest, are bodies of the same sort with Jupiter and Saturn. And since all attraction (by law 3) is mutual, Jupiter will therefore gravitate towards all his own satellites, Saturn towards his, the earth towards the moon, and the sun towards all the primary planets.

Cor. 2. The force of gravity which tends to any one planet is reciprocally as the square of the distance of places from that planet’s centre.

Cor. 3. All the planets do mutually gravitate towards one another, by cor. 1 and 2. And hence it is that Jupiter and Saturn, when near their conjunction, by their mutual attractions sensibly disturb each other’s motions. So the sun disturbs the motions of the moon; and both sun and moon disturb our sea, as we shall hereafter explain.

SCHOLIUM.

The force which retains the celestial bodies in their orbits has been hitherto called centripetal force; but it being now made plain that it can be no other than a gravitating force, we shall hereafter call it gravity. For the cause of that centripetal force which retains the moon in its orbit will extend itself to all the planets, by rule 1, 2, and 4.

PROPOSITION VI: THEOREM VI.
That all bodies gravitate towards every planet; and that the weights of bodies towards any the same planet, at equal distances from the centre of the planet, are proportional to the quantities of matter which they severally contain.

It has been, now of a long time, observed by others, that all sorts of heavy bodies (allowance being made for the inequality of retardation which they suffer from a small power of resistance in the air) descend to the earth from equal heights in equal times; and that equality of times we may distinguish to a great accuracy, by the help of pendulums. I tried the
thing in gold, silver, lead, glass, sand, common salt, wood, water; and wheat. I provided two wooden boxes, round and equal: I filled the one with wood, and suspended an equal weight of gold (as exactly as I could) in the centre of oscillation of the other. The boxes hanging by equal threads of 11 feet made a couple of pendulums perfectly equal in weight and figure, and equally receiving the resistance of the air. And, placing the one by the other, I observed them to play together forwards and backwards, for a long time, with equal vibrations. And therefore the quantity of matter in the gold (by cor. 1 and 6, prop. 24, book 2) was to the quantity of matter in the wood as the action of the motive force (or vis motrix) upon all the gold to the action of the same upon all the wood; that is, as the weight of the one to the weight of the other: and the like happened in the other bodies. By these experiments, in bodies of the same weight, I could manifestly have discovered a difference of matter less than the thousandth part of the whole, had any such been. But, without all doubt, the nature of gravity towards the planets is the same as towards the earth. For, should we imagine our terrestrial bodies removed to the orb of the moon, and there, together with the moon, deprived of all motion, to be let go, so as to fall together towards the earth, it is certain, from what we have demonstrated before, that, in equal times, they would describe equal spaces with the moon, and of consequence are to the moon, in quantity of matter, as their weights to its weight. Moreover, since the satellites of Jupiter perform their revolutions in times which obseve the sepquiplicate proportion of their distances from Jupiter's centre, their accelerative gravities towards Jupiter will be reciprocally as the squares of their distances from Jupiter's centre; that is, equal, at equal distances. And, therefore, these satellites, if supposed to fall towards Jupiter from equal heights, would describe equal spaces in equal times, in like manner as heavy bodies do on our earth. And, by the same argument, if the circumsolar planets were supposed to be let fall at equal distances from the sun, they would, in their descent towards the sun, describe equal spaces in equal times. But forces which
equally accelerate unequal bodies must be as those bodies; that is to say, the weights of the planets towards the sun must be as their quantities of matter. Further, that the weights of Jupiter and of his satellites towards the sun are proportional to the several quantities of their matter, appears from the exceedingly regular motions of the satellites (by cor. 3, prop. 65, book 1). For if some of those bodies were more strongly attracted to the sun in proportion to their quantity of matter than others, the motions of the satellites would be disturbed by that inequality of attraction (by cor. 2, prop. 65, book 1).

If, at equal distances from the sun, any satellite, in proportion to the quantity of its matter, did gravitate towards the sun with a force greater than Jupiter in proportion to his, according to any given proportion, suppose of \( d \) to \( e \); then the distance between the centres of the sun and of the satellite’s orbit would be always greater than the distance between the centres of the sun and of Jupiter nearly in the subduplicate of that proportion; as by some computations I have found. And if the satellite did gravitate towards the sun with a force, lesser in the proportion of \( e \) to \( d \), the distance of the centre of the satellite’s orb from the sun would be less than the distance of the centre of Jupiter from the sun in the subduplicate of the same proportion. Therefore if, at equal distances from the sun, the accelerative gravity of any satellite towards the sun were greater or less than the accelerative gravity of Jupiter towards the sun but by one \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{d^2}} \) part of the whole gravity, the distance of the centre of the satellite’s orbit from the sun would be greater or less than the distance of Jupiter from the sun by one \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{d^2}} \) part of the whole distance; that is, by a fifth part of the distance of the utmost satellite from the centre of Jupiter; an eccentricity of the orbit which would be very sensible. But the orbits of the satellites are concentric to Jupiter, and therefore the accelerative gravities of Jupiter, and of all its satellites towards the sun, are equal among themselves. And by the same argument, the weights of Saturn and of his satellites towards the sun, at equal distances from the sun, are as their several quantities of matter; and the weights of the moon and of the earth towards the sun are
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either none, or accurately proportional to the masses of matter which they contain. But some they are, by cor. 1 and 3, prop. 5.

But further; the weights of all the parts of every planet towards any other planet are one to another as the matter in the several parts; for if some parts did gravitate more, others less, than for the quantity of their matter, then the whole planet, according to the sort of parts with which it most abounds, would gravitate more or less than in proportion to the quantity of matter in the whole. Nor is it of any moment whether these parts are external or internal; for if, for example, we should imagine the terrestrial bodies with us to be raised up to the orb of the moon, to be there compared with its body; if the weights of such bodies were to the weights of the external parts of the moon as the quantities of matter in the one and in the other respectively; but to the weights of the internal parts in a greater or less proportion, then likewise the weights of those bodies would be to the weight of the whole moon in a greater or less proportion; against what we have shewed above.

Cor. 1. Hence the weights of bodies do not depend upon their forms and textures; for if the weights could be altered with the forms, they would be greater or less, according to the variety of forms, in equal matter; altogether against experience.

Cor. 2. Universally, all bodies about the earth gravitate towards the earth; and the weights of all, at equal distances from the earth's centre, are as the quantities of matter which they severally contain. This is the quality of all bodies within the reach of our experiments; and therefore (by rule 3) to be affirmed of all bodies whatsoever. If the aether, or any other body, were either altogether void of gravity, or were to gravitate less in proportion to its quantity of matter, then, because (according to Aristotle, Des Cartes, and others) there is no difference betwixt that and other bodies but in mere form of matter, by a successive change from form to form, it might be changed at last into a body of the same condition with those which gravitate most in proportion to their quantity of matter; and, on the other hand, the heaviest bodies,
acquiring the first form of that body, might by degrees quite lose their gravity. And therefore the weights would depend upon the forms of bodies, and with those forms might be changed: contrary to what was proved in the preceding corollary.

Cor. 3. All spaces are not equally full; for if all spaces were equally full, then the specific gravity of the fluid which fills the region of the air, on account of the extreme density of the matter, would fall nothing short of the specific gravity of quicksilver, or gold, or any other the most dense body; and, therefore, neither gold, nor any other body, could descend in air; for bodies do not descend in fluids, unless they are specifically heavier than the fluids. And if the quantity of matter in a given space can, by any rarefaction, be diminished, what should hinder a diminution to infinity?

Cor. 4: If all the solid particles of all bodies are of the same density, nor can be rarefied without pores, a void, space, or vacuum must be granted. By bodies of the same density, I mean those whose vises inertiae are in the proportion of their bulks.

Cor. 5. The power of gravity is of a different nature from the power of magnetism; for the magnetic attraction is not as the matter attracted. Some bodies are attracted more by the magnet; others less; most bodies not at all. The power of magnetism in one and the same body may be increased and diminished; and is sometimes far stronger, for the quantity of matter, than the power of gravity; and in receding from the magnet decreases not in the duplicate but almost in the triplicate proportion of the distance, as nearly as I could judge from some rude observations.

PROPOSITION VII. THEOREM VII.

That there is a power of gravity tending to all bodies, proportional to the several quantities of matter which they contain.

That all the planets mutually gravitate one towards another, we have proved before; as well as that the force of gravity towards every one of them, considered apart, is reciprocally as the square of the distance of places from the centre of the planet. And thence (by prop. 69, book 1, and its corollaries)
it follows, that the gravity tending towards all the planets is proportional to the matter which they contain.

Moreover, since all the parts of any planet A gravitate towards any other planet B; and the gravity of every part is to the gravity of the whole as the matter of the part to the matter of the whole; and (by law 3) to every action corresponds an equal re-action; therefore the planet B will, on the other hand, gravitate towards all the parts of the planet A; and its gravity towards any one part will be to the gravity towards the whole as the matter of the part to the matter of the whole. Q.E.D.

Cor. 1. Therefore the force of gravity towards any whole planet arises from, and is compounded of, the forces of gravity towards all its parts. Magnetic and electric attractions afford us examples of this; for all attraction towards the whole arises from the attractions towards the several parts. The thing may be easily understood in gravity, if we consider a greater planet, as formed of a number of lesser planets, meeting together in one globe; for hence it would appear that the force of the whole must arise from the forces of the component parts. If it is objected, that, according to this law, all bodies with us must mutually gravitate one towards another, whereas no such gravitation anywhere appears, I answer, that since the gravitation towards these bodies is to the gravitation towards the whole earth as these bodies are to the whole earth, the gravitation towards them must be far less than to fall under the observation of our senses.

Cor. 2. The force of gravity towards the several equal particles of any body is reciprocally as the square of the distance of places from the particles; as appears from cor. 3, prop. 74, book 1.

PROPOSITION VIII. THEOREM VIII.
In two spheres mutually gravitating each towards the other, if the matter in places on all sides round about and equidistant from the centres is similar, the weight of either sphere towards the other will be reciprocally as the square of the distance between their centres.
After I had found that the force of gravity towards a whole planet did arise from and was compounded of the forces of gravity towards all its parts, and towards every one part was in the reciprocal proportion of the squares of the distances from the part, I was yet in doubt whether that reciprocal duplicate proportion did accurately hold, or but nearly so, in the total force compounded of so many partial ones; for it might be that the proportion which accurately enough took place in greater distances should be wide of the truth near the surface of the planet, where the distances of the particles are unequal, and their situation dissimilar. But by the help of prop. 75 and 76, book 1, and their corollaries, I was at last satisfied of the truth of the proposition, as it now lies before us.

Cor. 1. Hence we may find and compare together the weights of bodies towards different planets; for the weights of bodies revolving in circles about planets are (by cor. 2, prop. 4, book 1) as the diameters of the circles directly, and the squares of their periodic times reciprocally; and their weights at the surfaces of the planets, or at any other distances from their centres, are (by this prop.) greater or less in the reciprocal duplicate proportion of the distances. Thus from the periodic times of Venus, revolving about the sun, in 224. 16\(\frac{1}{2}\). of the utmost circumjovial satellitie revolving about Jupiter, in 16\(\frac{4}{7}\). 16\(\frac{1}{2}\).; of the Huygenian satellitie about Saturn in 15\(\frac{4}{7}\). 22\(\frac{1}{2}\); and of the moon about the earth in 27\(\frac{1}{7}\). 7\(\frac{1}{2}\). 43'; compared with the mean distance of Venus from the sun, and with the greatest heliocentric elongations of the utmost circumjovial satellitie from Jupiter's centre, 8' 16''; of the Huygenian satellitie from the centre of Saturn, 3' 4''; and of the moon from the earth, 10' 33''; by computation I found that the weight of equal bodies, at equal distances from the centres of the sun, of Jupiter, of Saturn, and of the earth, towards the sun, Jupiter, Saturn, and the earth, were one to another, as 1, \(\frac{4}{7}\), \(\frac{2}{7}\), and \(\frac{4}{7}\), respectively. Then because as the distances are increased or diminished, the weights are diminished or increased in a duplicate ratio, the weights of equal bodies towards the sun, Jupiter, Saturn, and
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the earth, at the distances 10000, 997, 791, and 109 from their centres, that is at their very supercicies, will be as 10000, 943, 529, and 435 respectively. How much the weights of bodies are at the supercicies of the moon, will be shewn hereafter.

Cor. 2. Hence likewise we discover the quantity of matter in the several planets; for their quantities of matter are as the forces of gravity at equal distances from their centres; that is, in the sun, Jupiter, Saturn, and the earth, as 1, $\frac{10}{12}$, $\frac{12}{15}$, and $\frac{15}{18}$ respectively. If the parallax of the sun be taken greater or less than 10" 30", the quantity of matter in the earth must be augmented or diminished in the triplicate of that proportion.

Cor. 3. Hence also we find the densities of the planets; for (by prop. 72, book 1) the weights of equal and similar bodies towards similar spheres are, at the surfaces of those spheres, as the diameters of the spheres; and therefore the densities of dissimilar spheres are as those weights applied to the diameters of the spheres. But the true diameters of the sun, Jupiter, Saturn, and the earth, were one to another as 10000, 997, 791, and 109; and the weights towards the same as 10000, 943, 529, and 435 respectively; and therefore their densities are as 100, 943, 67, and 400. The density of the earth, which comes out by this computation, does not depend upon the parallax of the sun, but is determined by the parallax of the moon, and therefore is here truly defined. The sun, therefore, is a little denser than Jupiter, and Jupiter than Saturn, and the earth four times denser than the sun; for the sun, by its great heat, is kept in a sort of a rarefied state. The moon is denser than the earth, as shall appear afterwards.

Cor. 4. The smaller the planets are, they are, ceteris paribus, of so much the greater density; for so the powers of gravity on their several surfaces come nearer to equality. They are likewise, ceteris paribus, of the greater density, as they are nearer to the sun. So Jupiter is more dense than Saturn, and the earth than Jupiter; for the planets were to be placed at different distances from the sun, that, according to their degrees of density, they might enjoy a greater or less

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proportion of the sun's heat. Our water, if it were removed as far as the orb of Saturn, would be converted into ice, and in the orb of Mercury would quickly fly away in vapour; for the light of the sun, to which its heat is proportional, is seven times denser in the orb of Mercury than with us: and by the thermometer I have found that a sevenfold heat of our summer sun will make water boil. Nor are we to doubt that the matter of Mercury is adapted to its heat, and is therefore more dense than the matter of our earth; since, in a denser matter, the operations of Nature require a stronger heat.

PROPOSITION IX. THEOREM IX.
That the force of gravity, considered downwards from the surface of the planets, decreases nearly in the proportion of the distances from their centres.

If the matter of the planet were of an uniform density, this proposition would be accurately true (by prop. 73, book 1). The error, therefore, can be no greater than what may arise from the inequality of the density.

PROPOSITION X. THEOREM X.
That the motions of the planets in the heavens may subsist an exceedingly long time.

In the scholium of prop. 40, book 2, I have shewed that a globe of water frozen into ice, and moving freely in our air, in the time that it would describe the length of its semi-diameter, would lose by the resistence of the air \( \frac{2}{3} \) part of its motion; and the same proportion holds nearly in all globes, how great soever, and moved with whatever velocity. But that our globe of earth is of greater density than it would be if the whole consisted of water only, I thus make out. If the whole consisted of water only, whatever was of less density than water, because of its less specific gravity, would emerge and float above. And upon this account, if a globe of terrestrial matter, covered on all sides with water, was less dense than water, it would emerge somewhere; and, the subsiding water falling back, would be gathered to the opposite side. And such is the condition of our earth, which in a great measure is covered with seas. The earth, if it was not for
its greater density, would emerge from the seas, and, according to its degree of levity, would be raised more or less above their surface, the water of the seas flowing backwards to the opposite side. By the same argument, the spots of the sun, which float upon the lucid matter thereof, are lighter than that matter; and, however the planets have been formed while they were yet in fluid masses, all the heavier matter subsided to the centre. Since, therefore, the common matter of our earth on the surface thereof is about twice as heavy as water, and a little lower, in mines, is found about three, or four, or even five times more heavy, it is probable that the quantity of the whole matter of the earth may be five or six times greater than if it consisted all of water; especially since I have before shewed that the earth is about four times more dense than Jupiter. If, therefore, Jupiter is a little more dense than water, in the space of thirty days, in which that planet describes the length of 459 of its semi-diameters, it would, in a medium of the same density with our air, lose almost a tenth part of its motion. But since the resistance of mediums decreases in proportion to their weight or density, so that water, which is 13½ times lighter than quicksilver, resists less in that proportion; and air, which is 860 times lighter than water, resists less in the same proportion; therefore in the heavens, where the weight of the medium in which the planets move is immensely diminished, the resistance will almost vanish.

It is shewn in the scholium of prop. 22, book 2, that at the height of 200 miles above the earth the air is more rare than it is at the superficies of the earth in the ratio of 30 to 0,000000000003998, or as 7,500,000,000,000,000 to 1 nearly. And hence the planet Jupiter, revolving in a medium of the same density with that superior air, would not lose by the resistance of the medium the 100,000,000th part of its motion in 100,000,000 years. In the spaces near the earth the resistance is produced only by the air, exhalations, and vapours. When these are carefully exhausted by the air-pump from under the receiver, heavy bodies fall within the receiver with perfect freedom, and without the least sensible resistance: gold itself, and the lightest down, let fall together, will descend with equal
velocity; and though they fall through a space of four, fix, and eight feet, they will come to the bottom at the same time; as appears from experiments. And therefore the celestial regions being perfectly void of air and exhalations, the planets and comets meeting, no sensible resistance in those spaces, will continue their motions through them for an immense tract of time.

**HYPOTHESIS I.**

*That the centre of the system of the world is immovable.*

This is acknowledged by all, while some contend that the earth, others that the sun, is fixed in that centre. Let us see what may from hence follow.

**PROPOSITION XI. THEOREM XI.**

*That the common centre of gravity of the earth, the sun, and all the planets, is immovable.*

For (by cor. 4 of the laws) that centre either is at rest, or moves uniformly forward in a right line; but if that centre moved, the centre of the world would move also, against the hypothesis.

**PROPOSITION XII. THEOREM XII.**

*That the sun is agitated by a perpetual motion, but never recedes far from the common centre of gravity of all the planets.*

For since (by cor. 2, prop 8) the quantity of matter in the sun is to the quantity of matter in Jupiter as 1067 to 1; and the distance of Jupiter from the sun is to the semi-diameter of the sun in a proportion but a small matter greater, the common centre of gravity of Jupiter and the sun will fall upon a point a little without the surface of the sun. By the same argument, since the quantity of matter in the sun is to the quantity of matter in Saturn as 9021 to 1, and the distance of Saturn from the sun is to the semi-diameter of the sun in a proportion but a small matter less, the common centre of gravity of Saturn and the sun will fall upon a point a little within the surface of the sun. And, pursuing the principles of this computation, we should find that though the earth and all the planets were placed on one side of the sun, the distance of the common centre of gravity of all from the centre of the sun would scarcely amount to one diameter.
of the sun. In other cases, the distances of those centres are always less; and, therefore, since that centre of gravity is in perpetual rest, the sun, according to the various positions of the planets, must perpetually be moved every way, but will never recede far from that centre.

Cor. Hence the common centre of gravity of the earth, the sun, and all the planets, is to be esteemed the centre of the world; for since the earth, the sun, and all the planets, mutually gravitate one towards another, and are therefore, according to their powers of gravity, in perpetual agitation, as the laws of motion require, it is plain that their moveable centres cannot be taken for the immovable centre of the world. If that body were to be placed in the centre, towards which other bodies gravitate most (according to common opinion), that privilege ought to be allowed to the sun; but since the sun itself is moved, a fixed point is to be chosen from which the centre of the sun recedes least, and from which it would recede yet less if the body of the sun were denser and greater, and therefore less apt to be moved.

PROPOSITION XIII. THEOREM XIII.
The planets move in ellipses which have their common focus in the centre of the sun; and, by radii drawn to that centre, they describe areas proportional to the times of description.

We have discoursed above of these motions from the phenomena. Now that we know the principles on which they depend, from those principles we deduce the motions of the heavens a priori. Because the weights of the planets towards the sun are reciprocally as the squares of their distances from the sun's centre, if the sun was at rest, and the other planets did not mutually act one upon another, their orbits would be ellipses, having the sun in their common focus; and they would describe areas proportional to the times of description, by prop. 1 and 11, and cor. 1, prop. 13, book 1. But the mutual actions of the planets one upon another are so very small, that they may be neglected; and, by prop. 66, book 1, they less disturb the motions of the planets around the sun in motion than if those motions were performed about the sun at rest.
It is true, that the action of Jupiter upon Saturn is not to be neglected; for the force of gravity towards Jupiter is to the force of gravity towards the sun as 1 to 1067; and therefore in the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, because the distance of Saturn from Jupiter is to the distance of Saturn from the sun almost as 4 to 9, the gravity of Saturn towards Jupiter will be to the gravity of Saturn towards the sun as 81 to 16 \times 1067; or, as 1 to about 211. And hence arises a perturbation of the orb of Saturn in every conjunction of this planet with Jupiter, so sensible, that astronomers are puzzled with it. As the planet is differently situated in these conjunctions, its eccentricity is sometimes augmented, sometimes diminished; its aphelion is sometimes carried forwards, sometimes backwards, and its mean motion is by turns accelerated and retarded; yet the whole error in its motion about the sun, though arising from so great a force, may be almost avoided (except in the mean motion) by placing the lower focus of its orbit in the common centre of gravity of Jupiter and the sun (according to prop. 67, book 1), and therefore that error, when it is greatest, scarcely exceeds two minutes; and the greatest error in the mean motion scarcely exceeds two minutes yearly. But in the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, the accelerative forces of gravity of the sun towards Saturn, of Jupiter towards Saturn, and of Jupiter towards the sun, are almost as 16, 81, and \( \frac{16 \times 81 \times 3021}{25} \), or 156609; and therefore the difference of the forces of gravity of the sun towards Saturn, and of Jupiter towards Saturn, is to the force of gravity of Jupiter towards the sun as 65 to 156609, or as 1 to 2409. But the greatest power of Saturn to disturb the motion of Jupiter is proportional to this difference; and therefore the perturbation of the orbit of Jupiter is much less than that of Saturn's. The perturbations of the other orbits are yet far less, except that the orbit of the earth is sensibly disturbed by the moon. The common centre of gravity of the earth and moon moves in an ellipsis about the sun in the focus thereof, and, by a radius drawn to the sun, describes areas proportional to the times of description. But the earth
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in the mean time by a menstrual motion is revolved about this common centre.

Proposition XIV. Theorem XIV.
The aphelions and nodes of the orbits of the planets are fixed.

The aphelions are immovable, by prop. 11, book 1; and so are the planes of the orbits, by prop. 1 of the same book. And if the planes are fixed, the nodes must be so too. It is true, that some inequalities may arise from the mutual actions of the planets and comets in their revolutions; but these will be so small, that they may be here passed by.

Cor. 1. The fixed stars are immovable, seeing they keep the same position to the aphelions and nodes of the planets.

Cor. 2. And since these stars are liable to no sensible parallax from the annual motion of the earth, they can have no force, because of their immense distance, to produce any sensible effect in our system. Not to mention that the fixed stars, every where promiscuously dispersed in the heavens, by their contrary attractions destroy their mutual actions, by prop. 70, book 1.

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Since the planets near the sun (viz. Mercury, Venus, the Earth, and Mars) are so small that they can act but with little force upon each other, therefore their aphelions and nodes must be fixed, excepting in so far as they are disturbed by the actions of Jupiter and Saturn, and other higher bodies. And hence we may find, by the theory of gravity, that their aphelions move a little in consequencia, in respect of the fixed stars, and that in the sesquiplicate proportion of their several distances from the sun. So that if the aphelion of Mars, in the space of an hundred years, is carried 83' 20' in consequentia, in respect of the fixed stars, the aphelions of the Earth, of Venus, and of Mercury, will in an hundred years be carried forwards 17' 40'', 10' 53'', and 4' 16'', respectively. But these motions are so inconsiderable, that we have neglected them in this proposition.
PROPOSITION XV. PROBLEM I.
To find the principal diameters of the orbits of the planets.
They are to be taken in the sub-sefiquiplicate proportion of the periodic times, by prop. 15, book 1, and then to be severally augmented in the proportion of the sum of the masses of matter in the sun and each planet to the first of two mean proportionals betwixt that sum and the quantity of matter in the sun, by prop. 60, book 1.

PROPOSITION XVI. PROBLEM II.
To find the eccentrics and aphelions of the planets.
This problem is resolved by prop. 18, book 1.

PROPOSITION XVII. THEOREM XV.
That the diurnal motions of the planets are uniform, and that the libration of the moon arises from its diurnal motion.
The proposition is proved from the first law of motion, and cor. 22, prop. 66, book 1. Jupiter, with respect to the fixed stars, revolves in \(9^h\, 56'\); Mars in \(24^h\, 39'\); Venus in about \(23^h\); the Earth in \(23^h\, 56'\); the Sun in \(25\frac{1}{2}\) days, and the moon in \(27\) days, \(7\) hours, \(43'\). These things appear by the phenomena. The spots in the sun's body return to the same situation on the sun's disk, with respect to the earth, in \(27\frac{1}{2}\) days; and therefore with respect to the fixed stars the sun revolves in about \(25\frac{1}{2}\) days. But because the lunar day, arising from its uniform revolution about its axis, is mensurial, that is, equal to the time of its periodic revolution in its orb, therefore the same face of the moon will be always nearly turned to the upper focus of its orb; but, as the situation of that focus requires, will deviate a little to one side and to the other from the earth in the lower focus; and this is the libration in longitude; for the libration in latitude arises from the moon's latitude, and the inclination of its axis to the plane of the ecliptic. This theory of the libration of the moon, Mr. N. Mercator, in his Astronomy, published at the beginning of the year 1676, explained more fully out of the letters I sent him. The utmost satellite of Saturn seems to revolve about its axis with a motion like this of the moon, respecting Saturn continually with the same face; for in its revolution round Saturn, as often as it comes to the eastern part of its orbit, it is
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fearcely visible, and generally quite disappears; which is like to be occasioned by some spots in that part of its body, which is then turned toward the earth, as M. Caffini has observed. So also the utmost satellite of Jupiter seems to revolve about its axis with a like motion, because in that part of its body which is turned from Jupiter it has a spot, which always appears as if it were in Jupiter's own body, whenever the satellite passes between Jupiter and our eye.

PROPOSITION XVIII. THEOREM XVI.
That the axes of the planets are less than the diameters drawn perpendicular to the axes.

The equal gravitation of the parts on all sides would give a spherical figure to the planets, if it was not for their diurnal revolution in a circle. By that circular motion it comes to pass that the parts receding from the axis endeavour to ascend about the equator; and therefore if the matter is in a fluid state, by its ascent towards the equator it will enlarge the diameters there, and by its descent towards the poles it will shorten the axis. So the diameter of Jupiter (by the concurring observations of astronomers) is found shorter betwixt pole and pole than from east to west. And, by the same argument, if our earth was not higher about the equator than at the poles, the seas would subside about the poles, and, rising towards the equator, would lay all things there under water.

PROPOSITION XIX. PROBLEM III.
To find the proportion of the axis of a planet to the diameters perpendicular thereto.

Our countryman, Mr. Norwood, measuring a distance of 905751 feet of London measure between London and York, in 1635, and observing the difference of latitudes to be 2° 28', determined the measure of one degree to be 367196 feet of London measure, that is 57300 Paris toises. M. Picart, measuring an arc of one degree, and 22° 55' of the meridian between Amiens and Malvoifine, found an arc of one degree to be 57060 Paris toises. M. Caffini, the father, measured the distance upon the meridian from the town of Collioure in Roussillon to the Observatory of Paris; and his son added the distance from the Observatory to the Citadel of Dunkirk.
The whole distance was 486156½ toises, and the difference of the latitudes of Collioure and Dunkirk was 8 degrees, and 31' 11½". Hence an arc of one degree appears to be 57061 Paris toises. And from these measures we conclude that the circumference of the earth is 123249600, and its semi-diameter 19615800 Paris feet, upon the supposition that the earth is of a spherical figure.

In the latitude of Paris a heavy body falling in a second of time describes 15 Paris feet, 1 inch, 1 line, as above, that is, 2173 lines 4. The weight of the body is diminished by the weight of the ambient air. Let us suppose the weight lost thereby to be 4/27 of part of the whole weight; then that heavy body falling in vacuo will describe a height of 2174 lines in one second of time.

A body in every sidereal day of 23h. 56' 4" uniformly revolving in a circle at the distance of 19615800 feet from the centre, in one second of time describes an arc of 1433, 46 feet; the verified line of which is 0,05236561 feet, or 7,54064 lines. And therefore the force with which bodies descend in the latitude of Paris is to the centrifugal force of bodies in the equator arising from the diurnal motion of the earth as 2174 to 7,54064.

The centrifugal force of bodies in the equator is to the centrifugal force with which bodies recede directly from the earth in the latitude of Paris 48° 50' 10" in the duplicate proportion of the radius to the cofine of the latitude, that is, as 7,54064 to 3,267. Add this force to the force with which bodies descend by their weight in the latitude of Paris, and a body, in the latitude of Paris, falling by its whole undiminished force of gravity, in the time of one second, will describe 2177,267 lines, or 15 Paris feet, 1 inch, and 5,267 lines. And the total force of gravity in that latitude will be to the centrifugal force of bodies in the equator of the earth as 2177,267 to 7,54064, or as 289 to 1.

Wherefore if APBQ (Pl. 10, Fig. 1) represent the figure of the earth, now no longer spherical, but generated by the rotation of an ellipsoid about its lesser axis; and ACQqca a canal full of water, reaching from the pole Qq to the centre Cc,
and thence rising to the equator \( Aa \); the weight of the water in the leg of the canal \( ACca \) will be to the weight of water in the other leg \( QCcq \) as 289 to 288, because the centrifugal force arising from the circular motion sustains and takes off one of the 289 parts of the weight (in the one leg), and the weight of 288 in the other sustains the rest. But by computation (from cor. 2, prop. 91, book 1) I find, that, if the matter of the earth was all uniform, and without any motion, and its axis \( PQ \) were to the diameter \( AB \) as 100 to 101, the force of gravity in the place \( Q \) towards the earth would be to the force of gravity in the same place \( Q \) towards a sphere described about the centre \( C \) with the radius \( PC \), or \( QC \), as 126 to 125. And, by the same argument, the force of gravity in the place \( A \) towards the spheroid generated by the rotation of the ellipsoid \( APBQ \) about the axis \( AB \) is to the force of gravity in the same place \( A \), towards the sphere described about the centre \( C \) with the radius \( AC \), as 125 to 126. But the force of gravity in the place \( A \) towards the earth is a mean proportional between the forces of gravity towards that spheroid and this sphere; because the sphere, by having its diameter \( PQ \) diminished in the proportion of 101 to 100, is transformed into the figure of the earth; and this figure, by having a third diameter perpendicular to the two diameters \( AB \) and \( PQ \) diminished in the same proportion, is converted into the said spheroid; and the force of gravity in \( A \), in either case, is diminished nearly in the same proportion. Therefore the force of gravity in \( A \) towards the sphere described about the centre \( C \) with the radius \( AC \), is to the force of gravity in \( A \) towards the earth as 126 to 125\( \frac{1}{2} \). And the force of gravity in the place \( Q \) towards the sphere described about the centre \( C \) with the radius \( QC \), is to the force of gravity in the place \( A \) towards the sphere described about the centre \( C \), with the radius \( AC \), in the proportion of the diameters (by prop. 72, book 1), that is, as 100 to 101. If, therefore, we compound those three proportions 126 to 125, 126 to 125\( \frac{1}{2} \), and 100 to 101, into one, the force of gravity in the place \( Q \) towards the earth will be to the force of gravity in the
place A towards the earth as $126 \times 126 \times 100$ to $125 \times 125 \times 101$; or as $501$ to $500$.

Now since (by cor. 3, prop. 91, book 1) the force of gravity in either leg of the canal ACca, or QCCq, is as the distance of the places from the centre of the earth, if those legs are conceived to be divided by transverse, parallel, and equidistant surfaces, into parts proportional to the wholes, the weights of any number of parts in the one leg ACca will be to the weights of the same number of parts in the other leg as their magnitudes and the accelerative forces of their gravity conjunctly, that is, as $101$ to $100$, and $500$ to $501$, or as $505$ to $501$. And therefore if the centrifugal force of every part in the leg ACca, arising from the diurnal motion, was to the weight of the same part as $4$ to $505$, so that from the weight of every part, conceived to be divided into $505$ parts, the centrifugal force might take off four of those parts, the weights would remain equal in each leg, and therefore the fluid would rest in an equilibrium. But the centrifugal force of every part is to the weight of the same part as $1$ to $289$; that is, the centrifugal force, which should be $\frac{4}{5}$ parts of the weight, is only $\frac{1}{37}$ part thereof. And, therefore, I say, by the rule of proportion, that if the centrifugal force $\frac{4}{5}$ makes the height of the water in the leg ACca to exceed the height of the water in the leg QCCq by one $\frac{1}{37}$ part of its whole height, the centrifugal force $\frac{1}{37}$ will make the excess of the height in the leg ACca only $\frac{1}{37}$ part of the height of the water in the other leg QCCq; and therefore the diameter of the earth at the equator, is to its diameter from pole to pole as $280$ to $229$. And since the mean semi-diameter of the earth, according to Picart's mensuration, is 19615800 Paris feet, or 392316 miles (reckoning 5000 feet to a mile), the earth will be higher at the equator than at the poles by 85472 feet, or 17½ miles. And its height at the equator will be about 19658600 feet, and at the poles 19573000 feet.

If, the density and periodic time of the diurnal revolution remaining the same, the planet was greater or less than the earth, the proportion of the centrifugal force to that of gravity, and therefore also of the diameter betwixt the poles to the diameter at the equator, would likewise remain the same. But if the diurnal motion was accelerated or retarded in any
propportion, the centrifugal force would be augmented or diminished nearly in the same duplicate proportion; and therefore the difference of the diameters will be increased or diminished in the same duplicate ratio very nearly. And if the density of the planet was augmented or diminished in any proportion, the force of gravity tending towards it would also be augmented or diminished in the same proportion; and the difference of the diameters contrariwise would be diminished in proportion as the force of gravity is augmented, and augmented in proportion as the force of gravity is diminished. Wherefore, since the earth, in respect of the fixed stars, revolves in \(23^h\ 56^m\), but Jupiter in \(9^h\ 56^m\), and the squares of their periodic times are as 29 to 5, and their densities as 400 to 94\(\frac{1}{2}\), the difference of the diameters of Jupiter will be to its lesser diameter as \(\frac{400}{29} \times \frac{94\frac{1}{2}}{29} \times 1\) to 1, or as 1 to 94, nearly. Therefore the diameter of Jupiter from east to west is to its diameter from pole to pole nearly as 104 to 94. Therefore since its greatest diameter is 37", its lesser diameter lying between the poles will be 33" 25". Add thereto about 3" for the irregular refraction of light, and the apparent diameters of this planet will become 40" and 36" 25"; which are to each other as 11\(\frac{1}{4}\) to 10\(\frac{1}{4}\), very, nearly. These things are so upon the supposition that the body of Jupiter is uniformly dense. But now if its body be denser towards the plane of the equator than towards the poles, its diameters may be to each other as 12 to 11, or 13 to 12, or perhaps as 14 to 13.

And Caffini observed, in year 1691, that the diameter of Jupiter reaching from east to west is greater by about a fifteenth part than the other diameter. Mr. Pound with his 123 feet telescope, and an excellent micrometer, measured the diameters of Jupiter in the year 1719, and found them as follow.

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So that the theory agrees with the phenomena; for the planets are more heated by the sun's rays towards their equators, and therefore are a little more condensed by that heat than towards their poles.

Moreover, that there is a diminution of gravity occasioned by the diurnal rotation of the earth, and therefore the earth rises higher there than it does at the poles (supposing that its matter is uniformly dense), will appear by the experiments of pendulums related under the following proposition.

PROPOSITION XX. PROBLEM IV.

To find and compare together the weights of bodies in the different regions of our earth.

Because the weights of the unequal legs of the canal of water ACQqca are equal; and the weights of the parts proportional to the whole legs, and alike situated in them, are one to another as the weights of the wholes, and therefore equal betwixt themselves; the weights of equal parts, and alike situated in the legs, will be reciprocally as the legs, that is, reciprocally as 230 to 929. And the case is the same in all homogeneous equal bodies alike situated in the legs of the canal. Their weights are reciprocally as the legs, that is, reciprocally as the distances of the bodies from the centre of the earth. Therefore if the bodies are situated in the uppermost parts of the canals, or on the surface of the earth, their weights will be one to another reciprocally as their distances from the centre. And, by the same argument, the weights in all other places round the whole surface of the earth are reciprocally as the distances of the places from the centre; and, therefore, in the hypothesis of the earth's being a spheroid, are given in proportion.

Whence arises this theorem, that the increase of weight in passing from the equator to the poles is nearly as the versed sine of double the latitude; or, which comes to the same thing, as the square of the right sine of the latitude; and the arcs of the degrees of latitude in the meridian increase nearly in the same proportion. And, therefore, since the latitude of Paris is 48° 50', that of places under the equator 00° 00', and that of places under the poles 90°; and the versed sines of double those arcs are 11834.00000 and .0000, the radius be-
ing 10000; and the force of gravity at the pole is to the force of gravity at the equator as 230 to 229; and the excess of the force of gravity at the pole to the force of gravity at the equator as 1 to 229; the excess of the force of gravity in the latitude of Paris will be to the force of gravity at the equator as $1 \times \frac{14}{24} = \frac{7}{12}$ to 229, or as 5667 to 2290000. And therefore the whole forces of gravity in those places will be one to the other as 2295667 to 2290000. Wherefore since the lengths of pendulums vibrating in equal times are as the forces of gravity, and, in the latitude of Paris, the length of a pendulum vibrating seconds is 3 Paris feet, and 8½ lines, or rather, because of the weight of the air, 8½ lines, the length of a pendulum vibrating in the same time under the equator will be shorter by 1,087 lines. And by a like calculus the following table is made.

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By this table, therefore, it appears that the inequality of degrees is so small, that the figure of the earth, in geographical matters, may be considered as spherical; especially if the earth be a little denser towards the plane of the equator than towards the poles.

Now several astronomers, sent into remote countries to make astronomical observations, have found that pendulum clocks do accordingly move slower near the equator than in our climates. And, first of all, in the year 1672, M. Richer took notice of it in the island of Cayenne; for when, in the month of August, he was observing the transits of the fixed stars over the meridian, he found his clock to go slower than it ought in respect of the mean motion of the sun at the rate of 2' 28" a day. Therefore, fitting up a simple pendulum to vibrate in seconds, which were measured by an excellent clock, he observed the length of that simple pendulum; and this he did over and over every week for ten months together. And upon his return to France, comparing the length of that pendulum with the length of the pendulums at Paris (which was 3 Paris feet and 8½ lines), he found it shorter by 1½ line.

Afterwards, our friend Dr. Halley, about the year 1677, arriving at the island of St. Helen, found his pendulum clock to go slower there than at London, without marking the difference. But he shortened the rod of his clock by more than the ½ of an inch, or 1¼ line; and to effect this, because the length of the screw at the lower end of the rod was not sufficient, he interposed a wooden ring betwixt the nut and the ball.

Then, in the year 1682, M. Varin and M. des Hayes found the length of a simple pendulum vibrating in seconds at the Royal Observatory of Paris to be 3 feet and 8½ lines. And by the same method in the island of Gorée, they found the length of an isochronal pendulum to be 3 feet and 6½ lines, differing from the former by two lines. And in the same year, going to the islands of Guadalupe and Martinico, they found that the length of an isochronal pendulum in those islands was 3 feet and 6½ lines.
After this, M. Couplet, the son, in the month of July 1697, at the Royal Observatory of Paris, so fitted his pendulum clock to the mean motion of the sun, that for a considerable time together the clock agreed with the motion of the sun. In November following, upon his arrival at Lisbon, he found his clock to go slower than before at the rate of 2' 13" in 24 hours. And next March coming to Paraiba, he found his clock to go slower there than at Paris, and at the rate 4' 12" in 24 hours; and he affirms, that the pendulum vibrating in seconds was shorter at Lisbon by $2^4$ line, and at Paraiba by $3^7$ lines, than at Paris. He had done better to have reckoned those differences $1^4$ and $2^5$; for these differences correspond to the differences of the times 2' 13" and 4' 12". But this gentleman's observations are so gross, that we cannot confide in them.

In the following years, 1699 and 1700, M. des Hayet, making another voyage to America, determined that in the islands of Cayenne and Granada the length of the pendulum vibrating in seconds was a small matter less than 3 feet and 64 lines; that in the island of St. Christophers it was 3 feet and 64 lines; and in the island of St. Domingo 3 feet and 7 lines.

And in the year 1704, P. Feuille, at Puerto Bello in America, found that the length of the pendulum vibrating in seconds was 3 Paris feet, and only $5\frac{7}{4}$ lines, that is, almost 3 lines shorter than at Paris; but the observation was faulty. For afterwards, going to the island of Martinico, he found the length of the isochronal pendulum there 3 Paris feet and $5\frac{7}{4}$ lines.

Now the latitude of Paraiba is 6° 38' south; that of Puerto Bello 9° 33' north; and the latitudes of the islands Cayenne, Foree, Gaudaloupe, Martinico, Granada, St. Christophers, and St. Domingo, are respectively 4° 55', 14° 40', 14° 00', 14° 14', 12° 06', 17° 19', and 19° 48', north. And the excess of the length of the pendulum at Paris above the lengths of the isochronal pendulums observed in those latitudes are a little greater than by the table of the lengths of the pendulum before computed. And therefore the earth is a little higher.
under the equator than by the preceding calculus, and a little
derenser at the centre than in mines near the surface, unless,
perhaps, the heats of the torrid zone have a little extended
the length of the pendulums.

For M. Picart has observed, that a rod of iron, which in
frosty weather in the winter season was one foot long, when
heated by fire, was lengthened into one foot and \(\frac{1}{3}\) line. Af-

Afterwards M. de la Hire found that a rod of iron, which in the
like winter season was 6 feet long, when exposed to the heat
of the summer sun, was extended into 6 feet and \(\frac{1}{2}\) line. In
the former case the heat was greater than in the latter; but
in the latter it was greater than the heat of the external parts
of a human body; for metals exposed to the summer sun
acquire a very considerable degree of heat. But the rod of
a pendulum clock is never exposed to the heat of the sum-
mer sun, nor ever acquires a heat equal to that of the external
parts of a human body; and, therefore, though the 3 feet
rod of a pendulum clock will indeed be a little longer in the
summer than in the winter season, yet the difference will
scarcely amount to \(\frac{1}{4}\) line. Therefore the total difference of
the lengths of isochronal pendulums in different climates can-
not be ascribed to the difference of heat; nor, indeed, to the
mistakes of the French astronomers. For although there is
not a perfect agreement between their observations, yet the
errors are so small that they may be neglected; and in this
they all agree, that isochronal pendulums are shorter under
the equator than at the Royal Observatory of Paris, by a
difference not less than 1\(\frac{1}{4}\) line, nor greater than 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) lines. By
the observations of M. Richer in the island of Cayenne, the
difference was 1\(\frac{1}{4}\) line. That difference being corrected by
those of M. des Hayes, becomes 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) line or 1\(\frac{1}{4}\) line. By the
less accurate observations of others, the same was made about
two lines. And this disagreement might arise partly from the
total errors of the observations, partly from the diffusimilitude of the
internal parts of the earth, and the height of mountains;
partly from the different heats of the air.

I take an iron rod of 3 feet long to be shorter by a sixth
part of one line in winter time with us here in England than
in the summer. Because of the great heats under the
equator, subduct this quantity from the difference of one line and a quarter observed by M. Richer, and there will remain one line \(\frac{3}{4}\), which agrees very well with \(1\frac{3}{4}\) line collected, by the theory a little before. M. Richer repeated his observations, made in the island of Cayenne, every week for ten months together, and compared the lengths of the pendulum which he had there noted in the iron rods with the lengths thereof which he observed in France. This diligence and care seems to have been wanting to the other observers. If this gentleman's observations are to be depended on, the earth is higher under the equator than at the poles, and that by an excess of about 17 miles; as appeared above by the theory.

PROPOSITION XXI. THEOREM XVII.

That the equinoctial points go backwards, and that the axis of the earth, by a mutation in every annual revolution, twice vibrates towards the ecliptic, and as often returns to its former position.

The proposition appears from cor. 20, prop. 66, book 1; but that motion of mutation must be very small, and, indeed, scarcely perceptible.

PROPOSITION XXII. THEOREM XVIII.

That all the motions of the moon, and all the inequalities of those motions, follow from the principles which we have laid down.

That the greater planets, while they are carried about the sun, may in the mean time carry other lesser planets, revolving about them; and that those lesser planets must move in ellipses which have their foci in the centres of the greater, appears from prop. 65, book 1. But then their motions will be several ways disturbed by the action of the sun, and they will suffer such inequalities as are observed in our moon. Thus our moon (by cor. 2, 3, 4, and 5, prop. 66, book 1) moves faster, and, by a radius drawn to the earth, describes an area greater for the time, and has its orbit less curved, and therefore approaches nearer to the earth in the syzygies than in the quadratures, excepting in so far as these effects are hindered by the motion of eccentricity; for (by cor. 9, prop. 66, book 1) the eccentricity is greatest when the apogee of the moon

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is in the syzygies, and last when the same is in the quadratures; and upon this account the perigeon moon is swifter, and nearer to us, but the apogee moon slower, and farther from us, in the syzygies than in the quadratures. Moreover, the apogee goes forwards, and the nodes backwards; and this is done not with a regular but an unequal motion. For (by cor. 7 and 8, prop. 66, book 1) the apogee goes more swiftly forwards in its syzygies, more slowly backwards in its quadratures; and, by the excess of its progress above its regress, advances yearly in consequentia. But, contrariwise, the nodes (by cor. 11, prop. 66, book 1) are quiescent in their syzygies, and go fastest back in their quadratures. Farther, the greatest latitude of the moon (by cor. 10, prop. 66, book 1) is greater in the quadratures of the moon than in its syzygies. And (by cor. 6, prop. 66, book 1) the mean motion of the moon is slower in the perihelion of the earth than in its aphelion. And these are the principal inequalities (of the moon) taken notice of by astronomers.

But there are yet other inequalities not observed by former astronomers, by which the motions of the moon are so disturbed, that to this day we have not been able to bring them under any certain rule. For the velocities or horary motions of the apogee and nodes of the moon, and their equations, as well as the difference between the greatest eccentricity in the syzygies, and the least eccentricity in the quadratures, and that inequality which we call the variation, are (by cor. 14, prop. 66, book 1) in the course of the year augmented and diminished in the triplicate proportion of the sun's apparent diameter. And besides (by cor. 1 and 2, lem. 10, and cor. 16, prop. 66, book 1) the variation is augmented and diminished nearly in the duplicate proportion of the time between the quadratures. But in astronomical calculations this inequality is commonly thrown into and confounded with the equation of the moon's centre.

PROPOSITION XXIII. PROBLEM V.
To derive the unequal motions of the satellites of Jupiter and Saturn from the motions of our moon.

From the motions of our moon we deduce the corresponding motions of the moons or satellites of Jupiter in this man-
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ner, by cor. 16, prop. 66, book 1. The mean motion of the nodes of the outmost satellite of Jupiter is to the mean motion of the nodes of our moon in a proportion compounded of the duplicate proportion of the periodic time of the earth about the sun to the periodic time of Jupiter about the sun, and the simple proportion of the periodic time of the satellite about Jupiter to the periodic time of our moon about the earth; and, therefore, those nodes, in the space of a hundred years, are carried 8° 24' backwards, or in antecedentia. The mean motions of the nodes of the inner satellites are to the mean motion of the nodes of the outmost as their periodic times to the periodic time of the former, by the same corollary, and are thence given. And the motion of the apsis of every satellite in consequentia is to the motion of its nodes in antecedentia as the motion of the apogee of our moon to the motion of its nodes (by the same corollary), and is thence given. But the motions of the apsides thus found must be diminished in the proportion of 5 to 9, or of about 1 to 2, on account of a cause which I cannot here descend to explain. The greatest equations of the nodes, and of the apsides of every satellite, are to the greatest equations of the nodes, and apogee of our moon respectively, as the motions of the nodes and apsides of the satellites, in the time of one revolution of the former equations, to the motions of the nodes and apogee of our moon, in the time of one revolution of the latter equations. The variation of a satellite seen from Jupiter is to the variation of our moon in the same proportion as the whole motions of their nodes respectively during the times in which the satellite and our moon (after parting from) are revolted (again) to the sun, by the same corollary; and therefore in the outmost satellite the variation does not exceed 5° 12".

PROPOSITION XXIV. THEOREM XIX. That the flux and reflux of the sea arise from the actions of the sun and moon.

By cor. 19 and 20, prop. 66, book 1, it appears that the waters of the sea ought twice to rise and twice to fall every day, as well lunar as solar; and that the greatest height of the waters in the open and deep seas ought to follow the ap-
pulsé of the luminaries to the meridian of the place by a less interval than 6 hours; as happens in all that eastern tract of the Atlantic and Æthiopic seas between France and the Cape of Good Hope; and on the coasts of Chili and Peru in the South Sea; in all which shores the flood falls out about the second, third, or fourth hour, unless where the motion propagated from the deep ocean is by the shallowness of the channels, through which it passes to some particular places, retarded to the fifth, sixth, or seventh hour, and even later. The hours I reckon from the appulse of each luminary to the meridian of the place, as well under as above the horizon; and by the hours of the lunar day I understand the 24th parts of that time which the moon, by its apparent diurnal motion, employs to come about again to the meridian of the place which it left the day before. The force of the sun or moon in raising the sea is greatest in the appulse of the luminary to the meridian of the place; but the force impressed upon the sea at that time continues a little while after the impression, and is afterwards increased by a new though less force still acting upon it. This makes the sea rise higher and higher, till this new force becoming too weak to raise it any more, the sea rises to its greatest height. And this will come to pass, perhaps, in one or two hours, but more frequently near the shores in about three hours, or even more, where the sea is shallow.

The two luminaries excite two motions, which will not appear distinctly, but between them will arise one mixed motion compounded out of both. In the conjunction or opposition of the luminaries their forces will be conjoined, and bring on the greatest flood and ebb. In the quadratures the sun will raise the waters which the moon depresses, and depress the waters which the moon raises, and from the difference of their forces the smallest of all tides will follow. And because (as experience tells us) the force of the moon is greater than that of the sun, the greatest height of the waters will happen about the third lunar hour. Out of the syzygies and quadratures, the greatest tide, which by the single force of the moon ought to fall out at the third lunar hour, and by the single force of the sun at the third solar hour, by the compounded forces of
both must fall out in an intermediate time, that approaches nearer to the third hour of the moon than to that of the sun. And, therefore, while the moon is passing from the syzygies to the quadratures, during which time the 3d hour of the sun precedes the 3d hour of the moon, the greatest height of the waters will also precede the 3d hour of the moon, and that, by the greatest interval, a little after the octants of the moon; and, by like intervals, the greatest tide will follow the 3d lunar hour, while the moon is passing from the quadratures to the syzygies. Thus it happens in the open sea; for in the mouths of rivers the greater tides come later to their height.

But the effects of the luminaries depend upon their distances from the earth; for when they are less distant, their effects are greater, and when more distant, their effects are less, and that in the triplicate proportion of their apparent diameter. Therefore it is that the sun, in the winter time, being then in its perigee, has a greater effect, and makes the tides in the syzygies something greater, and those in the quadratures something less than in the summer season; and every month the moon, while in the perigee, raises greater tides than at the distance of 15 days before or after, when it is in its apogee. Whence it come to pass that two highest tides do not follow one the other in two immediately succeeding syzygies.

The effect of either luminary doth likewise depend upon its declination or distance from the equator; for if the luminary was placed at the pole, it would constantly attract all the parts of the waters without any intention or remission of its action, and could cause no reciprocation of motion. And, therefore, as the luminaries decline from the equator towards either pole, they will, by degrees, lose their force, and on this account will excite lesser tides in the solstitial than in the equinoctial syzygies. But in the solstitial quadratures they will raise greater tides than in the quadratures about the equinoxes; because the force of the moon, then situated in the equator, most exceeds the force of the sun. Therefore the greatest tides fall out in those syzygies, and the least in those quadratures, which happen about the time of both equinoxes: and the greatest tide in the syzygies is always succeeded by the least tide in
the quadratures, as we find by experience. But, because the
sun is less distant from the earth in winter than in summer, it
comes to pass that the greatest and least tides more frequently
appear before than after the vernal equinox, and more fre-
quently after than before the autumnal.

Moreover, the effects of the luminaries depend upon the
latitudes of places. Let $\text{ApEP}$ (Pl. 10, Fig. 2) represent the
earth covered with deep waters; $C$ its centre; $P$, $p$ its poles;
$AE$ the equator; $F$ any place without the equator; $Ff$ the
parallel of the place; $Dd$ the correspondent parallel on the
other side of the equator; $L$ the place of the moon three hours
before; $H$ the place of the earth directly under it; $h$ the op-
posite place; $K$, $k$ the places at 90 degrees distance; $CH$, $Ch$
the greatest heights of the sea from the centre of the earth;
and $CK$, $ck$, its least heights: and if with the axes
$Hh$, $Kk$, an ellipsis is described, and by the revolution of that
ellipsis about its longer axis $Hh$ a spheroid $\text{HPKhpk}$ is
formed, this spheroid will nearly represent the figure of the
sea; and $CF$, $Cf$, $CD$, $Cd$ will represent the heights of the
sea in the places $Ff$, $Dd$. But farther; in the said revolu-
tion of the ellipsis any point $N$ describes the circle $NM$ cut-
ting the parallels $Ff$, $Dd$, in any places $RT$, and the equator
$AE$ in $S$; $CN$ will represent the height of the sea in all those
places $R$, $S$, $T$, situated in this circle. Wherefore, in the di-
urnal revolution of any place $F$, the greatest flood will be in
$F$, at the third hour after the appulse of the moon to the meri-
dian above the horizon; and afterwards the greatest ebb in $Q$,
at the third hour after the setting of the moon; and then the
greatest flood in $f$, at the third hour after the appulse of the
moon to the meridian under the horizon; and, lastly, the
greatest ebb in $Q$, at the third hour after the rising of the moon;
and the latter flood in $f$ will be less than the preceding flood
in $F$. For the whole sea is divided into two hemispherical
floods, one in the hemisphere $\text{KHk}$ on the north side, the
other in the opposite hemisphere $\text{Khk}$, which we may there-
fore call the northern and the southern floods. These floods,
being always opposite the one to the other, come by turns to
the meridians of all places, after an interval of 12 lunar hours.
And seeing the northern countries partake more of the northern flood, and the souther countries more of the southern flood, thence arise tides, alternately greater and less in all places without the equator, in which the luminaries rise and set. But the greatest tide will happen when the moon declines towards the vertex of the place, about the third hour after the appulse of the moon to the meridian above the horizon; and when the moon changes its declination to the other side of the equator, that which was the greater tide will be changed into a lesser. And the greatest difference of the floods will fall out about the times of the solstices; especially if the ascending node of the moon is about the first of Aries. So it is found by experience that the morning tides in winter exceed those of the evening, and the evening tides in summer exceed those of the morning; at Plymouth by the height of one foot, but at Bristol by the height of 15 inches, according to the observations of Colepreis and Sturmy.

But the motions which we have been describing suffer some alteration from that force of reciprocation, which the waters, being once moved, retain a little while by their vis infigta. Whence it comes to pass that the tides may continue for some time, though the actions of the luminaries should cease. This power of retaining the impressed motion lessens the difference of the alternate tides, and makes those tides which immediately succeed after the syzygies greater, and those which follow next after the quadratures less. And hence it is that the alternate tides at Plymouth and Bristol do not differ much more one from the other than by the height of a foot or 15 inches, and that the greatest tides of all at those ports are not the first but the third after the syzygies. And, besides, all the motions are retarded in their passage through shallow channels, so that the greatest tides of all, in some straits and mouths of rivers, are the fourth or even the fifth after the syzygies.

Farther, it may happen that the tide may be propagated from the ocean through different channels towards the same port, and may pass quicker through some channels than through others; in which case the same tide, divided into two
or more succeeding one another, may compound new motions of different kinds. Let us suppose two equal tides flowing towards the same port from different places, the one preceding the other by 6 hours; and suppose the first tide to happen at the third hour of the appulse of the moon to the meridian of the port. If the moon at the time of the appulse to the meridian was in the equator, every 6 hours alternately there would arise equal floods, which, meeting with as many equal ebbs, would so balance one the other, that for that day the water would stagnate and remain quiet. If the moon then declined from the equator, the tides in the ocean would be alternately greater and less, as was said; and from thence two greater and two lesser tides would be alternately propagated towards that port. But the two greater floods would make the greatest height of the waters to fall out in the middle time betwixt both; and the greater and lesser floods would make the waters to rise to a mean height in the middle time between them, and in the middle time between the two lesser floods the waters would rise to their least height. Thus in the space of 24 hours the waters would come, not twice, as commonly, but once only to their greatest, and once only to their least height; and their greatest height, if the moon declined towards the elevated pole, would happen at the 6th or 30th hour after the appulse of the moon to the meridian; and when the moon changed its declination, this flood would be changed into an ebb. An example of all which Dr. Halley has given us, from the observations of seamen in the port of Batham, in the kingdom of Tunquin, in the latitude of 20° 50' north. In that port, on the day which follows after the passage of the moon over the equator, the waters stagnate: when the moon declines to the north, they begin to flow and ebb, not twice, as in other ports, but once only every day; and the flood happens at the setting, and the greatest ebb at the rising of the moon. This tide increases with the declination of the moon till the 7th or 8th day; then for the 7 or 8 days following it decreases at the same rate as it had increased before, and ceases when the moon changes its declination, crossing over the equator to the south. After which the flood is immediately changed
into an ebb; and thenceforth the ebb happens at the setting and the flood at the rising of the moon; till the moon, again passing the equator, changes its declination. There are two inlets to this port and the neighbouring channels, one from the seas of China, between the continent and the island of Lucania; the other from the Indian sea, between the continent and the island of Borneo. But whether there be really two tides propagated through the said channels, one from the Indian sea in the space of 12 hours, and one from the sea of China in the space of 6 hours, which therefore happening at the 3d and 9th lunar hours, by being compounded together, produce those motions; or whether there be any other circumstances in the state of those seas, I leave to be determined by observations on the neighbouring shores.

Thus I have explained the causes of the motions of the moon and of the sea. Now it is fit to subjoin something concerning the quantity of those motions.

PROPOSITION XXV. PROBLEM VI.
To find the forces with which the sun disturbs the motions of the moon. (Pl. 10, Fig. 3.)

Let S represent the sun, T the earth, P the moon, CADB the moon’s orbit. In SP take SK equal to ST; and let SL be to SK in the duplicate proportion of SK to SP: draw LM parallel to PT; and if ST or SK is supposed to represent the accelerated force of gravity of the earth towards the sun, SL will represent the accelerative force of gravity of the moon towards the sun. But that force is compounded of the parts SM and LM, of which the force LM, and that part of SM which is represented by TM, disturb the motion of the moon, as we have shewn in prop. 66, book 1, and its corollaries. Forasmuch as the earth and moon are revolved about their common centre of gravity, the motion of the earth about that centre will be also disturbed by the like forces; but we may consider the sums both of the forces and of the motions as in the moon, and represent the sum of the forces by the lines TM and ML, which are analogous to them both. The force ML (in its mean quantity) is to the centripetal force by which the moon may be retained in its orbit revolving
about the earth at rest, at the distance $PT$, in the duplicate proportion of the periodic time of the moon about the earth to the periodic time of the earth about the sun (by cor. 17, prop. 66, book 1); that is, in the duplicate proportion of $27^d. 7^h. 45^m. 45^s. 6^g. 9$; or as $1000$ to $178725$; or as $1$ to $17822$. But in the 4th prop. of this book we found, that, if both earth and moon were revolved about their common centre of gravity, the mean distance of the one from the other would be nearly $60\frac{1}{2}$ mean semi-diameters of the earth; and the force by which the moon may be kept revolving in its orbit about the earth in rest at the distance $PT$ of $60\frac{1}{2}$ semi-diameters of the earth, is to the force by which it may be revolved in the same time, at the distance of $60$ semi-diameters, as $60\frac{1}{2}$ to $60$; and this force is to the force of gravity with us very nearly as $1$ to $60 \times 60$. Therefore the mean force $ML$ is to the force of gravity on the surface of our earth as $1 \times 60\frac{1}{2}$ to $60 \times 60 \times 60 \times 17822$, or as $1$ to $638092.6$; whence by the proportion of the lines $TM$, $ML$, the force $TM$ is also given; and these are the forces with which the sun disturbs the motions of the moon. Q.E.I.

PROPOSITION XXVI. PROBLEM VII.

To find the horary increment of the area which the moon, by a radius drawn to the earth, describes in a circular orbit.

We have above shewn that the area which the moon describes by a radius drawn to the earth is proportional to the time of description, excepting in so far as the moon's motion is disturbed by the action of the sun; and here we propose to investigate the inequality of the moment, or horary increment of that area or motion so disturbed. To render the calculus more easy, we shall suppose the orbit of the moon to be circular, and neglect all inequalities but that only which is now under consideration; and, because of the immense distance of the sun, we shall farther suppose that the lines $SP$ and $ST$ are parallel. By this means, the force $LM$ (Pl. 10, Fig. 4) will be always reduced to its mean quantity $TP$, as well as the force $TM$ to its mean quantity $3PK$. These forces (by cor. 2 of the laws of motion) compose the force $TL$; and this force, by letting fall the perpendicular $LE$ upon the radius
TP, is resolved into the forces TE, EL; of which the force TE, acting constantly in the direction of the radius TP, neither accelerates nor retards the description of the area TPC made by that radius TP; but EL, acting on the radius TP in a perpendicular direction, accelerates or retards the description of the area in proportion as it accelerates or retards the moon. That acceleration of the moon, in its passage from the quadrature C to the conjunction A, is in every moment of time as the generating accelerative force EL, that is, as $\frac{3PK \times TK}{TP}$.

Let the time be represented by the mean motion of the moon, or (which comes to the same thing) by the angle CTP, or even by the arc CP. At right angles upon CT erect CG equal to CT; and, supposing the quadrant AC to be divided into an infinite number of equal parts Pp, &c. these parts may represent the like infinite number of the equal parts of time. Let fall pk perpendicular on CT, and draw TG meeting with KP, kp produced in F and f; then will FK be equal to TK, and Kk be to PK as Pp to Tp, that is, in a given proportion; and therefore FK $\times$ Kk, or the area FKik, will be as $\frac{3PK \times TK}{TP}$, that is, as EL; and compounding, the whole area GCKF will be as the sum of all the forces EL impressed upon the moon in the whole time CP; and therefore also as the velocity generated by that sum, that is, as the acceleration of the description of the area CTP, or as the increment of the moment thereof. The force by which the moon may in its periodic time CADB of $27^{4} \cdot 7^{h} \cdot 43'$ be retained revolving about the earth in rest at the distance TP, would cause a body falling in the time CT to describe the length $\frac{1}{3}$CT, and at the same time to acquire a velocity equal to that with which the moon is moved in its orbit. This appears from cor. 9, prop. 4, book 1. But since Kd, drawn perpendicular on TP, is but a third part of EL, and equal to the half of TP, or ML, in the octants, the force EL in the octants, where it is greatest, will exceed the force ML in the proportion of 3 to 2; and therefore will be to that force by which the moon in its periodic time may be retained revolving about
the earth, at rest as 100 to $\frac{3}{4} \times 17872\frac{1}{3}$, or 11915; and in the
time CT will generate a velocity equal to $\frac{100}{11915}$ parts of the
velocity of the moon; but in the time CPA will generate a
greater velocity in the proportion of CA to CT or TP. Let
the greatest force EL in the octants be represented by the area
FK $\times$ Kk, or by the rectangle $\frac{1}{4}$TP $\times$ Pp, which is equal
thereeto; and the velocity which that greatest force can ge-
erate in any time CP will be to the velocity which any other
lesser force EL can generate in the same time as the rectangle
TP $\times$ CP to the area KCGF; but the velocities generated
in the whole time CPA will be one to the other as the rect-
angle $\frac{1}{4}$TP $\times$ CA to the triangle TCG, or as the quadrantal
arc CA to the radius TP; and therefore the latter ve-
locity generated in the whole time will be $\frac{100}{11915}$ parts
of the velocity of the moon. To this velocity of the
moon, which is proportional to the mean moment of the
area (supposing this mean moment to be represented by the
number 11915), we add and subtract the half of the other
velocity; the sum 11915 + 50, or 11965, will represent the
greatest moment of the area in the syzygy A; and the differ-
ence 11915 − 50, or 11865, the least moment thereof in
the quadratures. Therefore the areas which in equal times
are, described in the syzygies and quadratures are one to
the other as 11965 to 11865. And if to the least moment
11865 we add a moment which shall be to 100, the difference
of the two former moments, as the trapezium FKCG to the
triangle TCG, or, which comes to the same thing, as the
square of the side PK to the square of the radius TP (that is,
as PD to TP), the sum will represent the moment of the area
when the moon is in any intermediate place P.

But these things take place only in the hypothesis that
the sun and the earth are at rest, and that the synodical
revolution of the moon is finisht in 27$^4$. 7$^b$. 43$^m$. But since
the moon’s synodical period is really 29$^4$. 12$^b$. 44$^m$, the incre-
ments of the moments must be enlarged in the same propor-
tion as the time is, that is, in the proportion of 1080853 to
1000000. Upon which account, the whole increment, which
was $\frac{100}{11915}$ parts of the mean moment, will now become
$\frac{100}{11915}$ parts thereof; and therefore the moment of the area
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in the quadrature of the moon will be to the moment thereof in the syzygy as 11023 — 50 to 11023 + 50; or as 10973 to 11073; and to the moment thereof, when the moon is in any intermediate place P, as 10973 to 10973 + Pd; that is, supposing TP = 100.

The area, therefore, which the moon, by a radius drawn to the earth, describes in the several little equal parts of time, is nearly as the sum of the number 219,46, and the verfed sine of the double distance of the moon from the nearest quadrature, considered in a circle which hath unity for its radius. Thus it is when the variation in the octants is in its mean quantity. But if the variation there is greater or less, that verfed sine must be augmented or diminished in the same proportion.

PROPOSITION XXVII. PROBLEM VIII.
From the horary motion of the moon to find its distance from the earth.

The area which the moon, by a radius drawn to the earth, describes in every moment of time, is as the horary motion of the moon and the square of the distance of the moon from the earth conjunctly. And therefore the distance of the moon from the earth is in a proportion compounded of the subduplicate proportion of the area directly, and the subduplicate proportion of the horary motion inversely. Q.E.I.

Cor. 1. Hence the apparent diameter of the moon is given; for it is reciprocally as the distance of the moon from the earth. Let astronomers try how accurately this rule agrees with the phænomena.

Cor. 2. Hence also the orbit of the moon may be more exactly defined from the phænomena than hitherto could be done.

PROPOSITION XXVIII. PROBLEM IX.
To find the diameters of the orbit, in which, without eccentricity, the moon would move.

The curvature of the orbit which a body describes, if attracted in lines perpendicular to the orbit, is as the force of attraction directly, and the square of the velocity inversely. I estimate the curvatures of lines compared one with another according to the evanescent proportion of the sines or tan-

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gents of their angles of contact to equal radii, supposing the radii to be infinitely diminished. But the attraction of the moon towards the earth in the syzygies is the excess of gravity towards the earth above the force of the sun 2PK (see Fig. prop. 25), by which force the accelerative gravity of the moon towards the sun exceeds the accelerative gravity of the earth towards the sun, or is exceeded by it. But the quadratures that attraction is the sum of the gravity of the moon towards the earth, and the sun's force KT, by which the moon is attracted towards the earth. And these attractions, putting N for \( \frac{AT + CT}{2} \), are nearly as \( \frac{178725}{AT^2} + \frac{2000}{CT \times N} \) and \( \frac{178725}{CT^2} + \frac{1000}{AT \times N} \), or as \( 178725N \times CT^2 - 2000AT \times CT \), and \( 178725N \times AT^2 + 1000CT^2 \times AT \). For if the accelerative gravity of the moon towards the earth be represented by the number 178725, the mean force ML, which in the quadratures is PT or TK, and draws the moon towards the earth, will be 1000, and the mean force TM in the syzygies will be 3000; from which, if we subtract the mean force ML, there will remain 2000, the force by which the moon in the syzygies is drawn from the earth, and which we above called 2PK. But the velocity of the moon in the syzygies A and B is to its velocity in the quadratures C and D as CT to AT, and the moment of the area, which the moon by a radius drawn to the earth describes in the syzygies, to the moment of that area described in the quadratures conjunctly; that is, as 11073CT to 10973AT. Take this ratio twice inversely, and the former ratio once directly, and the curvature of the orb of the moon in the syzygies will be to the curvature thereof in the quadratures as 120406729 \( \times \) 178725AT \( \times CT^2 \times N \) - 120406729 \( \times \) 2000AT \( \times CT \) to 122611329 \( \times \) 178725AT \( \times CT^2 \times N \) + 122611329 \( \times \) 1000CT \( \times AT \), that is, as 2151969AT \( \times CT \times N \) - 24081AT \( \times CT \times N \) to 2191371AT \( \times CT \times N \) + 12261CT \( \times N \).

Because the figure of the moon's orbit is unknown, let us, in its stead, assume the ellipse DBCA (Pl. 10, Fig. 5), in the centre of which we suppose the earth to be situated, and the
greater axis de to lie between the quadratures as the lesser AB between the syzygies. But since the plane of this ellipsis is revolved about the earth by an angular motion, and the orbit, whose curvature we now examine, should be described in a plane void of such motion, we are to consider the figure which the moon, while it is revolved in that ellipsis, describes in this plane, that is to say, the figure Cpa, the several points p of which are found by assuming any point P in the ellipsis, which may represent the place of the moon, and drawing Tp equal to TP in such manner that the angle PTp may be equal to the apparent motion of the sun from the time of the last quadrature in C; or (which comes to the same thing) that the angle CTP may be to the angle CTP as the time of the syzygic revolution of the moon to the time of the periodic revolution thereof, or as 29°. 12'. 44' to 27°. 7'. 43'. If, therefore, in this proportion we take the angle CTA to the right angle CTA, and make Ta of equal length with TA, we shall have a the lower and C the upper apsis of this orbit. But, by computation, I find that the difference betwixt the curvature of this orbit Cpa at the vertex a, and the curvature of a circle described about the centre T with the interval TA, is to the difference betwixt the curvature of the ellipsis at the vertex A, and the curvature of the same circle, in the duplicate proportion of the angle CTP to the angle CTP; and that the curvature of the ellipsis in A is to the curvature of that circle in the duplicate proportion of TA to TC; and the curvature of that circle to the curvature of a circle described about the centre T with the interval TC as TC to TA; but that the curvature of this last arch is to the curvature of the ellipsis in C in the duplicate proportion of TA to TC; and that the difference betwixt the curvature of the ellipsis in the vertex C, and the curvature of this last circle, is to the difference betwixt the curvature of the figure Tpa, at the vertex C, and the curvature of this same last circle, in the duplicate proportion of the angle CTP to the angle CTP; all which proportions are easily drawn from the sines of the angles of contact, and of the differences of those angles. But, by comparing those proportions together, we find the curvature of the figure.
Cpa at a to be to its curvature at C as \( AT^3 \times \frac{1}{10000} \) to \( CT^3 + \frac{1}{10000} AT \times CT \); where the number \( \frac{1}{10000} \) represents the difference of the squares of the angles CTP and CTP, applied to the square of the lesser angle CTP; or (which is all one) the difference of the squares of the times \( 27^h. 7^m. 43'' \) and \( 29^h. 12^m. 44'' \), applied to the square of the time \( 27^d. 7^h. 43'' \).

Since, therefore, \( C \) represents the syzygy of the moon, and \( C \) its quadrature, the proportion now found must be the same with that proportion of the curvature of the moon's orb in the syzygies to the curvature thereof in the quadratures, which we found above. Therefore, in order to find the proportion of CT to AT, let us multiply the extremes and the means, and the terms which come out, applied to \( AT \times CT \), become \( 2062.79CT^3 - 2151969N \times CT^3 + 368676N \times AT \times CT^3 + 36342 AT^3 \times CT^3 - 362047N \times AT^3 \times CT + 291371N \times AT^3 + 40514AT^4 = 0 \). Now if for the half sum \( N \) of the terms AT and CT we put 1, and \( x \) for their half difference, then \( CT \) will be \( 1 + x \), and \( AT = 1 - x \). And substituting those values in the equation, after resolving thereof, we shall find \( x = 0,00719 \); and from thence the semi-diameter \( CT = 1,00719 \), and the semi-diameter \( AT = 0,99281 \), which numbers are nearly as \( 70\frac{1}{14} \), and \( 69\frac{1}{14} \). Therefore the moon's distance from the earth in the syzygies is to its distance in the quadratures (setting aside the confederation of eccentricity) as \( 69\frac{1}{14} \) to \( 70\frac{1}{14} \); or, in round numbers, as 69 to 70.

**Proposition XXIX. Problem X.**

To find the variation of the moon.

This inequality is owing partly to the elliptic figure of the moon's orbit, partly to the inequality of the moments of the area which the moon by a radius drawn to the earth describes. If the moon P revolved in the ellipsoid DBCA about the earth quiescent in the centre of the ellipsoid, and by the radius TP, drawn to the earth, described the area CTP, proportional to the time of description; and the greatest semi-diameter CT of the ellipsoid was to the least TA as 70 to 69; the tangent of the angle CTP would be to the tangent of the angle of the mean motion, computed from the quadrature C, as
the semi-diameter TA of the ellipsis to its semi-diameter TC, 
or as 69 to 70. But the description of the area CTP, as the 
moon advances from the quadrature to the syzygy, ought to 
be in such manner accelerated, that the moment of the area 
in the moon’s syzygy may be to the moment thereof in its 
quadrature as 11073 to 10973; and that the excess of the 
moment in any intermediate place P above the moment in 
the quadrature may be as the square of the sine of the angle 
CTP; which we may effect with accuracy enough, if we 
diminish the tangent of the angle CTP in the subduplicate 
proportion of the number 10973 to the number 11073, that 
is, in proportion of the number 68,6877 to the number 69. 
Upon which account the tangent of the angle CTP will now 
be to the tangent of the mean motion as 68,6877 to 70; and 
the angle CTP in the octants, where the mean motion is 45°, 
will be found 44° 27' 28", which subtracted from 45°, the an-
gle of the mean motion, leaves the greatest variation 32° 32". 
Thus it would be, if the moon, in passing from the quadrature 
to the syzygy, described an angle CTA of 90 degrees only. 
But because of the motion of the earth, by which the sun is 
apparently transferred in consequentia, the moon, before it over-
takes the sun, describes an angle CTa, greater than a right 
angle, in the proportion of the time of the synodic revolution 
of the moon to the time of its periodic revolution, that is, in 
the proportion of 29 1/4. 12°. 44' to 27°. 7°. 43'. Whence it 
comes to pas that all the angles about the centre T are di-
lated in the same proportion; and the greatest variation, which 
otherwise would be but 32° 32", now augmented in the said 
proportion, becomes 35° 10".

And this is its magnitude in the mean distance of the sun 
from the earth, neglecting the differences which may arise 
from the curvature of the orbis magnus, and the stronger ac-
tion of the sun upon the moon when horned and new, than 
when gibbons and full. In other distances of the sun from 
the earth, the greatest variation is in a proportion compound-
ed of the duplicate proportion of the time of the synodic re-
volution of the moon (the time of the year being given) di-
rectly, and the triplicate proportion of the distance of the sun

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from the earth inverely. And, therefore, in the apogee of
the sun, the greatest variation is 33' 14'', and in its perigee
37' 11'', if the eccentricity of the sun is to the tranverse semi-
diameter of the orbis magnus as 16\frac{1}{4} to 1000.

Hitherto we have investigated the variation in an orbit not
eccentric, in which, to wit, the moon in its octants is always
in its mean distance from the earth. If the moon, on ac-
count of its eccentricity, is more or less removed from the
earth than if placed in this orbit, the variation may be some-
thing greater, or something less, than according to this rule.
But I leave the excess or defect to the determination of astron-
omers from the phenomena.

PROPOSITION XXX. PROBLEM XI.
To find the horary motion of the nodes of the moon in a circu-
lar orbit. (Pl. 11, Fig. 1.)

Let S represent the sun, T the earth, P the moon, NPn the
orbit of the moon, Npn the orthographic projection of the
orbit upon the plane of the ecliptic; N, n the nodes, nTNm
the line of the nodes produced indefinitely; Pl, PK perpendi-
culars upon the lines ST, Qq; Pp a perpendicular upon the
plane of the ecliptic; A, B the moon's syzygies in the plane of
the ecliptic; AZ a perpendicular let fall upon Nn, the line of
the nodes; Q, q the quadratures of the moon in the plane of
the ecliptic, and pK a perpendicular on the line Qq lying be-
tween the quadratures. The force of the sun to disturb
the motion of the moon (by prop. 25) is twofold, one propor-
tional to the line LM, the other to the line MT, in the
scheme of that proposition; and the moon by the former
force is drawn towards the earth, by the latter towards the
sun, in a direction parallel to the right line ST joining the
earth and the sun. The former force LM acts in the direc-
tion of the plane of the moon's orbit, and therefore makes no
change upon the situation thereof, and is upon that account
to be neglected; the latter force MT, by which the plane of
the moon's orbit is disturbed, is the same with the force SPK
or ST. And this force (by prop. 25) is to the force by which
the moon may, in its periodic time, be uniformly revolved in a
circle about the earth at rest, as ST to the radius of the circle
multiplied by the number 178,725, or as IT to the radius thereof multiplied by 59,575. But in this calculus, and all that follows, I consider all the lines drawn from the moon to the sun as parallel to the line which joins the earth and the sun; because what inclination there is almost as much diminishes all effects in some cases as it augments them in others; and we are now enquiring after the mean motions of the nodes, neglecting such niceties as are of no moment, and would only serve to render the calculus more perplexed.

Now suppose PM to represent an arc which the moon describes in the least moment of time, and ML a little line, the half of which the moon, by the impulse of the said force 3IT, would describe in the same time; and joining PL, MP, let them be produced to m and l, where they cut the plane of the ecliptic, and upon Tm let fall the perpendicular PH. Now, since the right line ML is parallel to the plane of the ecliptic, and therefore can never meet with the right line ml which lies in that plane, and yet both those right lines lie in one common plane LMPml, they will be parallel, and upon that account the triangles LMP, ImP will be similar. And seeing MPm lies in the plane of the orbit, in which the moon did move while in the place P, the point m will fall upon the line Nn, which passes through the nodes N, n, of that orbit. And because the force by which the half of the little line LM is generated, if the whole had been together, and at once impressed in the point P, would have generated that whole line, and caused the moon to move in the arc whose chord is LP; that is to say, would have transferred the moon from the plane MPmT into the plane LPIT; therefore the angular motion of the nodes generated by that force will be equal to the angle mTl. But ml is to mP as ML to MP; and since MP, because of the time given, is also given, ml will be as the rectangle ML × mP, that is, as the rectangle IT × mP.

And if Tml is a right angle, the angle mTl will be as \( \frac{ml}{Tm} \), and therefore as \( \frac{IT \times Pm}{Tm} \), that is (because Tm and mP, \( \frac{mP}{Tm} \)
and PH are proportional), as \( \frac{IT \times PH}{TP} \); and, therefore, because TP is given, as IT \( \times \) PH. But if the angle Tml or STN is oblique, the angle mTl will be yet less, in proportion of the sine of the angle STN to the radius, or AZ to AT. And therefore the velocity of the nodes is as IT \( \times \) PH \( \times \) AZ, or as the solid content of the fines of the three angles TPI, PTN, and STN.

If these are right angles, as happens when the nodes are in the quadratures, and the moon in the syzygy, the little line ml will be removed to an infinite distance, and the angle mTl will become equal to the angle mPl. But in this case the angle mPl is to the angle PTM, which the moon in the same time by its apparent motion describes about the earth, as 1 to 59,575. For the angle mPl is equal to the angle LPM, that is, to the angle of the moon's deflexion from a rectilinear path; which angle, if the gravity of the moon should have then ceased, the said force of the sun SIT would by itself have generated in that given time; and the angle PTM is equal to the angle of the moon's deflexion from a rectilinear path; which angle, if the force of the sun SIT should have then ceased, the force alone by which the moon is retained in its orbit would have generated in the same time. And these forces (as we have above shewn) are the one to the other as 1 to 59,575. Since, therefore, the mean horary motion of the moon (in respect of the fixed stars) is 32' 56" 27'" 12\( \frac{1}{2} \)". the horary motion of the node in this case will be 33" 10" 33\( \frac{1}{2} \)". 12". But in other cases the horary motion will be to 33" 10" 33\( \frac{1}{2} \)". 12", as the solid content of the fines of the three angles TPI, PTN, and STN (or of the distances of the moon from the quadrature, of the moon from the node, and of the node from the sun) to the cube of the radius. And as often as the sine of any angle is changed from positive to negative, and from negative to positive so often must the regressive be changed into a progressive, and the progressive into a regressive motion. Whence it comes to pass that the nodes are progressive as often as the moon happens to be placed between either quadrature, and the node nearest to that quadrature. In other
causes they are regressive, and, by the excess of the regresses above the progresses, they are monthly transferred in antecedentia.

Cor. 1. Hence if from P and M, the extreme points of a least arc PM (Pl. 11, Fig. 2), on the line Qq joining the quadratures we let fall the perpendiculars PK, Mk, and produce the same till they cut the line of the nodes Nh in D and d, the horary motion of the nodes will be as the area MPDd, and the square of the time AZ conjunctly. For let PK, PH, and AZ, be the three said times, viz. PK the time of the distance of the moon from the quadrature, PH the time of the distance of the moon from the node, and AZ the time of the distance of the node from the sun; and the velocity of the node will be as the solid content of PK × PH × AZ. But PT is as PK as PM to Kk; and, therefore, because PT and PM are given, Kk will be as PK. Likewise AT is to PD as AZ to PH, and therefore PH is as the rectangle PD × AZ; and, by compounding those proportions, PK × PH is as the solid content Kk × PD × AZ, and PK × PH × AZ as Kk × PD × AZ²; that is, as the area PdM and AZ² conjunctly. Q.E.D.

Cor. 2. In any given position of the nodes their mean horary motion is half their horary motion in the moon's syzygies; and therefore is to 16°. 35½° 16°. 36° as the square of the time of the distance of the nodes from the syzygies to the square of the radius, or as AZ² to AT². For if the moon, by an uniform motion, describes the semi-circle QAq, the sum of all the areas PdM, during the time of the moon's passage from Q to M, will make up the area QMdE, terminating at the tangent QE of the circle; and by the time that the moon has arrived at the point n, that sum will make up the whole area EQAn described by the line PD: but when the moon proceeds from n to q, the line PD will fall without the circle, and will describe the area nqe, terminating at the tangent qe of the circle; which area, because the nodes were before regressive, but are now progressive, must be subducted from the former area, and, being itself equal to the area QEN, will leave the semi-circle NQAn. While, therefore, the moon describes a semi-circle, the sum of all the areas PdM will be the area of that semi-circle; and while
the moon describes a complete circle, the sum of those areas will be the area of the whole circle. But the area PDdM, when the moon is in the fyzygies, is the rectangle of the arc PM into the radius PT; and the sum of all the areas, every one equal to this area, in the time that the moon describes a complete circle, is the rectangle of the whole circumference into the radius of the circle; and this rectangle, being double the area of the circle, will be double the quantity of the former sum. If, therefore, the nodes went on with that velocity uniformly continued which they acquire in the moon's fyzygies, they would describe a space double of that which they describe in fact; and, therefore, the mean motion, by which, if uniformly continued, they would describe the same space with that which they do in fact describe by an unequal motion, is but one half of that motion which they are possessed of in the moon's fyzygies. Wherefore since their greatest horary motion, if the nodes are in the quadratures, is 35° 10' 33⅓. 12'. their mean horary motion in this case will be 16° 35''. 16°. 36°. And seeing the horary motion of the nodes is everywhere as AZ; and the area PDdM conjunctly, and, therefore, in the moon's fyzygies, the horary motion of the nodes is as AZ; and the area PDdM conjunctly, that is (because the area PDdM described in the fyzygies is given), as AZ; therefore the mean motion also will be as AZ; and, therefore, when the nodes are without the quadratures, this motion will be to 16° 35'' 16⅓. 36°. as AZ to AT. Q.E.D.

PROPOSITION XXXI. PROBLEM XII.
To find the horary motion of the nodes of the moon in an elliptic orbit. (Pl. 12, Fig. 1.)

Let Qpmaq represent an ellipse described with the greater axis Qq, and the lesser axis ab; QAqB a circle circumscribed; T the earth in the common centre of both; S the sun; p the moon moving in this ellipse; and pm an arc which it describes in the least moment of time; N and n the nodes joined by the line Nn; pK and mk perpendiculars upon the axis Qq, produced both ways till they meet the circle in P and M, and the line of the nodes in D and d. And if the moon, by a radius drawn to the earth, describes an area proportional to the
time of description, the horary motion of the node in the ellipse will be as the area pDdm and AZ conjunctly.

For let PF touch the circle in P, and produced meet TN in F; and pf touch the ellipse in p, and produced meet the same TN in f, and both tangents concur in the axis TQ at Y. And let ML represent the space which the moon, by the impulse of the above-mentioned force 3IT or 3PK, would describe with a transverse motion, in the mean time while revolving in the circle it describes the arc PM; and ml denote the space which the moon revolving in the ellipse would describe in the same time by the impulse of the same force 3IT or 3PK; and let LP and lp be produced till they meet the plane of the ecliptic in G and g, and FG and fg be joined, of which FG produced may cut pf, pg, and TQ, in c, e, and R respectively; and fg produced may cut TQ in r. Because the force 3IT or 3PK in the circle is to the force 3IT or 3PK in the ellipse as PK to pK, or as AT to aT, the space ML generated by the former force will be to the space ml generated by the latter as PK to pK; that is, because of the similar figures PYKp and FYRc, as FR to cR. But (because of the similar triangles PLM, PGF) ML is to FG as PL to PG, that is (on account of the parallels Lk, PK, GR), as PL to pe, that is (because of the similar triangles plm, cep), as lm to ce; and inversely as LM is to lm, or as FR is to cR, so is FG to ce. And therefore if fg was to ce as fy to cY, that is, as fr to cR (that is, as fr to FR and FR to cR conjunctly, that is, as ft to FT, and FG to ce conjunctly), because the ratio of FG to ce, expunged on both sides, leaves the ratios fg to FG and ft to FT, fg would be to FG as ft to FT; and, therefore, the angles which FG and fg would subtend at the earth T would be equal to each other. But these angles (by what we have shewn in the preceding proposition) are the motions of the nodes, while the moon describes in the circle the arc PM, in the ellipse the arc pm; and therefore the motions of the nodes in the circle and in the ellipse would be equal to each other. Thus, I say, it would be, if fg was to ce as fY to cY, that is, if fg was equal to \( \frac{ce \times fY}{cY} \). But because of the similar triangles fgp, cep, fg is to ce as fp to cp; and there-
fore $fg$ is equal to $\frac{ce \times fp}{cp}$; and therefore the angle which
$fg$ subtends in fact is to the former angle which $FG$ subtends,
that is to say, the motion of the nodes in the ellipsis is to the
motion of the same in the circle as this $fg$ or $\frac{ce \times fp}{cp}$ to the
former $fg$ or $\frac{ce \times fy}{cy}$, that is, as $fp \times cy$ to $fy \times cp$, or as
fp to fy, and cy to cp; that is, if ph parallel to TN meet
FP in h, as Fh to FY and FY to FP; that is, as Fh to FP or
Dp to DP, and therefore as the area Dpmd to the area
DPMd. And, therefore, seeing (by corol. 1, prop. 30) the
latter area and $AZ^2$ conjunctly are proportional to the horary
motion of the nodes in the circle, the former area and $AZ^2$
conjunctly will be proportional to the horary motion of the
nodes in the ellipsis. Q.E.D.

Cor. Since, therefore, in any given position of the nodes,
the sum of all the areas pDdm, in the time while the moon
is carried from the quadrature to any place m, is the area
mpQEd terminated at the tangent of the ellipsis QE; and the
sum of all those areas, in one entire revolution, is the area of
the whole ellipsis; the mean motion of the nodes in the ellipsis
will be to the mean motion of the nodes in the circle as the
ellipsis to the circle; that is, as Ta to TA, or 69 to 70. And,
therefore, since (by corol. 2, prop. 30) the mean horary mo-
tion of the nodes in the circle is to 16° 35′ 16″. 36′, as $AZ^2$
to AT; if we take the angle 16° 21′ 34″. 30′, to the angle
16° 35′ 16″. 36′, as 69 to 70, the mean horary motion of the
nodes in the ellipsis will be to 16° 21′ 34″. 30′, as $AZ^2$ to AT;
that is, as the square of the sine of the distance of the node
from the sun to the square of the radius.

But the moon, by a radius drawn to the earth, describes
the area in the syzygies with a greater velocity than it does
that in the quadratures, and upon that account the time is
contracted in the syzygies, and prolonged in the quadratures;
and together with the time the motion of the nodes is like-
wise augmented or diminished. But the moment of the area
in the quadrature of the moon was to the moment thereof in
the syzygies as 10973 to 11073; and therefore the mean mo-
in the octants is to the excess in the syzygies, and to the
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defect in the quadratures, as 11023, the half sum of those numbers, to their half difference 50. Wherefore since the time of the moon's mora in the several little equal parts of its orbit is reciprocally as its velocity, the mean time in the octants will be to the excess of the time in the quadratures, and to the defect of the time in the syzygies arising from this cause, nearly as 11023 to 50. But, reckoning from the quadratures to the syzygies, I find that the excess of the moments of the area, in the several places above the least moment in the quadratures, is nearly as the square of the sine of the moon's distance from the quadratures; and therefore the difference betwixt the moment in any place, and the mean moment in the octants, is as the difference betwixt the square of the sine of the moon's distance from the quadratures, and the square of the sine of 45 degrees, or half the square of the radius; and the increment of the time in the several places between the octants and quadratures, and the decrement thereof between the octants and syzygies, is in the same proportion. But the motion of the nodes, while the moon describes the several little equal parts of its orbit, is accelerated or retarded in the duplicate proportion of the time; for that motion, while the moon describes PM, is (ceteris paribus) as ML, and ML is in the duplicate proportion of the time. Wherefore the motion of the nodes in the syzygies, in the time while the moon describes given little parts of its orbit, is diminished in the duplicate proportion of the number 11073 to the number 11023; and the decrement is to the remaining motion as 100 to 10973; but to the whole motion as 100 to 11073 nearly. But the decrement in the places between the octants and syzygies, and the increment in the places between the octants and quadratures, is to this decrement nearly as the whole motion in these places to the whole motion in the syzygies, and the difference betwixt the square of the sine of the moon's distance from the quadrature, and the half square of the radius, to the half square of the radius conjunctly. Wherefore, if the nodes are in the quadratures, and we take two places, one on one side, one on the other, equally distant from the octant and other two distant by the same interval,
one from the syzygy, the other from the quadrature, and from the decrements of the motions in the two places between the syzygy and octant we subtract the increments of the motions in the two other places between the octant and the quadrature, the remaining decrement will be equal to the decrement in the syzygy, as will easily appear by computation; and therefore the mean decrement, which ought to be subducted from the mean motion of the nodes, is the fourth part of the decrement in the syzygy. The whole horary motion of the nodes in the syzygies (when the moon by a radius drawn to the earth was supposed to describe an area proportional to the time) was 38° 42′ 7″. And we have shewn that the decrement of the motion of the nodes, in the time while the moon, now moving with greater velocity, describes the same space, was to this motion as 100 to 11073; and therefore this decrement is 17° 43′ 11″. The fourth part of which 4″ 25′ 48″ substracted from the mean horary motion above found, 16° 21′ 3′′ 30″ leaves 16° 16′ 37″ 42″. their correct mean horary motion.

If the nodes are without the quadratures, and two places are considered, one on one side, one on the other, equally distant from the syzygies, the sum of the motions of the nodes, when the moon is in those places, will be to the sum of their motions, when the moon is in the same places and the nodes in the quadratures, as AZ to AT. And the decrements of the motions arising from the causes but now explained will be mutually as the motions themselves, and therefore the remaining motions will be mutually betwixt themselves as AZ to AT; and the mean motions will be as the remaining motions. And, therefore, in any given position of the nodes, their correct mean horary motion is to 16° 16′ 37″ 42″ as AZ to AT; that is, as the square of the sine of the distance of the nodes from the syzygies to the square of the radius.

PROPOSITION XXXIII. PROBLEM XIII. To find the mean motion of the nodes of the moon. (Pl. 12, Fig. 2.)

The yearly mean motion is the sum of all the mean horary motions throughout the course of the year. Suppose that the
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Node is in N, and that, after every hour is elasped, it is drawn back again to its former place; so that, notwithstanding its proper motion, it may constantly remain in the same situation with respect to the fixed stars; while in the mean time the sun S, by the motion of the earth, is seen to leave the node, and to proceed till it completes its apparent annual course by an uniform motion. Let Aa represent a given least arc, which the right line TS always drawn to the sun, by its intersection with the circle NAn, describes in the least given moment of time; and the mean horary motion (from what we have above shewn) will be as AZ², that is (because AZ and ZY are proportional), as the rectangle of AZ into ZY, that is, as the area AZYa; and the sum of all the mean horary motions from the beginning will be as the sum of all the areas aYZA, that is, as the area NAZ. But the greatest AZYa is equal to the rectangle of the arc Aa into the radius of the circle; and therefore the sum of all these rectangles in the whole circle will be to the like sum of all the greatest rectangles as the area of the whole circle to the rectangle of the whole circumference into the radius, that is, as 1 to 2. But the horary motion corresponding to that greatest rectangle was 10° 16′ 37″. 42″. and this motion in the complete course of the sidereal year, 365' 6″, amounts to 99° 36' 7" 50", and therefore the half thereof, 19° 49' 3" 55", is the mean motion of the nodes corresponding to the whole circle. And the motion of the nodes, in the time while the sun is carried from N to A, is to 19° 49' 3" 55" as the area NAZ to the whole circle.

Thus it would be if the node was after every hour drawn back again to its former place, that so, after a complete revolution, the sun at the year's end would be found again in the same node which it had left when the year begun. But, because of the motion of the node in the mean time, the sun must needs meet the node sooner; and now it remains that we compute the abbreviation of the time. Since, then, the sun, in the course of the year, travels 360 degrees, and the node in the same time by its greatest motion would be carried 99° 36' 7" 50", or 39,6355 degrees; and the mean motion of the node
in any place $N$ is to its mean motion in its quadratures as $AZ^2$ to $AT^2$; the motion of the sun will be to the motion of the node in $N$ as $360AT^2$ to $39,0827646AT^2$; that is, as $9,0827646AT^2$ to $AZ^2$. Wherefore if we suppose the circumference $NA_n$ of the whole circle to be divided into little equal parts, such as $A_a$, the time in which the sun would describe the little arc $A_a$, if the circle was quiescent, will be to the time of which it would describe the same arc, supposing the circle together with the nodes to be revolved about the centre $T$, reciprocally as $9,0827646AT^2$ to $9,0827646AT^2 + AZ^2$; for the time is reciprocally as the velocity with which the little arc is described, and this velocity is the sum of the velocities of both sun and node. If, therefore, the sector $NTA$ represent the time in which the sun by itself, without the motion of the node, would describe the arc $NA$, and the indefinitely small part $ATa$ of the sector represent the little moment of the time in which it would describe the least arc $A_a$; and (letting fall aY perpendicular upon $NN$) if in $AZ$ we take $dZ$ of such length that the rectangle of $dZ$ into $ZY$ may be to the least part $ATa$ of the sector as $AZ^2$ to $9,0827646AT^2 + AZ^2$, that is to say, that $dZ$ may be to $AZ$ as $AT^2$ to $9,0827646AT^2 + AZ^2$; the rectangle of $dZ$ into $ZY$ will represent the decrement of the time arising from the motion of the node, while the arc $A_a$ is described; and if the curve $NdGn$ is the locus where the point $d$ is always found, the curvilinear area $NdZ$ will be as the whole decrement of time while the whole arc $NA$ is described; and, therefore, the excess of the sector $NAT$ above the area $NdZ$ will be as the whole time. But because the motion of the node in a less time is less in proportion of the time, the area $A_aYZ$ must also be diminished in the same proportion; which may be done by taking in $AZ$ the line $eZ$ of such length, that it may be to the length of $AZ$ as $AZ^2$ to $9,0827646AT^2 + AZ^2$; for so the rectangle of $eZ$ into $ZY$ will be to the arc $AZYa$ as the decrement of the time in which the arc $A_a$ is described to the whole time in which it would have been described, if the node had been quiescent; and, therefore, that rectangle will be as the decrement of the motion of the node. And if the curve $NeFn$ is the locus of
the point e, the whole area NeZ, which is the sum of all the decrements of that motion, will be as the whole decrement thereof during the time in which the arc AN is described; and the remaining area NAe will be as the remaining motion, which is the true motion of the node, during the time in which the whole arc NA is described by the joint motions of both sun and node. Now the area of the semi-circle is to the area of the figure NeFn found by the method of infinite series nearly as 793 to 60. But the motion corresponding or proportional to the whole circle was $19^\circ \cdot 49^\prime 3^\prime\prime$; and therefore the motion corresponding to double the figure NeFn is $1^\circ 29^\prime 58^\prime\prime 2^\prime\prime$, which taken from the former motion leaves $18^\circ 19^\prime 5^\prime\prime 53^\prime\prime$, the whole motion of the node with respect to the fixed stars in the interval between two of its conjunctions with the sun; and this motion subducted from the annual motion of the sun $360^\circ$, leaves $341^\circ 40^\prime 54^\prime\prime 7^\prime\prime$, the motion of the sun in the interval between the same conjunctions. But as this motion is to the annual motion $360^\circ$, so is the motion of the node but just now found $18^\circ 19^\prime 5^\prime\prime 53^\prime\prime$ to its annual motion, which will therefore be $19^\circ 18^\prime 1^\prime 23^\prime\prime$; and this is the mean motion of the nodes in the sidereal year. By astronomical tables, it is $19^\circ 21^\prime\prime 21^\prime\prime 50^\prime\prime$. The difference is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the whole motion, and seems to arise from the eccentricity of the moon's orbit, and its inclination to the plane of the ecliptic. By the eccentricity of this orbit the motion of the nodes is too much accelerated; and, on the other hand, by the inclination of the orbit, the motion of the nodes is something retarded, and reduced to its just velocity.

**PROPOSITION XXXIII. PROBLEM XIV.**

To find the true motion of the nodes of the moon. (Pl. 12, Fig. 3.)

In the time which is as the area NTA — NdZ (in the preceding Fig.) that motion is as the area NAe, and is thence given; but because the calculus is too difficult, it will be better to use the following construction of the problem. About the centre C, with any interval CD, describe the circle BEFD; produce DC to A, so as AB may be to AC as the mean motion to half the mean true motion when the nodes
are in their quadratures (that is, as $19^\circ\ 18'\ 1''\ 23''$ to $19^\circ\ 49'\ 3''\ 55''$; and therefore $BC$ to $AC$ as the difference of those motions $0^\circ\ 31'\ 2''\ 32''$ to the latter motion $19^\circ\ 49'\ 3''\ 55''$, that is, as $1$ to $38\frac{1}{2}$). Then through the point $D$ draw the indefinite line $Gg$, touching the circle in $D$; and if we take the angle $BCE$, or $BCF$, equal to the double distance of the sun from the place of the node, as found by the mean motion, and drawing $AE$ or $AF$ cutting the perpendicular $DG$ in $G$, we take another angle which shall be to the whole motion of the node in the interval between its syzygies (that is, to $9^\circ\ 11'\ 3''$) as the tangent $DG$ to the whole circumference of the circle $BED$, and add this last angle (for which the angle $DAG$ may be used) to the mean motion of the nodes, while they are passing from the quadratures to the syzygies, and subtract it from their mean motion while they are passing from the syzygies to the quadratures, we shall have their true motion; for the true motion so found will nearly agree with the true motion which comes out from assuming the times as the area $NTA - NdZ$, and the motion of the node as the area $NAe$; as whoever will please to examine and make the computations will find: and this is the semi-menstrual equation of the motion of the nodes. But there is also a menstrual equation, but which is by no means necessary for finding of the moon's latitude; for since the variation of the inclination of the moon's orbit to the plane of the ecliptic is liable to a twofold inequality, the one semi-menstrual, the other menstrual, the menstrual inequality of this variation, and the menstrual equation of the nodes, so moderate and correct each other, that in computing the latitude of the moon both may be neglected.

Cor. From this and the preceding prop. it appears that the nodes are quiescent in their syzygies, but regressive in their quadratures, by an hourly motion of $16''\ 19''\ 26''$; and that the equation of the motion of the nodes in the octants is $1^\circ\ 30'$; all which exactly agree with the phenomena of the heavens.

SCHOLIUM.

Mr. Machin, Astron., Prof. Greth., and Dr. Henry Pemberton, separately found out the motion of the nodes by a different
method. Mention has been made of this method in another place. Their several papers, both of which I have seen, contained two propositions, and exactly agreed with each other in both of them. Mr. Machin's paper coming first to my hands, I shall here insert it.

**OF THE MOTION OF THE MOON'S NODES.**

**PROPOSITION I.**

"**The mean motion of the sun from the node is defined by a geometric mean proportional between the mean motion of the sun and that mean motion with which the sun recedes with the greatest swiftness from the node in the quadratures.**"

Let T (Pl. 13, Fig. 1) be the earth's place, Nn the line of the moon's nodes at any given time, KTM a perpendicular thereto, TA a right line revolving about the centre with the same angular velocity with which the sun and the node recede from one another, in such fort that the angle between the quiescent right line Nn and the revolving line TA may be always equal to the distance of the places of the sun and node. Now if any right line TK be divided into parts TS and SK, and those parts be taken as the mean horary motion of the sun to the mean horary motion of the node in the quadratures, and there be taken the right line TH, a mean proportional between the part TS and the whole TK, this right line will be proportional to the sun's mean motion from the node.

For let there be described the circle NKnM from the centre T and with the radius TK, and about the same centre, with the semi-axes TH and TN, let there be described an ellipsis NHnL; and in the time in which the sun recedes from the node through the arc Na, if there be drawn the right line Tba, the area of the sector NTa will be the exponent of the sum of the motions of the sun and node in the same time. Let, therefore, the extremely small arc aA be that which the right line Tba, revolving according to the above said law, will uniformly describe in a given particle of time, and the extremely small sector TAA will be as the sum of the velocities with which the sun and node are car-
ried two different ways in that time. Now the sun's velocity
is almost uniform; its inequality being so small as scarcely
to produce the least inequality in the mean motion of the
nodes. The other part of this sum, namely, the mean
quantity of the velocity of the node, is increased in the re-
cess from the syzygies in a duplicate ratio of the sine of its
distance from the sun (by cor. prop. 31, of this book), and,
being greatest in its quadratures with the sun in K, is in the
same ratio to the sun's velocity as SK to TS, that is, as (the
difference of the squares of TK and TH, or) the rectangle
KHM to TH. But the ellipse NBH divides the sector
ATA, the exponent of the sums of these two velocities, into
two parts ABba and TBb, proportional to the velocities.
For produce BT to the circle in B, and from the point B let
fall upon the greater axis the perpendicular BG, which be-
ing produced both ways may meet the circle in the points F
and f; and because the space ABba is to the sector TBb as
the rectangle ABα to BT (that rectangle being equal to the
difference of the squares of TA and TB, because the right
line AB is equally cut in T, and unequally in B), therefore
when the space ABba is the greatest of all in K, this ratio
will be the same as the ratio of the rectangle KHM to HT.
But the greatest mean velocity of the node was shewn above
to be in that very ratio to the velocity of the sun; and
therefore in the quadratures the sector ATA is divided into
parts proportional to the velocities. And because the rect-
angle KHM is to HT as FBf to BG, and the rectangle
ABα is equal to the rectangle FBf, therefore the little area
ABba, where it is greatest, is to the remaining sector TBb
as the rectangle ABα to BG. But the ratio of these little
areas always was as the rectangle ABα to BT; and there-
fore the little area ABba in the place A is less than its
correspondent little area in the quadratures in the duplicate
ratio of BG to BT, that is, in the duplicate ratio of the sine
of the sun's distance from the node. And therefore the
sum of all the little areas ABba, to wit, the space ABN,
will be as the motion of the node in the time in which the
sun hath been going over the arc NA since he left the node;
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"and the remaining space, namely, the elliptic sector NTB, 
"will be as the sun's mean motion in the same time. And 
"because the mean annual motion of the node is that mo-
"tion which it performs in the time that the sun completes 
one period of its course, the mean motion of the node from 
the sun will be to the mean motion of the sun itself as the 
area of the circle to the area of the ellipse; that is, as the 
right line TK to the right line TH, which is a mean pro-
portional between TK and TS; or, which comes to the 
same, as the mean proportional TH to the right line TS.

"PROPOSITION II.

"The mean motion of the moon's nodes being given, to find 
"their true motion.

"Let the angle A be the distance of the sun from the 
mean place of the node, or the sun's mean motion from the 
node. Then if we take the angle B, whose tangent is to 
the tangent of the angle A as TH to TK, that is, in the sub-
duplicate ratio of the mean horary motion of the sun to the 
mean horary motion of the sun from the node, when the 
node is in the quadrature, that angle B will be the distance 
of the sun from the node's true place. For join FT, and, 
by the demonstration of the last proportion, the angle FTN 
will be the distance of the sun from the mean place of the 
node, and the angle ATN the distance from the true place, 
and the tangents of these angles are between themselves as 
TK to TH.

"Cor. Hence the angle FTA is the equation of the 
moon's nodes; and the sine of this angle, where it is greatest, 
in the octants, is to the radius as KH to TK + TH. But 
the sine of this equation in any other place A is to the 
greatest sine as the sine of the sums of the angles FTN + 
ATN to the radius; that is, nearly as the sine of double 
the distance of the sun from the mean place of the node 
(namely, 2FTN) to the radius.

"SCHOLIUM.

"If the mean horary motion of the nodes in the quadra-
tures be 16° 16" 37'' 49'. that is, in a whole sidereal year, 
39° 38' 7" 50'', TH will be to TK in the subduplicate ratio

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of the number 9,0827646 to the number 10,8927646, that
is, as 18,6524761 to 19,6524761. And, therefore, TH is
to HK as 18,6524761 to 1; that is, as the motion of the
sun in a sidereal year to the mean motion of the node 19°
18' 1" 23"".

But if the mean motion of the moon's nodes in 20 Julian
years is 366° 50' 15", as is collected from the observa-
tions made use of in the theory of the moon, the mean motion
of the nodes in one sidereal year will be 19° 20' 31" 58"
And TH will be to HK as 360° to 19° 20' 31" 58"; that is,
as 18,61214 to 1: and from hence the mean horary motion
of the nodes in the quadratures will come out 16° 18" 48".
And the greatest equation of the nodes in the octants will
be 1° 29' 57".

PROPOSITION XXXIV. PROBLEM XV.
To find the horary variation of the inclination of the moon's
orbit to the plane of the ecliptic.

Let A and a (Pl. 13, Fig. 2) represent the syzygies; Q and
q the quadratures; N and n the nodes; P the place of the
moon in its orbit; p the orthographic projection of that place
upon the plane of the ecliptic; and mTl the momentaneous
motion of the nodes as above. If upon Tm we let fall the
perpendicular PG, and joining pG we produce it till it meet
Tl in g, and join also Pg, the angle PGP will be the incli-
nation of the moon's orbit to the plane of the ecliptic when
the moon is in P; and the angle Pgp will be the inclination
of the same after a small moment of time is elapsed; and
therefore the angle GPg will be the momentaneous variation
of the inclination. But this angle GPg is to the angle GTg
as TG to PG and Pp to PG conjunctly. And, therefore, if
for the moment of time we assume an hour, since the angle
GTg (by prop. 30) is to the angle 32° 10" 33" as IT × PG
× AZ to AT3, the angle GPg (or the horary variation of the
inclination) will be to the angle 32° 10" 33" as IT × AZ
× TG × Pp
PG to AT3. Q.E.I.

And thus it would be if the moon was uniformly revolved in
a circular orbit. But if the orbit is elliptical, the mean mo-
of the nodes will be diminished in proportion of the lesser axis to the greater, as we have shewn above; and the variation of the inclination will be also diminished in the same proportion.

Cor. 1. Upon Nn erect the perpendicular TF, and let $pM$ be the horary motion of the moon in the plane of the ecliptic; upon QT let fall the perpendiculars $pK$, $Mk$, and produce them till they meet TF in H and b; then IT will be to AT as $Kk$ to $Mp$; and TG to Hp as TZ to AT; and, therefore, $IT \times TG$ will be equal to $\frac{Kk \times Hp \times TZ}{Mp}$, that is, equal to the area $HpMh$ multiplied into the ratio $\frac{TZ}{Mp}$: and therefore the horary variation of the inclination will be to 33° 10′ 33″ as the area $HpMh$ multiplied into $AZ \times \frac{TZ}{Mp} \times \frac{Pp}{FG}$ to AT.

Cor. 2. And, therefore, if the earth and nodes were after every hour drawn back from their new and instantly restored to their old places, so as their situation might continue given for a whole periodic month together, the whole variation of the inclination during that month would be to 33° 10′ 33″ as the aggregate of all the areas $HpMh$, generated in the time of one revolution of the point $p$ (with due regard in summing to their proper signs + and −), multiplied into $AZ \times TZ \times \frac{Pp}{FG}$ to $Mp \times AT$; that is, as the whole circle QAqa multiplied into $AZ \times TZ \times \frac{Pp}{FG}$ to $Mp \times AT$, that is, as the circumference QAqa multiplied into $AZ \times TZ \times \frac{Pp}{FG}$ to $2Mp \times AT$.

Cor. 3. And, therefore, in a given position of the nodes, the mean horary variation, from which, if uniformly continued through the whole month, that menstrual variation might be generated, is to 33° 10′ 33″ as $AZ \times TZ \times \frac{Pp}{FG}$ to $2AT$, or as $Pp \times \frac{AZ \times TZ}{4AT}$ to $PG \times 4AT$; that is
(because \(PP\) is to \(PG\) as the sine of the aforesaid inclination to the radius, and \(\frac{AZ \times TZ}{4AT}\) to \(4AT\) as the sine of double the angle \(ATn\) to four times the radius), as the sine of the same inclination multiplied into the sine of double the distance of the nodes from the sun to four times the square of the radius.

Cor. 4. Seeing the horary variation of the inclination, when the nodes are in the quadratures, is (by this prop.) to the angle \(33'' 10'' 33''\), as \(IT \times AZ \times TG \times \frac{PP}{PG}\) to \(AT^3\), that is, as \(\frac{IT \times TG}{4AT} \times \frac{PP}{PG}\) to \(2AT\), that is, as the sine of double the distance of the moon from the quadratures multiplied into \(\frac{PP}{PG}\) to twice the radius, the sum of all the horary variations during the time that the moon, in this situation of the nodes, passes from the quadrature to the syzygy (that is, in the space of \(177\frac{1}{4}\) hours) will be to the sum of as many angles \(33'' 10'' 33''\) or \(5878''\), as the sum of all the sines of double the distance of the moon from the quadratures multiplied into \(\frac{PP}{PG}\) to the sum of as many diameters; that is, as the diameter multiplied into \(\frac{PP}{PG}\) to the circumference; that is, if the inclination be \(5^\circ 1'\), as \(7 \times \frac{1172}{10000}\) to 22, or as 278 to 10000. And, therefore, the whole variation, composed out of the sum of all the horary variations in the aforesaid time, is \(163''\), or \(2' 43''\).

**PROPOSITION XXXV. PROBLEM XVI.**

*To a given time to find the inclination of the moon's orbit to the plane of the ecliptic.*

Let \(AD\) (Pl. 14, Fig. 1) be the sine of the greatest inclination, and \(AB\) the sine of the least. Biseict \(BD\) in \(C\); and round the centre \(C\), with the interval \(BC\), describe the circle \(BGD\). In \(AC\) take \(CE\) in the same proportion to \(EB\) as \(EB\) to twice \(BA\). And if to the time given we set off the angle \(AEG\) equal to double the distance of the nodes from the qua
durations, and upon AD let fall the perpendicular GH, AH will be the sine of the inclination required.

For \( GE^2 = GH^2 + HE^2 = BHD + HE^2 = HBD + BH^2 = HBD + BE^2 = 2BH \times BE = 2EC \times BH = 2EC \times AB + 2EC \times BH = 2EC \times AH \); wherefore since \( 2EC \) is given, \( GE^2 \) will be as \( AH \).

Now let \( AEG \) represent double the distance of the nodes from the quadratures, in a given moment of time after, and the arc \( Gg \), on account of the given angle \( GEG \), will be as the distance \( GE \). But \( Hh \) is to \( Gg \) as \( GH \) to \( GC \), and, therefore, \( Hh \) is as the rectangle \( GH \times Gg \), or \( GH \times GE \), that is, as \( \frac{GH}{GE} \times GE^2 \), or \( \frac{GH}{GE} \times AH \); that is, as \( AH \) and the sine of the angle \( AEG \) conjunctly. If, therefore, in any one case, \( AH \) be the sine of inclination, it will increase by the same increments as the sine of inclination doth, by cor. 3 of the preceding prop. and therefore will always continue equal to that sine. But when the point \( G \) falls upon either point \( B \) or \( D \), \( AH \) is equal to this sine, and therefore remains always equal thereto. Q.E.D.

In this demonstration I have supposed that the angle \( BEG \), representing double the distance of the nodes from the quadratures, increaseth uniformly; for I cannot descend to every minute circumstance of inequality. Now suppose that \( BEG \) is a right angle, and that \( Gg \) is in this case the horary increment of double the distance of the nodes from the sun; then, by cor. 3 of the last prop. the horary variation of the inclination in the same case will be to \( 33'' 16'' 39'' \), as the rectangle of \( AH \), the sine of the inclination, into the sine of the right angle \( BEG \), double the distance of the nodes from the sun, to four times the square of the radius; that is, as \( AH \), the sine of the mean inclination, to four times the radius; that is, seeing the mean inclination is about \( 5^\circ 8^1/2 \), as its sine \( 896 \) to \( 40000 \), the quadruple of the radius, or as \( 224 \) to \( 10000 \). But the whole variation corresponding to \( BD \), the difference of the sines, is to this horary variation as the diameter \( BD \) to the arc \( Gg \), that is, conjunctly as the diameter \( BD \) to the semi-circumference \( BGD \), and as the time of \( 2079\frac{7}{16} \) hours, in which
the node proceeds from the quadratures to the syzygies, to
one hour, that is, as 7 to 11, and \(2079\frac{7}{10}\) to 1. Wherefore,
compounding all these proportions, we shall have the whole
variation \(BD\) to \(35'' 10'' 33^{1/4}''\), as \(224 \times 7 \times 2079\frac{7}{10}\) to
110000, that is, as 296445 to 1000; and from thence that va-
riation \(BD\) will come out 16' 23\(\frac{3}{4}\)''.

And this is the greatest variation of the inclination, ab-
stracting from the situation of the moon in its orbit; for if the
nodes are in the syzygies, the inclination suffers no change
from the various positions of the moon. But if the nodes are
in the quadratures, the inclination is less when the moon is in
the syzygies than when it is in the quadratures by a difference
of 2' 43'', as we shewed in cor. 4 of the preceding prop.; and
the whole mean variation \(BD\), diminished by 1' 21\(\frac{3}{4}\)'', the half
of this excess, becomes 15' 2'', when the moon is in the qua-
dratures; and increased by the same, becomes 17' 45'' when
the moon is in the syzygies. If, therefore, the moon be in
the syzygies, the whole variation in the passage of the nodes
from the quadratures to the syzygies will be 17' 45''; and,
therefore, if the inclination be 5° 17' 20'', when the nodes are
in the syzygies, it will be 4° 59' 35'' when the nodes are in the
quadratures and the moon in the syzygies. The truth of all
which is confirmed by observations.

Now if the inclination of the orbit should be required when
the moon is in the syzygies, and the nodes any where between
them and the quadratures, let \(AB\) be to \(AD\) as the sine of
4° 59' 35'' to the sine of 5° 17' 20'', and take the angle \(AEC\)
equal to double the distance of the nodes from the quadratures;
and \(AH\) will be the sine of the inclination desired. To this
inclination of the orbit the inclination of the same is equal,
when the moon is 90° distant from the nodes. In other situa-
tions of the moon, this menstrual inequality, to which the
variation of the inclination is obnoxious in the calculus of the
moon's latitude, is balanced, and in a manner took off, by
the menstrual inequality of the motion of the nodes (as we
said before), and therefore may be neglected in the compu-
tation of the said latitude.
By these computations of the lunar motions I was willing to shew that by the theory of gravity the motions of the moon could be calculated from their physical causes. By the same theory I moreover found that the annual equation of the mean motion of the moon arises from the various dilatation which the orbit of the moon suffers from the action of the sun, according to cor. 6, prop. 66, book 1. The force of this action is greater in the perigeon sun, and dilates the moon’s orbit; in the apogoeon sun it is less, and permits the orbit to be again contracted. The moon moves slower in the dilated and faster in the contracted orbit; and the annual equation, by which this inequality is regulated, vanishes in the apogee and perigee of the sun. In the mean distance of the sun from the earth it arises to about 11° 50′; in other distances of the sun it is proportional to the equation of the sun’s centre, and is added to the mean motion of the moon, while the earth is passing from its aphelion to its perihelion, and subducts while the earth is in the opposite semi-circle. Taking for the radius of the orbis magnus 1000, and 16 for the earth’s eccentricity, this equation, when of the greatest magnitude, by the theory of gravity comes out 11° 48′. But the eccentricity of the earth seems to be something greater, and with the eccentricity this equation will be augmented in the same proportion. Suppose the eccentricity 16⁴⁴, and the greatest equation will be 11° 51′.

Farther; I found that the apogee and nodes of the moon move faster in the perihelion of the earth, where the force of the sun’s action is greater, than in the aphelion thereof, and that in the reciprocal triplicate proportion of the earth’s distance from the sun; and hence arise annual equations of those motions proportional to the equation of the sun’s centre. Now the motion of the sun is in the reciprocal duplicate proportion of the earth’s distance from the sun; and the greatest equation of the centre which this inequality generates is 1° 56′ 20″, corresponding to the above-mentioned eccentricity of the sun, 16⁴⁴. But if the motion of the sun had been in the reciprocal triplicate proportion of the distance, this ine-
quality would have generated the greatest equation $2^\circ 54' 30''$; and therefore the greatest equations which the inequalities of the motions of the moon's apogee and nodes do generate are to $2^\circ 54' 30''$ as the mean diurnal motion of the moon's apogee and the mean diurnal motion of its nodes are to the mean diurnal motion of the sun. Whence the greatest equation of the mean motion of the apogee comes out $19' 43''$, and the greatest equation of the mean motion of the nodes $9' 24''$. The former equation is added, and the latter subducted, while the earth is passing from its perihelion to its aphelion, and contrariwise when the earth is in the opposite semi-circle.

By the theory of gravity I likewise found that the action of the sun upon the moon is something greater when the transverse diameter of the moon's orbit passeth through the sun than when the same is perpendicular upon the line which joins the earth and the sun; and therefore the moon's orbit is something larger in the former than in the latter case. And hence arises another equation of the moon's mean motion, depending upon the situation of the moon's apogee in respect of the sun, which is in its greatest quantity when the moon's apogee is in the octants of the sun, and vanishes when the apogee arrives at the quadratures or syzygies; and it is added to the mean motion while the moon's apogee is passing from the quadrature of the sun to the syzygy, and subducted while the apogee is passing from the syzygy to the quadrature. This equation, which I shall call the semi-annual, when greatest in the octants of the apogee, arises to about $3' 45''$, so far as I could collect from the phenomena: and this is its quantity in the mean distance of the sun from the earth. But it is increased and diminished in the reciprocal triplicate proportion of the sun's distance, and therefore is nearly $3' 34''$ when that distance is greatest, and $3' 56''$ when least. But when the moon's apogee is without the octants, it becomes less, and is to its greatest quantity as the line of double the distance of the moon's apogee from the nearest syzygy or quadrature to the radius.

By the same theory of gravity, the action of the sun upon the moon is something greater when the line of the moon's
nodes passes through the sun than when it is at right angles with the line which joins the sun and the earth; and hence arises another equation of the moon's mean motion, which I shall call the second semiannual; and this is greatest when the nodes are in the octants of the sun, and vanishes when they are in the syzygies or quadratures; and in other positions of the nodes is proportional to the sine of double the distance of either node from the nearest syzygy or quadrature. And it is added to the mean motion of the moon, if the sun is in antecedentia, to the node which is nearest to him, and subducted if in consequentia; and in the octants, where it is of the greatest magnitude, it arises to 47" in the mean distance of the fun from the earth, as I find from the theory of gravity. In other distances of the sun, this equation, greatest in the octants of the nodes, is reciprocally as the cube of the fun's distance from the earth; and therefore in the sun's perigee it comes to about 49", and in its apogee to about 45".

By the same theory of gravity, the moon's apogee goes forward at the greatest rate when it is either in conjunction with or in opposition to the sun, but in its quadratures with the sun it goes backward; and the eccentricity comes, in the former case, to its greatest quantity; in the latter to its least, by cor. 7, 8, and 9, prop. 66, book 1. And those inequalities, by the corollaries we have named, are very great, and generate the principal, which I call the semi-annual equation of the apogee; and this semi-annual equation in its greatest quantity comes to about 12° 18", as nearly as I could collect from the phenomena. Our countryman Horrox was the first who advanced the theory of the moon's moving in an ellipsis about the earth placed in its lower focus. Dr. Halley improved the notion, by putting the centre of the ellipsis in an epicycle whose centre is uniformly revolved about the earth; and from the motion in this epicycle the mentioned inequalities in the progress and regress of the apogee, and in the quantity of eccentricity, do arise. Suppose the mean distance of the moon from the earth to be divided into 100000 parts, and let T (Pl. 14, Fig. 2) represent the earth, and TC the moon's mean eccentricity of 5505 such parts. Produce TC to B,
The atmosphere of the earth to the height of 35 or 40 miles refracts the sun's light. This refraction scatters and spreads the light over the earth's shadow; and the dissipated light near the limits of the shadow dilates the shadow. Upon which account, to the diameter of the shadow, as it comes out by the parallax, I add 1 or 1¼ minute in lunar eclipses.

But the theory of the moon ought to be examined and proved from the phenomena, first in the syzygies, then in the quadratures, and last of all in the octants; and whoever pleases to undertake the work will find it not amiss to assume the following mean motions of the sun and moon at the Royal Observatory of Greenwich, to the last day of December at noon, anno 1700, O.S. viz. The mean motion of the sun ≈ 20° 43' 40'', and of its apogee ≈ 7° 44' 30''; the mean motion of the moon ≈ 15° 21' 00''; of its apogee, ≈ 8° 20' 00''; and of its ascending node ≈ 27° 24' 20''; and the difference of meridians betwixt the Observatory at Greenwich and the Royal Observatory at Paris, 0°.9° 20'': but the mean motion of the moon and of its apogee are not yet obtained with sufficient accuracy.

**PROPOSITION XXXVI. PROBLEM XVII.**

To find the force of the sun to move the sea.

The sun's force ML or PT to disturb the motions of the moon, was (by prop. 25) in the moon's quadratures, to the force of gravity with us, as 1 to 638092.6; and the force TM — LM or 2PK in the moon's syzygies is double that quantity. But, descending to the surface of the earth, these forces are diminished in proportion of the distances from the centre of the earth, that is, in the proportion of 60½ to 1; and therefore the former force on the earth's surface is to the force of gravity as 1 to 38604600; and by this force the sea is depressed in such places as are 90 degrees distant from the sun. But by the other force, which is twice as great, the sea is raised not only in the places directly under the sun, but in those also which are directly opposed to it; and the sun of these forces is to the force of gravity as 1 to 12863200. And because the same force excites the same motion, whether it depresses the waters in those places which are 90 degrees distant from the sun, or raises them in the places which
are directly under and directly opposed to the sun, the aforesaid sun will be the total force of the sun to disturb the sea, and will have the same effect as if the whole was employed in raising the sea in the places directly under and directly opposed to the sun, and did not act at all in the places which are 90 degrees removed from the sun.

And this is the force of the sun to disturb the sea in any given place, where the sun is at the same time both vertical, and in its mean distance from the earth. In other positions of the sun, its force to raise the sea is as the versed sine of double its altitude above the horizon of the place directly, and the cube of the distance from the earth reciprocally.

Co... Since the centrifugal force of the parts of the earth arising from the earth's diurnal motion, which is to the force of gravity as 1 to 289, raises the waters under the equator to a height exceeding that under the poles by $85472$ Paris feet, as above, in prop. 19, the force of the sun, which we have now shewed to be to the force of gravity as 1 to $12868200$, and therefore is to that centrifugal force as 289 to $12868200$, or as 1 to $44527$, will be able to raise the waters in the places directly under and directly opposed to the sun to a height exceeding that in the places which are 90 degrees removed from the sun only by one Paris foot and $113\frac{1}{2}$ inches; for this measure is to the measure of $85472$ feet as 1 to $44527$.

PROPOSITION XXXVII. PROBLEM XVIII.

To find the force of the moon to move the sea.

The force of the moon to move the sea is to be deduced from its proportion to the force of the sun, and this proportion is to be collected from the proportion of the motions of the sea, which are the effects of those forces. Before the mouth of the river Aven, three miles below Brissol, the height of the ascent of the water in the vernal and autumnal syzygies of the luminaries (by the observations of Samuel Sturmy) amounts to about 45 feet, but in the quadratures to 25 only. The former of those heights arises from the sum of the aforesaid forces, the latter from their difference. If, therefore, S and L are supposed to represent respectively the forces of the sun and moon while they are in the equator, as well as in
their mean distances from the earth, we shall have \(L + S\) to \(L - S\) as 45 to 25, or as 9 to 5.

At Plymouth (by the observations of Samuel Coleprefh) the tide in its mean height rises to about 16 feet, and in the spring and autumn the height thereof in the syzygies may exceed that in the quadratures by more than 7 or 8 feet. Suppose the greatest difference of those heights to be 9 feet, and \(L + S\) will be to \(L - S\) as \(20\frac{1}{4}\) to \(11\frac{1}{4}\), or as 41 to 23; a proportion that agrees well enough with the former. But because of the great tide at Bristol, we are rather to depend upon the observations of Sturmy; and, therefore, till we procure something that is more certain, we shall use the proportion of 9 to 5.

But because of the reciprocal motions of the waters, the greatest tides do not happen at the times of the syzygies of the luminaries, but, as we have said before, are the third in order after the syzygies; or (reckoning from the syzygies) follow next after the third appulse of the moon to the meridian of the place after the syzygies; or rather (as Sturmy observes) are the third after the day of the new or full moon, or rather nearly after the twelfth hour from the new or full moon, and therefore fall nearly upon the forty-third hour after the new or full of the moon. But in this port they fall out about the seventh hour after the appulse of the moon to the meridian of the place; and therefore follow next after the appulse of the moon to the meridian, when the moon is distant from the sun, or from opposition with the sun by about 18 or 19 degrees in consequentia. So the summer and winter seasons come not to their height in the solstices themselves, but when the sun is advanced beyond the solstices by about a tenth part of its whole course, that is, by about 36 or 37 degrees. In like manner, the greatest tide is raised after the appulse of the moon to the meridian of the place, when the moon has passed by the sun, or the opposition thereof, by about a tenth part of the whole motion from one greatest tide to the next following greatest tide. Suppose that distance about 18\(\frac{1}{4}\) degrees; and the sun's force in this distance of the moon from the syzygies and quadratures will be of less mo-
ment to augment and diminish that part of the motion of the sea which proceeds from the motion of the moon than in the syzygies and quadratures themselves in the proportion of the radius to the co-fine of double this distance, or of an angle of 37 degrees; that is, in proportion of 10000000 to 7986355; and, therefore, in the preceding analogy, in place of $S$ we must put $0.7986355S$.

But farther; the force of the moon in the quadratures must be diminished, on account of its declination from the equator; for the moon in those quadratures, or rather in $18\frac{1}{2}$ degrees past the quadratures, declines from the equator by about $22^\circ 13'$; and the force of either luminary to move the sea is diminished as it declines from the equator nearly in the duplicate proportion of the co-fine of the declination; and therefore the force of the moon in those quadratures is only $0.8570327L$; whence we have $L + 0.7986355S$ to $0.8570327L - 0.7986355S$ as 9 to 5.

Farther yet; the diameters of the orbit in which the moon should move, setting aside the consideration of eccentricity, are one to the other as 69 to 70; and therefore the moon's distance from the earth in the syzygies is to its distance in the quadratures, $ceteris paribus$, as 69 to 70; and its distances, when $18\frac{1}{2}$ degrees advanced beyond the syzygies, where the greatest tide was excited, and when $18\frac{1}{2}$ degrees past by the quadratures, where the least tide was produced, are to its mean distance as 69,098747 and 69,893745 to 69.4. But the force of the moon to move the sea is in the reciprocal triplicate proportion of its distance; and therefore its forces, in the greatest and least of those distances, are to its force in its mean distance as $0.9830427$ and $1.017522$ to 1. From whence we have $1.017522L \times 0.7986355S$ to $0.9830427 \times 0.8570327L - 0.7986355S$ as 9 to 5; and $S$ to $L$ as 1 to 4,4815. Wherefore since the force of the sun is to the force of gravity as 1 to 128.68200, the moon's force will be to the force of gravity as 1 to 287.1400.

Cor. 1. Since the waters excited by the sun's force rise to the height of a foot and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches, the moon's force will raise the same to the height of 8 feet and $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches; and the
feet, and the mean distance of the centres of the earth and moon, consisting of \(60\frac{1}{2}\) such semi-diameters, is equal to 1187379440 feet. And this distance (by the preceding cor.) is to the distance of the moon's centre from the common centre of gravity of the earth and moon as 40,788 to 39,788; which latter distance, therefore, is 1158268534 feet. And since the moon, in respect of the fixed stars, performs its revolution in 27\(^h\) 7\(^m\) 43\(\frac{3}{4}\)\(^s\), the versed sine of that angle which the moon in a minute of time describes is 1275234 to the radius 1000,000000,000000; and as the radius is to this versed sine, so are 1158268534 feet to 14,7705353 feet. The moon, therefore, falling towards the earth by that force which retains it in its orbit, would in one minute of time describe 14,7706333 feet; and if we augment this force in the proportion of 178\(\frac{4}{15}\) to 177\(\frac{4}{15}\), we shall have the total force of gravity at the orbit of the moon, by cor. prop. 3; and the moon falling by this force, in one minute of time would describe 14,8558067 feet. And at the 60th part of the distance of the moon from the earth's centre, that is, at the distance of 197896573 feet from the centre of the earth, a body falling by its weight, would, in one second of time, likewise describe 14,8538067 feet. And, therefore, at the distance of 19615800, which compose one mean semi-diameter of the earth, a heavy body would describe in falling 15,11175, or 15 feet, 1 inch, and 4\(\frac{3}{4}\) lines, in the same time. This will be the descent of bodies in the latitude of 45 degrees. And by the foregoing table, to be found under prop. 20, the descent in the latitude of Paris will be a little greater by an excess of about \(\frac{1}{3}\) parts of a line. Therefore, by this computation, heavy bodies in the latitude of Paris falling in vacuo will describe 15 Paris feet, 1 inch, 4\(\frac{3}{4}\) lines, very nearly, in one second of time. And if the gravity be diminished by taking away a quantity equal to the centrifugal force arising in that latitude from the earth's diurnal motion, heavy bodies falling there will describe in one second of time 15 feet, 1 inch, and 1\(\frac{1}{4}\) line. And with this velocity heavy bodies do really fall in the latitude of Paris, as we have shewn above in prop. 4 and 19.
Cor. 8. The mean distance of the centres of the earth and moon in the syzygies of the moon is equal to 60 of the greatest semi-diameters of the earth, subducting only about one 30th part of a semi-diameter; and in the moon's quadratures the mean distance of the same centres is 60 ½ such semi-diameters of the earth; for these two distances are to the mean distance of the moon in the ocults as 69 and 70 to 69 ½, by prop. 28.

Cor. 9. The mean distance of the centres of the earth and moon in the syzygies of the moon is 60 mean semi-diameters of the earth, and a 10th part of one semi-diameter; and in the moon's quadratures the mean distance of the same centres is 61 mean semi-diameters of the earth, subducting one 30th part of one semi-diameter.

Cor. 10. In the moon's syzygies its mean horizontal parallax in the latitudes of 0, 30, 38, 45, 52, 60, 90 degrees is 57' 20'', 57' 16'', 57' 14'', 57' 12'', 57' 10'', 57' 8'', 57' 4'', respectively.

In these computations I do not consider the magnetic attraction of the earth, whose quantity is very small and unknown; if this quantity should ever be found out, and the measures of degrees upon the meridian, the lengths of isochronous pendulums in different parallels, the laws of the motions of the sea, and the moon's parallax, with the apparent diameters of the sun and moon, should be more exactly determined from phenomena: we should then be enabled to bring this calculation to a greater accuracy.

PROPOSITION XXXVII. PROBLEM XIX.

To find the figure of the moon's body.

If the moon's body were fluid like our sea, the force of the earth to raise that fluid in the nearest and remotest parts would be to the force of the moon by which our sea is raised in the places under and opposite to the moon as the accelerative gravity of the moon towards the earth to the accelerative gravity of the earth towards the moon, and the diameter of the moon to the diameter of the earth conjunctly; that is, as 39,788 to 1, and 100 to 365 conjunctly, or as 1081 to 100. Wherefore, since our sea, by the force of the moon, is raised to 8½ feet, the lunar fluid would be raised by the
force of the earth to 93 feet; and upon this account the figure of the moon would be a spheroid, whose greatest diameter produced would pass through the centre of the earth, and exceed the diameters perpendicular thereto by 186 feet. Such a figure, therefore, the moon affects, and must have put on from the beginning. Q.E.I.

Cor. Hence it is that the same face of the moon always respects the earth; nor can the body of the moon possibly rest in any other position, but would return always by a libratory motion to this situation; but those librations, however, must be exceedingly slow, because of the weakness of the forces which excite them; so that the face of the moon, which should be always obverted to the earth, may, for the reason assigned in prop. 17, be turned towards the other focus of the moon's orbit, without being immediately drawn back, and converted again towards the earth.

**Lemma I.**

If APEp (Pl. 14, Fig. 3) represent the earth uniformly dense, marked with the centre C, the poles P, p, and the equator AE; and if about the centre C, with the radius CP, we suppose the sphere Pape to be described, and QR to denote the plane on which a right line, drawn from the centre of the sun to the centre of the earth, insists at right angles; and farther suppose that the several particles of the whole exterior earth PapAPEpE, without the height of the said sphere, endeavour to recede towards this side and that side from the plane QR, every particle by a force proportional to its distance from that plane: I say, in the first place, that the whole force and efficacy of all the particles that are situate in AE, the circle of the equator, and disposed uniformly without the globe, encompassing the same after the manner of a ring, to wheel the earth about its centre, is to the whole force and efficacy of as many particles in that point A of the equator which is at the greatest distance from the plane QR, to wheel the earth about its centre with a like circular motion, as 1 to 2. And that circular motion will be performed about an axis lying in the common section of the equator and the plane QR.
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For let there be described from the centre K, with the diameter IL, the semi-circle INLK. Suppose the semi-circumference INL to be divided into innumerable equal parts, and from the several parts N to the diameter IL let fall the lines NM. Then the sums of the squares of all the lines NM will be equal to the sums of the squares of the lines KM, and both sums together will be equal to the sums of the squares of as many semi-diameters KN; and therefore the sum of the squares of all the lines NM will be but half so great as the sum of the squares of as many semi-diameters KN.

Suppose now the circumference of the circle AE to be divided into the like number of little equal parts, and from every such part F a perpendicular FG to be let fall upon the plane QR, as well as the perpendicular AH from the point A. Then the force by which the particle F recedes from the plane QR will (by supposition) be as that perpendicular FG; and this force multiplied by the distance CG will represent the power of the particle F to turn the earth round its centre. And, therefore, the power of a particle in the place F will be to the power of a particle in the place A as FG × GC to AH × HC; that is, as $FC^2$ to $AC^2$: and therefore the whole power of all the particles F, in their proper places F, will be to the power of the like number of particles in the place A as the sum of all the $FC^2$ to the sum of all the $AC^2$, that is (by what we have demonstrated before), as 1 to 2. Q.E.D.

And because the action of those particles is exerted in the direction of lines perpendicularly receding from the plane QR, and that equally from each side of this plane, they will wheel about the circumference of the circle of the equator, together with the adherent body of the earth, round an axis which lies as well in the plane QR as in that of the equator.

LEMMA II.

The same things still supposed, I say, in the second place, that the total force or power of all the particles situated every
where about the sphere to turn the earth about the said axis is to the whole force of the like number of particles, uniformly disposed round the whole circumference of the equator AE in the fashion of a ring, to turn the whole earth about with the like circular motion, as 2 to 5. (Pl. 14, Fig. 4.)

For let IK be any lesser circle parallel to the equator AE, and let L, I be any two equal particles in this circle, situated without the sphere Pape; and if upon the plane QR, which is at right angles with a radius drawn to the sun, we let fall the perpendiculars LM, ln, the total forces by which these particles recede from the plane QR will be proportional to the perpendiculars LM, ln. Let the right line LI be drawn parallel to the plane Pape, and bisect the same in X; and through the point X draw Nn parallel to the plane QR, and meeting the perpendiculars LM, ln, in N and n; and upon the plane QR let fall the perpendicular XY. And the contrary forces of the particles L and I to wheel about the earth contrariwise are as LN × MC, and ln × mC; that is, as LN × MC + NM × MC, and ln × mC — nm × mC; or LN × MC + NM × MC, and LN × mC — NM × mC, and LN × Mm — NM × MC + mC, the difference of the two, is the force of both taken together to turn the earth round. The affirmative part of this difference LN × Mm, or 2LN × NX, is to 2AH × HC, the force of two particles of the same size situated in A, as LX to AC; and the negative part NM × MC + mC, or 2XY × CY, is to 2AH × HC, the force of the same two particles situated in A, as CX to AC. And therefore the difference of the parts, that is, the force of the two particles L and I, taken together, to wheel the earth about, is to the force of two particles, equal to the former and situated in the place A, to turn in like manner the earth round, as LX — CX to AC. But if the circumference IK of the circle IK is supposed to be divided into an infinite number of little equal parts L, all the LX will be to the like number of IX as 1 to 2 (by lem. 1); and to the same number of AC as Ix to 2AC; and the same number of CX to as many AC as 2CX to 2AC. Wherefore the united forces of all the particles in the circumference of the
circle IK are to the joint forces of as many particles in the place A as IX⁴ − 2CX⁴ to 2AC⁴; and therefore (by lem. 1) to the united forces of as many particles in the circumference of the circle AE as IX⁴ − 2CX⁴ to AC⁴.

Now if Pp, the diameter of the sphere, is conceived to be divided into an infinite number of equal parts, upon which a like number of circles IK are supposed to in infinit, the matter in the circumference of every circle IK will be as IX⁴; and therefore the force of that matter to turn the earth about will be as IX⁴ into IX⁴ − 2CX⁴; and the force of the same matter, if it was situated in the circumference of the circle AE, would be as IX⁴ into AC⁴. And therefore the force of all the particles of the whole matter situated without the sphere in the circumferences of all the circles is to the force of the like number of particles situated in the circumference of the greatest circle AE as all the IX⁴ into IX⁴ − 2CX⁴ to as many IX⁴ into AC⁴; that is, as all the AC⁴ − CX⁴ into AC⁴ − 3CX⁴ to as many AC⁴ − CX⁴ into AC⁴; that is, as all the AC⁴ − 4AC⁴ × CX⁴ + 3CX⁴ to as many AC⁴ − AC⁴ × CX⁴; that is, as the whole fluent quantity, whose fluxion is AC⁴ − 4AC⁴ × CX⁴ + 3CX⁴, to the whole fluent quantity, whose fluxion is AC⁴ − AC⁴ × CX⁴; and, therefore, by the method of fluxions, as AC⁴ × CX = 4AC⁴ × CX + 3CX⁴ to AC⁴ × CX = 4AC⁴ × CX⁴; that is, if for CX we write the whole Cp, or AC, as 4AC⁴ to 3AC⁴; that is, as 2 to 3. Q.E.D.

LEMMA III.
The same things still supposed, I say, in the third place, that the motion of the whole earth about the axis above-named arising from the motions of all the particles, will be to the motion of the aforesaid ring about the same axis in a proportion compounded of the proportion of the matter in the earth to the matter in the ring; and the proportion of three squares of the quadrantal arc of any circle to two squares of its diameter, that is, in the proportion of the matter to the matter, and of the number 925275 to the number 1000000.

For the motion of a cylinder revolved about its quiescent axis is to the motion of the inscribed sphere revolved together with it as any four equal squares to three circles inscribed in
three of those squares; and the motion of this cylinder is to the motion of an exceedingly thin ring surrounding both sphere and cylinder in their common contact as double the matter in the cylinder to triple the matter in the ring; and this motion of the ring, uniformly continued about the axis of the cylinder, is to the uniform motion of the same about its own diameter performed in the same periodic time as the circumference of a circle to double its diameter.

HYPOTHESIS II.
If the other parts of the earth were taken away, and the remaining ring was carried alone about the sun in the orbit of the earth by the annual motion, while by the diurnal motion it was in the mean time revolved about its own axis inclined to the plane of the ecliptic by an angle of 23½ degrees, the motion of the equinoctial points would be the same, whether the ring were fluid, or whether it consisted of a hard and rigid matter.

PROPOSITION XXXIX. PROBLEM XX.
To find the precession of the equinoxes.
The middle horary motion of the moon’s nodes in a circular orbit, when the nodes are in the quadratures, was 16° 39’. 16¼. 36’.; the half of which, 8° 17’’ 38¼. 18”. (for the reasons above explained) is the mean horary motion of the nodes in such an orbit, which motion in a whole fidereal year becomes 20° 11’ 46”. Because, therefore, the nodes of the moon in such an orbit would be yearly transferred 20° 11’ 46” in antecedentia; and, if there were more moons, the motion of the nodes of every one (by cor. 16, prop. 66, book 1) would be as its periodic time; if upon the surface of the earth a moon was revolved in the time of a fidereal day, the annual motion of the nodes of this moon would be to 20° 11’ 46” as 23h. 56’, the fidereal day, to 27d. 7h. 43’, the periodic time of our moon, that is, as 1436 to 39343. And the same thing would happen to the nodes of a ring of moons encompassing the earth, whether these moons did not mutually touch each the other, or whether they were molten, and formed into a continued ring, or whether that ring should become rigid and inflexible.
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Let us, then, suppose that this ring is in quantity of matter equal to the whole exterior earth PapApepE, which lies without the sphere Pape (see fig. lem. 2); and because this sphere is to that exterior earth as \( aC^2 \) to \( AC^2 \) — \( aC^2 \), that is (seeing PC or aC the least semi-diameter of the earth is to \( AC \) the greatest semi-diameter of the same as 229 to 230), as 52441 to 459; if this ring encompassed the earth round the equator, and both together were revolved about the diameter of the ring, the motion of the ring (by lem. 3) would be to the motion of the inner sphere as 459 to 52441 and 1000000 to 925275 conjunctly, that is, as 4590 to 485223; and therefore the motion of the ring would be to the sum of the motions of both ring and sphere as 4590 to 489813. Wherefore if the ring adheres to the sphere, and communicates its motion to the sphere, by which its nodes or equinoctial points recede, the motion remaining in the ring will be to its former motion as 4590 to 489813; upon which account the motion of the equinoctial points will be diminished in the same proportion. Wherefore the annual motion of the equinoctial points of the body, composed of both ring and sphere, will be to the motion 20° 11' 46'' as 1436 to 39843 and 4590 to 489813 conjunctly, that is, as 100 to 292369. But the forces by which the nodes of a number of moons (as we explained above), and therefore by which the equinoctial points of the ring recede (that is, the forces \( 3IT \), in fig. prop. 30), are in the several particles as the distances of those particles from the plane QR; and by these forces the particles recede from that plane: and therefore (by lem. 2) if the matter of the ring was spread all over the surface of the sphere, after the fashion of the figure PapApepE, in order to make up that exterior part of the earth, the total force or power of all the particles to wheel about the earth round any diameter of the equator, and therefore to move the equinoctial points, would become less than before in the proportion of 2 to 5. Wherefore the annual regres of the equinoxes now would be to 20° 11' 46'' as 10 to 73092; that is, would be 3° 56'' 50''.

But because the plane of the equator is inclined to that of the ecliptic, this motion is to be diminished in the proportion
of the sine 91706 (which is the co-sine of 29½ deg.) to the radius 100000; and the remaining motion will now be 9° 7" 20'., which is the annual precession of the equinoxes arising from the force of the sun.

But the force of the moon to move the sea was to the force of the sun nearly as 4,4815 to 1; and the force of the moon to move the equinoxes is to that of the sun in the same proportion. Whence the annual precession of the equinoxes proceeding from the force of the moon comes out 40° 52' 52". and the total annual precession arising from the united forces of both will be 50° 00' 12". the quantity of which motion agrees with the phenomena; for the precession of the equinoxes, by astronomical observations, is about 50" yearly.

If the height of the earth at the equator exceeds its height at the poles by more than 17¼ miles, the matter thereof will be more rare near the surface than at the centre; and the precession of the equinoxes will be augmented by the excess of height, and diminished by the greater rarity.

And now we have described the system of the sun, the earth, moon, and planets, it remains that we add something about the comets.

LEMMA IV.
That the comets are higher than the moon, and in the regions of the planets.

As the comets were placed by astronomers above the moon, because they were found to have no diurnal parallax, so their annual parallax is a convincing proof of their descending into the regions of the planets; for all the comets which move in a direct course according to the order of the signs, about the end of their appearance become more than ordinarily low or retrograde, if the earth is between them and the sun; and more than ordinarily swift, if the earth is approaching to a heliocentric opposition with them; whereas, on the other hand, those which move against the order of the signs, towards the end of their appearance appear swifter than they ought to be, if the earth is between them and the sun; and flower, and perhaps retrograde, if the earth is in the other side of its orbit. And these appearances proceed chiefly from
the diverse situations which the earth acquires in the course of its motion, after the same manner as it happens to the planets, which appear sometimes retrograde, sometimes more slowly, and sometimes more swiftly, progressive, according as the motion of the earth falls in with that of the planet, or is directed the contrary way. If the earth move the same way with the comet, but, by an angular motion about the sun, so much swifter that right lines drawn from the earth to the comet converge towards the parts beyond the comet, the comet seen from the earth, because of its flower motion, will appear retrograde; and even if the earth is slower than the comet, the motion of the earth being subducted, the motion of the comet will at least appear retarded; but if the earth tends the contrary way to that of the comet, the motion of the comet will from thence appear accelerated; and from this apparent acceleration, or retardation, or regressive motion, the distance of the comet may be inferred in this manner. Let $TQA$, $TQB$, $TQC$ (Pl. 15, Fig. 1), be three observed longitudes of the comet about the time of its first appearing, and $TQF$ its last observed longitude before its disappearing. Draw the right line $ABC$, whose parts $AB$, $BC$, intercepted between the right lines $QA$ and $QB$, $QB$ and $QC$, may be one to the other as the two times between the three first observations. Produce $AC$ to $G$, so as $AG$ may be to $AB$ as the time between the first and last observation to the time between the first and second; and join $QG$. Now if the comet did move uniformly in a right line, and the earth either stood still, or was likewise carried forwards in a right line by an uniform motion, the angle $TQG$ would be the longitude of the comet at the time of the last observation. The angle, therefore, $FQG$, which is the difference of the longitude, proceeds from the inequality of the motions of the comet and the earth; and this angle, if the earth and comet move contrary ways, is added to the angle $TQG$, and accelerates the apparent motion of the comet; but if the comet move the same way with the earth, it is substracted, and either retards the motion of the comet, or perhaps renders it retrograde, as we have but now explained. This angle, therefore, proceeding
chiefly from the motion of the earth, is justly to be esteemed the parallax of the comet; neglecting, to wit, some little increment or decrement that may arise from the unequal motion of the comet in its orbit; and from this parallax we thus deduce the distance of the comet. Let S (Pl. 15, Fig. 2) represent the sun, acT the orbis magnus, a the earth's place in the first observation, c the place of the earth in the third observation, T the place of the earth in the last observation, and TT a right line drawn to the beginning of Aries. Set off the angle TTV equal to the angle TQF, that is, equal to the longitude of the comet at the time when the earth is in T; join ac, and produce it to g, so as ag may be to ac as AG to AC; and g will be the place at which the earth would have arrived in the time of the last observation, if it had continued to move uniformly in the right line ac. Wherefore, if we draw gk parallel to Ty, and make the angle gV equal to the angle gQG, this angle gV will be equal to the longitude of the comet seen from the place g, and the angle TVg will be the parallax which arises from the earth's being transferred from the place g into the place T; and therefore V will be the place of the comet in the plane of the ecliptic. And this place V is commonly lower than the orb of Jupiter.

The same thing may be deduced from the incurvation of the way of the comets; for these bodies move almost in great circles, while their velocity is great; but about the end of their course, when that part of their apparent motion which arises from the parallax bears a greater proportion to their whole apparent motion, they commonly deviate from those circles, and when the earth goes to one side, they deviate to the other; and this deflexion, because of its corresponding with the motion of the earth, must arise chiefly from the parallax; and the quantity thereof is so considerable, as, by my computation, to place the disappearing comets a good deal lower than Jupiter. Whence it follows that when they approach nearer to us in their perigees and perihelions they often descend below the orbs of Mars and the inferior planets.

The near approach of the comets is farther confirmed from the light of their heads; for the light of a celestial body, illu-
minated by the sun, and receding to remote parts, is diminished in the quadruplicate proportion of the distance; to wit, in one duplicate proportion, on account of the increase of the distance from the sun, and in another duplicate proportion, on account of the decrease of the apparent diameter. Therefore if both the quantity of light and the apparent diameter of a comet are given, its distance will be also given, by taking the distance of the comet to the distance of a planet in the direct proportion of their diameters and the reciprocal subduplicate proportion of their lights. Thus, in the comet of the year 1682, Mr. Flamsted observed with a telescope of 16 feet, and measured with a micrometer, the least diameter of its head, 2' 00; but the nucleus or star in the middle of the head scarcely amounted to the tenth part of this measure; and therefore its diameter was only 11" or 12"; but in the light and splendor of its head it surpassed that of the comet in the year 1680, and might be compared with the stars of the first or second magnitude. Let us suppose that Saturn with its ring was about four times more lucid; and because the light of the ring was almost equal to the light of the globe within, and the apparent diameter of the globe is about 21", and therefore the united light of both globe and ring would be equal to the light of a globe whose diameter is 30", it follows that the distance of the comet was to the distance of Saturn as 1 to $\sqrt{4}$ inversely, and 12" to 30 directly; that is, as 24 to 30, or 4 to 5. Again; the comet in the month of April 1665, as Hevelius informs us, excelled almost all the fixed stars in splendor, and even Saturn itself, as being of a much more vivid colour; for this comet was more lucid than that other which had appeared about the end of the preceding year, and had been compared to the stars of the first magnitude. The diameter of its head was about 6'; but the nucleus, compared with the planets by means of a telescope, was plainly less than Jupiter; and sometimes judged less, sometimes judged equal, to the globe of Saturn within the ring. Since, then, the diameters of the heads of the comets seldom exceed 8' or 12', and the diameter of the nucleus or central star is but about a tenth or perhaps fifteenth part of the diameter of Vol. II. S
the head, it appears that these stars are generally of about the same apparent magnitude with the planets. But in regard that their light may be often compared with the light of Saturn, yea, and sometimes exceeds it, it is evident that all comets in their perihelions must either be placed below or not far above Saturn; and they are much mistaken who remove them almost as far as the fixed stars; for if it was so, the comets could receive no more light from our sun than our planets do from the fixed stars.

So far we have gone, without considering the obscuration which comets suffer from that plenty of thick smoke which encompasseth their heads, and through which the heads always shew dull, as through a cloud; for by how much the more a body is obscured by this smoke, by so much the more near it must be allowed to come to the sun, that it may vie with the planets in the quantity of light which it reflects. Whence it is probable that the comets descend far below the orb of Saturn, as we proved before from their parallax. But, above all, the thing is evinced from their tails, which must be owing either to the sun's light reflected by a smoke arising from them, and dispersing itself through the æther, or to the light of their own heads. In the former case, we must shorten the distance of the comets, left we be obliged to allow that the smoke arising from their heads is propagated through such a vast extent of space, and with such a velocity and expansion, as will seem altogether incredible; in the latter case, the whole light of both head and tail is to be ascribed to the central nucleus. But, then, if we suppose all this light to be united and condensed within the disk of the nucleus, certainly the nucleus will by far exceed Jupiter itself in splendor, especially when it emits a very large and lucid tail. If, therefore, under a less apparent diameter, it reflects more light, it must be much more illuminated by the sun, and therefore much nearer to it; and the same argument will bring down the heads of comets sometimes within the orb of Venus viz. when, being hid under the sun's rays, they emit such huge and splendid tails, like beams of fire, as sometimes they do; for if all that light was supposed to be gathered together into one
star, it would sometimes exceed not one Venus only, but a great many such united into one.

Lastly; the same thing is inferred from the light of the heads, which increases in the recess of the comets from the earth towards the sun, and decreases in their return from the sun towards the earth; for so the comet of the year 1665 (by the observations of Hevelius), from the time that it was first seen, was always losing of its apparent motion, and therefore had already passed its perigee; but yet the splendor of its head was daily increasing, till, being hid under the sun's rays, the comet ceased to appear. The comet of the year 1683 (by the observations of the same Hevelius), about the end of July, when it first appeared, moved at a very slow rate, advancing only about 40 or 45 minutes in its orb in a day's time; but from that time its diurnal motion was continually upon the increase, till September 4, when it arose to about 5 degrees; and therefore, in all this interval of time, the comet was approaching to the earth. Which is likewise proved from the diameter of its head, measured with a micrometer; for, August 6, Hevelius found it only 6' 05", including the coma, which, September 2, he observed to be 9' 07", and therefore its head appeared far less about the beginning than towards the end of the motion; though about the beginning, because nearer to the sun, it appeared far more lucid than towards the end, as the same Hevelius declares. Wherefore in all this interval of time, on account of its recess from the sun, it decreased in splendor, notwithstanding its access towards the earth. The comet of the year 1618, about the middle of December, and that of the year 1680, about the end of the same month, did both move with their greatest velocity, and were therefore then in their perigees; but the greatest splendor of their heads was seen two weeks before, when they had just got clear of the sun's rays; and the greatest splendor of their tails a little more early, when yet nearer to the sun. The head of the former comet (according to the observations of Cyphatus), December 1, appeared greater than the stars of the first magnitude; and, December 16 (then in the perigee), it was but little diminished in magnitude, but in the splendor and
brightness of its light a great deal. January 7, Kepler, being uncertain about the head, left off observing. December 12, the head of the latter comet was seen and observed by Mr. Flamsteed, when but 9 degrees distant from the sun; which is scarcely to be done in a star of the third magnitude. December 15 and 17, it appeared as a star of the third magnitude, its luftre being diminished by the brightness of the clouds near the setting sun. December 26, when it moved with the greatest velocity, being almost in its perigee, it was less than the mouth of Pegasus, a star of the third magnitude. January 3, it appeared as a star of the fourth. January 9, as one of the fifth. January 13, it was hid by the splendor of the moon, then in her increase. January 25, it was scarcely equal to the stars of the seventh magnitude. If we compare equal intervals of time on one side and on the other from the perigee, we shall find that the head of the comet, which at both intervals of time was far, but yet equally, removed from the earth, and should have therefore shone with equal splendor, appeared brightest on the side of the perigee towards the sun, and disappeared on the other. Therefore, from the great difference of light in the one situation and in the other, we conclude the great vicinity of the sun and comet in the former; for the light of comets uses to be regular, and to appear greatest when the heads move fastest, and are therefore in their perigees; excepting in so far as it is increased by their nearness to the sun.

Cor. 1. Therefore the comets shine by the sun’s light, which they reflect.

Cor. 2. From what has been said, we may likewise understand why comets are so frequently seen in that hemisphere in which the sun is, and so seldom in the other. If they were visible in the regions far above Saturn, they would appear more frequently in the parts opposite to the sun; for such as were in those parts would be nearer to the earth, whereas the presence of the sun must obscure and hide those that appear in the hemisphere in which he is. Yet, looking over the history of comets, I find that four or five times more have been seen in the hemisphere towards the sun than in the opposite
hemisphere; besides, without doubt, not a few, which have been hid by the light of the sun: for comets descending into our parts neither emit tails, nor are so well illuminated by the sun, as to discover themselves to our naked eyes, until they are come nearer to us than Jupiter. But the far greater part of that spherical space, which is described about the sun with so small an interval, lies on that side of the earth which regards the sun; and the comets in that greater part are commonly more strongly illuminated, as being for the most part nearer to the sun.

Cor. 3. Hence also it is evident that the celestial spaces are void of resistance; for though the comets are carried in oblique paths, and sometimes contrary to the course of the planets, yet they move every way with the greatest freedom, and preserve their motions for an exceeding long time, even where contrary to the course of the planets. I am out in my judgment if they are not a sort of planets revolving in orbits returning into themselves with a perpetual motion; for, as to what some writers contend, that they are no other than meteors, led into this opinion by the perpetual changes that happen to their heads, it seems to have no foundation; for the heads of comets are encompassed with huge atmospheres, and the lowermost parts of these atmospheres must be the densest; and therefore it is in the clouds only, not in the bodies of the comets themselves, that these changes are seen. Thus the earth, if it was viewed from the planets, would, without all doubt, shine by the light of its clouds, and the solid body would scarcely appear through the surrounding clouds. Thus also the belts of Jupiter are formed in the clouds of that planet, for they change their position one to another, and the solid body of Jupiter is hardly to be seen through them; and much more must the bodies of comets be hid under their atmospheres, which are both deeper and thicker.

PROPOSITION XL. THEOREM XX.
That the comets move in some of the conic sections, having their foci in the centre of the sun; and by radii drawn to the sun, describe areas proportional to the times.
This proposition appears from cor. 1, prop. 13, book 1, compared with prop. 8, 12, and 13, book 3.

Cor. 1. Hence if comets are revolved in orbits returning into themselves, those orbits will be ellipses; and their periodic times be to the periodic times of the planets in the sesquiplicate proportion of their principal axes. And therefore the comets, which for the most part of their course are higher than the planets, and upon that account describe orbits with greater axes, will require a longer time to finish their revolutions. Thus if the axis of a comet’s orbit was four times greater than the axis of the orbit of Saturn, the time of the revolution of the comet would be to the time of the revolution of Saturn, that is, to 30 years, as $4\sqrt{4}$ (or 8) to 1, and would therefore be 240 years.

Cor. 2. But their orbits will be so near to parabolas, that parabolas may be used for them without sensible error.

Cor. 3. And, therefore, by cor. 7, prop. 16, book 1, the velocity of every comet will always be to the velocity of any planet, supposed to be revolved at the same distance in a circle about the sun, nearly in the subduplicate proportion of double the distance of the planet from the centre of the sun to the distance of the comet from the sun’s centre, very nearly. Let us suppose the radius of the orbis magnus, or the greatest semi-diameter of the ellipsis which the earth describes, $\frac{1}{9}$ consist of 100000000 parts; and then the earth by its mean diurnal motion will describe 1720212 of those parts, and 71675$\frac{1}{2}$ by its horary motion. And therefore the comet, at the same mean distance of the earth from the sun, with a velocity which is to the velocity of the earth as $\sqrt{2}$ to 1, would by its diurnal motion describe 2432747 parts, and 101364$\frac{1}{2}$ parts by its horary motion. But at greater or less distances both the diurnal and horary motion will be to this diurnal and horary motion in the reciprocal subduplicate proportion of the distances, and is therefore given.

Cor. 4. Wherefore if the latus rectum of the parabola is quadruple of the radius of the orbis magnus, and the square of that radius is supposed to consist of 100000000 parts, the
area which the comet will daily describe by a radius drawn to the sun will be $1216373\frac{1}{4}$ parts, and the horary area will be $50688\frac{1}{4}$ parts. But, if the latus rectum is greater or less in any proportion, the diurnal and horary area will be less or greater in the subduplicate of the same proportion reciprocally.

**LEMMA V.**

To find a curve line of the parabolic kind which shall pass through any given number of points. (Pl. 15, Fig. 3.)

Let those points be A, B, C, D, E, F, &c., and from the same to any right line HN, given in position, let fall as many perpendiculars AH, BI, CK, DL, EM, FN, &c.

**Case 1.** If HI, IK, KL, &c. the intervals of the points H, I, K, L, M, N, &c. are equal, take b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, &c. the first differences of the perpendiculars AH, BI, CK, &c.; their second differences c, 2c, 3c, 4c. &c.; their third, d, 2d, 3d, &c. that is to say, so as AH — BI may be = b, BI — CK = 2b, CK — DL = 3b, DL + EM = 4b, — EM + FN = 5b, &c.; then b — 2b = c, &c. and so on to the last difference, which is here $f$. Then, erecting any perpendicular RS, which may be considered as an ordinate of the curve required, in order to find the length of this ordinate, suppose the intervals HI, IK, KL, LM, &c. to be units, and let AH = a, — HS = p, $\frac{1}{4}$p into — IS = q, $\frac{1}{4}$q into + SK = r, $\frac{1}{4}$r into + SL = s, $\frac{1}{4}$s into + SM = t; proceeding, to wit, to ME, the last perpendicular but one, and prefixing negative signs before the terms HS, IS, &c. which lie from S towards A; and affirmative signs before the terms SK, SL, &c. which lie on the other side of the point S; and, observing well the signs, RS will be = a + bp + cq + dr + es + ft, + &c.

**Case 2.** But if HI, IK, &c. the intervals of the points H, I, K, L, &c. are unequal, take b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, &c. the first differences of the perpendiculars AH, BI, CK, &c. divided by the intervals between those perpendiculars; c, 2c, 3c, 4c, &c. their second differences, divided by the intervals between every two; d, 2d, 3d, &c. their third differences, divided by the intervals between every three; e, 2e, &c. their fourth differences, divided by the intervals between every...
four; and so forth; that is, in such manner, that $b$ may be $= \frac{AH - BI}{HI}, 2b = \frac{BI - CK}{IK}, 3b = \frac{CK - DL}{KL}, \&c.$ then $c = \frac{b - 2b}{IK}, 2c = \frac{2b - 3b}{IL}, 3c = \frac{3b - 4b}{KM}, \&c.$ then $d = \frac{c - 2c}{HL}$

And those differences being found, let $AH$ be $= a, - HS = p, p$ into $- IS = q, q$ into $+ SK = r, r$ into $+ SL = s, s$ into $+ SM = t; \text{proceeding, to wit,}$

to $ME, \text{the last perpendicular but one; and the ordinate RS}$

will be $= a + bp + cq + dr + es + ft, + \&c.$

Cor. Hence the areas of all curves may be nearly found; for if some number of points of the curve to be squared are found, and a parabola be supposed to be drawn through those points, the area of this parabola will be nearly the same with the area of the curvilinear figure proposed to be squared: but the parabola can be always squared geometrically by methods vulgarly known.

LEMMA VI.

Certain observed places of a comet being given, to find the place of the same to any intermediate given time.

Let $HI, IK, KL, LM$ (in the preceding Fig.), represent the times between the observations; $HA, IB, KC, LD, ME,$

the observed longitudes of the comet; and $HS$ the given time between the first observation and the longitude required. Then if a regular curve $ABCDE$ is supposed to be drawn through the points $A, B, C, D, E,$ and the ordinate $RS$ is found out by the preceding lemma, $RS$ will be the longitude required.

After the same method, from five observed latitudes, we may find the latitude to a given time.

If the differences of the observed longitudes are small, suppose of 4 or 5 degrees, three or four observations will be sufficient to find a new longitude and latitude; but if the differences are greater, as of 10 or 20 degrees, five observations ought to be used.

LEMMA VII.

Through a given point $P$ (Pl. 15, Fig. 4) to draw a right line $BC,$ whose parts $PB, PC,$ cut off by two right lines $AB, AC,$
Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

b 2b sb 4b sb
c 2c 3c 4c
d 2d 3d
e 2e
f

Fig. 4.
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given in position, may be one to the other in a given proportion.

From the given point P suppose any right line PD to be drawn to either of the right lines given, as AB; and produce the same towards AC, the other given right line, as far as E, so as PE may be to PD in the given proportion. Let EC be parallel to AD. Draw CPB, and PC will be to PB as PE to PD. Q.E.F.

LEMMA VIII.

Let ABC (Pl. 16, Fig. 1) be a parabola, having its focus in S. By the chord AC bisected in I cut off the segment ABCI, whose diameter is Ip and vertex μ. In Ip produced take μO equal to one half of Ip. Join OS, and produce it to ξ, so as SX may be equal to 2SO. Now, supposing a comet to revolve in the arc CBA, draw ξB, cutting AC in E; I say, the point E will cut off from the chord AC the segment AE, nearly proportional to the time.

For if we join EO, cutting the parabolic arc ABC in Y, and draw μX touching the same arc in the vertex μ, and meeting EO in X, the curvilinear area AEXμA will be to the curvilinear area ACYμA as AE to AC; and, therefore, since the triangle ASE is to the triangle ASC in the same proportion, the whole area ASEXμA will be to the whole area ASCYμA as AE to AC. But, because ξO is to SO as 3 to 1, and EO to XO in the same proportion, SX will be parallel to EB; and, therefore, joining BX, the triangle SEB will be equal to the triangle XEB. Wherefore if to the area ASEXμA we add the triangle EXB, and from the sum subduct the triangle SEB, there will remain the area ASBXμA, equal to the area ASEXμA, and therefore in proportion to the area ASCYμA as AE to AC. But the area ASBYμA is nearly equal to the area ASBXμA; and this area ASBYμA is to the area ASCYμA as the time of description of the arc AB to the time of description of the whole arc AC; and, therefore, AE is to AC nearly in the proportion of the times. Q.E.D.

Cor. When the point B falls upon the vertex μ of the parabola, AE is to AC accurately in the proportion of the times.
If we join $\mu \xi$ cutting $AC$ in $\xi$, and in it take $\xi n$ in proportion to $\mu B$ as $27 \text{MI}$ to $16 M \mu$, and draw $Bn$, this $Bn$ will cut the chord $AC$, in the proportion of the times, more accurately than before; but the point $n$ is to be taken beyond or on this side the point $\xi$, according as the point $B$ is more or less distant from the principal vertex of the parabola than the point $\mu$.

**Lemma IX.**

The right lines $1\mu$ and $\mu M$, and the length $\frac{AIC}{4S\mu}$, are equal among themselves.

For $4S\mu$ is the latus rectum of the parabola belonging to the vertex $\mu$.

**Lemma X.**

Produce $S\mu$ to $N$ and $P$ (Pl. 16, Fig. 2), so as $\mu N$ may be one third of $\mu I$, and $SP$ may be to $SN$ as $SN$ to $S\mu$; and in the time that a comet would describe the arc $A\mu C$, if it was supposed to move always forwards with the velocity which it hath in a height equal to $SP$, it would describe a length equal to the chord $AC$.

For if the comet with the velocity which it hath in $\mu$, in the said time supposed to move uniformly forwards in the right line which touches the parabola in $\mu$, the area which it would describe by a radius drawn to the point $S$ would be equal to the parabolic area $ACS\mu A$; and therefore the space contained under the length described in the tangent and the length $S\mu$ would be to the space contained under the lengths $AC$ and $SM$ as the area $ASC\mu A$ to the triangle $ASC$, that is, as $SN$ to $SM$. Wherefore $AC$ is to the length described in the tangent as $S\mu$ to $SN$. But since the velocity of the comet in the height $SP$ (by cor. 6, prop. 16, book 1) is to the velocity of the same in the height $S\mu$ in the reciprocal subduplicate proportion of $SP$ to $S\mu$, that is, in the proportion of $S\mu$ to $SN$, the length described with this velocity will be to the length in the same time described in the tangent as $S\mu$ to $SN$. Wherefore since $AC$, and the length described with this new velocity, are in the same proportion to the length
described in the tangent, they must be equal betwixt themselves. Q.E.D.

Cor. Therefore a comet, with that velocity which it hath in the height \( S_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \mu \), would in the same time describe the chord AC nearly.

**LEMMA XI.**

If a comet void of all motion was let fall from the height SN, or \( S_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \mu \), towards the sun, and was still impelled to the sun by the same force uniformly continued by which it was impelled at first, the same, in one half of that time in which it might describe the arc AC in its own orbit, would in descending describe a space equal to the length \( \mu \).

For in the same time that the comet would require to describe the parabolic arc AC, it would (by the last lemma), with that velocity which it hath in the height SP, describe the chord AC; and, therefore (by cor. 7, prop. 16, book 1), if it was in the same time supposed to revolve by the force of its own gravity in a circle whose semi-diameter was SP, it would describe an arc of that circle, the length of which would be to the chord of the parabolic arc AC in the subduplicate proportion of 1 to 2. Wherefore if with that weight, which in the height SP it hath towards the sun, it should fall from that height towards the sun, it would (by cor. 9, prop. 4, book 1) in half the said time describe a space equal to the square of half the said chord applied to quadruple the height SP, that is, it would describe the space \( \frac{A \mu}{4SP} \). But since the weight of the comet towards the sun in the height SN is to the weight of the same towards the sun in the height SP as \( S_\mu \) to \( S_\mu \), the comet, by the weight which it hath in the height SN, in falling from that height towards the sun, would in the same time describe the space \( \frac{A \mu}{4SP} \); that is, a space equal to the length \( \mu \) or \( \mu M \). Q.E.D.

**PROPOSITION XLI. PROBLEM XXI.**

*From three observations given to determine the orbit of a comet moving in a parabola.*
This being a problem of very great difficulty, I tried many methods of resolving it; and several of those problems, the composition whereof I have given in the first book, tended to this purpose. But afterwards I contrived the following solution, which is something more simple.

Select three observations distant one from another by intervals of time nearly equal; but let that interval of time in which the comet moves more slowly be somewhat greater than the other; so, to wit, that the difference of the times may be to the sum of the times as the sum of the times to about 600 days; or that the point E (Pl. 16, Fig. 1) may fall upon M nearly, and may err therefrom rather towards I than towards A. If such direct observations are not at hand, a new place of the comet must be found, by lem. 6.

Let S (Pl. 16, Fig. 3) represent the sun; T, t, τ, three places of the earth in the orbis magnus; TA, tB, τC, three observed longitudes of the comet; V the time between the first observation and the second; W the time between the second and the third; X the length which in the whole time V + W the comet might describe with that velocity which it hath in the mean distance of the earth from the sun, which length is to be found by cor. 3, prop. 40, book 3; and tV a perpendicular upon the chord Tτ. In the mean observed longitude tB take at pleasure the point B, for the place of the comet in the plane of the ecliptic; and from thence, towards the sun S, draw the line BE, which may be to the perpendicular tV as the content under SB and St² to the cube of the hypothenuse of the right angled triangle, whose sides are SB, and the tangent of the latitude of the comet in the second observation to the radius tB. And through the point E (by lemma 7) draw the right line AEC, whose parts AE and EC, terminating in the right lines TA and τC, may be one to the other as the times V and W; then A and C will be nearly the places of the comet in the plane of the ecliptic in the first and third observations, if B was its place rightly assumed in the second.

Upon AC, bisected in I, erect the perpendicular II. Through B draw the obscure line Bi parallel to AC. Join the obscure
line Si, cutting AC in λ, and complete the parallelogram ilλμ. Take Is equal to 3λ; and through the sun S draw the oblique line σx equal to 3Sx + 3 il. Then, cancelling the letters A, E, C, I, from the point B towards the point ξ, draw the new oblique line BE, which may be to the former BE in the duplicate proportion of the distance BS to the quantity Sx + 3 il. And through the point E draw again the right line AEC by the same rule as before, that is, so as its parts AE and EC may be one to the other as the times V and W between the observations. Thus A and C will be the places of the comet more accurately.

Upon AC, bisected in I, erect the perpendiculars AM, CN, IO, of which AM and CN may be the tangents of the latitudes in the first and third observations, to the radii TA and τC. Join MN, cutting IO in O. Draw the rectangular parallelogram ilλμ, as before. In IA produced take ID equal to Sx + 3 il. Then in MN, towards N, take MP, which may be to the above found length X in the subduplicate proportion of the mean distance of the earth from the sun (or of the semi-diameter of the orbis magnus) to the distance OD. If the point P fall upon the point N; A, B, and C, will be three places of the comet, through which its orbit is to be described in the plane of the ecliptic. But if the point P falls not upon the point N, in the right line AC take CG equal to NP, so as the points G and P may lie on the same side of the line NC.

By the same method as the points E, A, C, G, were found from the assumed point B, from other points ß and γ assumed at pleasure, find out the new points e, a, c, g; and e, a, κ, γ. Then through G, g, and γ, draw the circumference of a circle Ggy, cutting the right line τC in Z; and Z will be one place of the comet in the plane of the ecliptic. And in AC, ac, κτ, taking AF, af, κφ, equal respectively to CG, cg, κγ; through the points F, f, and φ, draw the circumference of a circle Ffφ, cutting the right line AT in X; and the point X will be another place of the comet in the plane of the ecliptic. And at the points X and Z, erecting the tangents of the latitudes of the comet to the radii TX and τZ, two places of the
comet in its own orbit will be determined. Lastly, if (by prop. 19, book 1) to the focus $S$ a parabola is described passing through those two places, this parabola will be the orbit of the comet. Q.E.I.

The demonstration of this construction follows from the preceding lemmas, because the right line $AC$ is cut in $E$ in the proportion of the times, by lem. 7, as it ought to be, by lem. 8; and $BE$, by lem. 11, is a portion of the right line $BS$ or $B\xi$ in the plane of the ecliptic, intercepted between the arc $ABC$ and the chord $AEC$; and $MP$ (by cor. lem. 10) is the length of the chord of that arc, which the comet should describe in its proper orbit between the first and third observation, and therefore is equal to $MN$, providing $B$ is a true place of the comet in the plane of the ecliptic.

But it will be convenient to assume the points $B$, $b$, $\beta$, not at random, but nearly true. If the angle $AQ\tau$, at which the projection of the orbit in the plane of the ecliptic cuts the right line $tB$, is rudely known, at that angle with $Bt$ draw the obscure line $AC$, which may be to $\frac{1}{4}t\tau$ in the subduplicate proportion of $SQ$ to $St$; and, drawing the right line $SEB$ so as its part $EB$ may be equal to the length $Vt$, the point $B$ will be determined, which we are to use for the first time. Then, cancelling the right line $AC$, and drawing anew $AC$ according to the preceding construction, and, moreover, finding the length $MP$, in $tB$ take the point $b$, by this rule, that, if $TA$ and $\tau C$ intersect each other in $Y$, the distance $Yb$ may be to the distance $YB$ in a proportion compounded of the proportion of $MP$ to $MN$, and the subduplicate proportion of $SB$ to $Sb$. And by the same method you may find the third point $\beta$, if you please to repeat the operation the third time; but if this method is followed, two operations generally will be sufficient; for if the distance $Bb$ happens to be very small, after the points $F$, $f$, and $G$, $g$, are found, draw the right lines $Ff$ and $Gg$, and they will cut $TA$ and $\tau C$ in the points required, $X$ and $Z$.

**Example.**

Let the comet of the year 1680 be propofed. The following table shews the motion thereof, as observed by Flamfled,
and calculated afterwards by him from his observations, and corrected by Dr. Halley from the same observations.

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These observations were made by a telescope of 7 feet, with a micrometer and threads placed in the focus of the telescope; by which instruments we determined the positions both of the fixed stars among themselves, and of the comet in respect of the fixed stars. Let A (Pl. 17) represent the star of the fourth magnitude in the left heel of Perseus (Bayer's α), B the following star of the third magnitude in the left foot (Bayer's ξ), C a star of the sixth magnitude (Bayer's η) in the heel of the same foot, and D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, Z, α, β, γ, δ, other smaller stars in the same foot; and let P, Q, R, S, T, V, X, represent the places of the comet in the observations above set down; and,
reckoning the distance AB of $80\frac{1}{2}$ parts, AC was $52\frac{1}{4}$ of those parts; BC, $58\frac{1}{2}$; AD, $57\frac{3}{4}$; BD, $82\frac{1}{2}$; CD, $23\frac{1}{4}$; AE, $29\frac{3}{4}$; CE, $57\frac{1}{2}$; DE, $49\frac{1}{2}$; AI, $27\frac{1}{4}$; BI, $54\frac{1}{2}$; CI, $30\frac{1}{2}$; DI, $53\frac{1}{4}$; AK, $38\frac{3}{4}$; BK, $43$; CK, $31\frac{1}{4}$; FK, $29$; FB, $23$; FC, $36\frac{1}{2}$; AH, $18\frac{1}{2}$; DH, $50\frac{1}{4}$; BN, $46\frac{1}{4}$; CN, $31\frac{1}{2}$; BL, $45\frac{1}{4}$; NL, $31\frac{1}{2}$. HO was to HI as 7 to 6, and, produced, did pass between the stars D and E, so as the distance of the star D from this right line was $\frac{1}{2}$CD. LM was to LN as 2 to 9, and, produced, did pass through the star H. Thus were the positions of the fixed stars determined in respect of one another.

Mr. Pound has since observed a second time the positions of these fixed stars amongst themselves, and collected their longitudes and latitudes according to the following table.

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The positions of the comet to these fixed stars were observed to be as follow:

Friday, February 25, O.S. at $8\frac{1}{2}$ h. P. M. the distance of the comet in P from the star E was less than $\frac{1}{4}$AE, and greater than $\frac{1}{2}$AE, and therefore nearly equal to $\frac{3}{4}$AE; and the angle AP was a little obtuse, but almost right. For from A, letting fall a perpendicular on EP, the distance of the comet from that perpendicular was $\frac{1}{4}$PE.

The same night, at $9\frac{1}{2}$h. the distance of the comet in P from the star E was greater than $\frac{1}{4}$AE, and less than $\frac{1}{5}$AE, and therefore nearly equal to $\frac{10}{4}$AE, or $\frac{1}{2}$AE. But
the distance of the comet from the perpendicular let fall from the star A upon the right line PE was $\frac{3}{4}PE$.

Sunday, February 27, 8th. P. M. the distance of the comet in Q from the star O was equal to the distance of the stars O and H; and the right line QO produced passed between the stars K and B. I could not, by reason of intervening clouds, determine the position of the star to greater accuracy.

Tuesday, March 1, 11th. P. M. the comet in R lay exactly in a line between the stars K and C, so as the part CR of the right line CRK was a little greater than $\frac{1}{4}$CK, and a little less than $\frac{3}{4}$CK + $\frac{1}{4}$CR, and therefore $=\frac{1}{4}CK + \frac{1}{16}CR$, or $\frac{11}{16}CK$.

Wednesday, March 2, 8th. P. M. the distance of the comet in S from the star C was nearly $\frac{1}{2}FC$; the distance of the star F from the right line CS produced was $\frac{1}{16}FC$; and the distance of the star B from the same right line was five times greater than the distance of the star F; and the right line NS produced passed between the stars H and I five or six times nearer to the star H than to the star I.

Saturday, March 5, 11th. P. M. when the comet was in T, the right line MT was equal to $\frac{1}{4}ML$, and the right line LT produced passed between B and F four or five times nearer to F than to B, cutting off from BF a fifth or sixth part thereof towards F; and MT produced passed on the outside of the space BF towards the star B four times nearer to the star B than to the star F. M was a very small star, scarcely to be seen by the telescope; but the star L was greater, and of about the eighth magnitude.

Monday, March 7, 9th. P. M. the comet being in V, the right line VA produced did pass between B and F, cutting off, from BF towards F, $\frac{1}{16}$ of BF, and was to the right line VB as 5 to 4. And the distance of the comet from the right line VB was $\frac{1}{4}VB$.

Wednesday, March 9, 8th. P. M. the comet being in X, the right line $\gamma X$ was equal to $\frac{1}{4}\gamma \delta$; and the perpendicular let fall from the star $\delta$ upon the right $\gamma X$ was $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\gamma \delta$.

The same night, at 12th. the comet being in Y, the right line $\gamma Y$ was equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\gamma \delta$, or a little less, as perhaps $\frac{1}{5}$ of $\gamma \delta$; and a perpendicular let fall from the star $\delta$ on the right
line $\gamma Y$ was equal to about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4} \gamma \delta$. But the comet being then extremely near the horizon, was scarcely discernible, and therefore its place could not be determined with that certainty as in the foregoing observations.

From these observations, by constructions of figures and calculations, I deduced the longitudes and latitudes of the comet; and Mr. Pound, by correcting the places of the fixed stars, hath determined more correctly the places of the comet, which correct places are set down above. Though my micrometer was none of the best, yet the errors in longitude and latitude (as derived from my observations) scarcely exceed one minute. The comet (according to my observations), about the end of its motion, began to decline sensibly towards the north, from the parallel which it described about the end of February.

Now, in order to determine the orbit of the comet out of the observations above described, I selected those three which Flamsteed made, Dec. 21, Jan. 5, and Jan. 25; from which I found St of 9842.1 parts, and Vt of 455, such as the semi-diameter of the orbis magnus contains 10000. Then for the first observation, assuming tB of 5637 of those parts, I found SB 9747, BE for the first time 412, $\mu 9503$, in 413, BE for the second time 421, OD 10186, X 8528.4, PM 8450, MN 8478, NP 25; from whence, by the second operation, I collected the distance tb 5640; and by this operation I at last deduced the distances TX 4775 and $\tau Z$ 11322. From which, limiting the orbit, I found its descending node in $\omega$, and ascending node in $\varphi$ 1° 53'; the inclination of its plane to the plane of the ecliptic 61° 20$\frac{1}{2}$; the vertex thereof (or the perihelion of the comet) distant from the node 8° 38', and in $\phi$ 27° 43', with latitude 7° 34' south; its latus rectum 296.8; and the diurnal area described by a radius drawn to the sun 93585, supposing the square of the semi-diameter of the orbis magnus 100000000; that the comet in this orbit moved directly according to the order of the signs, and on Dec. 84, 00°.04 P. M. was in the vertex or perihelion of its orbit. All which I determined by scale and compass, and the chords of angles, taken from the table of natural sines, in a pretty large figure.
in which, to wit, the radius of the orbis magnus (consisting of 10000 parts) was equal to 16½ inches of an English foot.

Lastly, in order to discover whether the comet did truly move in the orbit so determined, I investigated its places in this orbit partly by arithmetical operations, and partly by scale and compass, to the times of some of the observations, as may be seen in the following table.

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But afterwards Dr. Halley did determine the orbit to a greater accuracy by an arithmetical calculus than could be done by linear descriptions; and, retaining the place of the nodes in ° 55', and the inclination of the plane of the orbit to the ecliptic 61° 20', as well as the time of the comet's being in perihelio, Dec. 8° 00'. 04', he found the distance of the perihelion from the ascending node measured in the comet's orbit 9° 20', and the latus rectum of the parabola 2430 parts, supposing the mean distance of the sun from the earth to be 100000 parts: and from these data, by an accurate arithmetical calculus, he computed the places of the comet to the times of the observations as follows.
This comet also appeared in the November before, and at Coburg, in Saxony, was observed by Mr. Gottfried Kirch, on the 4th of that month, on the 6th and 11th O. S.; from its positions to the nearest fixed stars observed with sufficient accuracy, sometimes with a two feet, and sometimes with a ten feet telescope; from the difference of longitudes of Coburg and London, 11°; and from the places of the fixed stars observed by Mr. Pound, Dr. Halley has determined the places of the comet as follows.
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Nov. 3, 17th. 2', apparent time at London, the comet was in $\Omega$ 29° deg. 51', with 1 deg. 17' 45" latitude north.

November 5, 15th 58' the comet was in $\pi$ 3° 23', with 1° 6' north lat.

November 10, 16th. 31', the comet was equally distant from two flars in $\sigma$, which are $\sigma$ and $\tau$ in Bayer; but it had not quite touched the right line that joins them, but was very little distant from it. In Flamsteed's catalogue this star $\sigma$ was then in $\pi$ 14°. 15', with 1 deg. 41' lat. north nearly, and $\tau$ in $\pi$ 17° 34'/2 with 0 deg. 34' lat. south; and the middle point between those flars was $\pi$ 15° 39'/4, with 0° 33'/4 lat. north. Let the distance of the comet from that right line be about 10' or 12'; and the difference of the longitude of the comet and that middle point will be 7'; and the difference of the latitude nearly 7'/4; and thence it follows that the comet was in $\pi$ 15° 32', with about 26' lat. north.

The first observation from the position of the comet with respect to certain small fixed flars had all the exactness that could be desired; the second also was accurate enough. In the third observation, which was the least accurate, there might be an error of 6 or 7 minutes, but hardly greater. The longitude of the comet, as found in the first and most accurate observation, being computed in the aforesaid parabolic orbit, comes out $\Omega$ 29° 30' 22", its latitude north 1° 25' 7", and its distance from the sun 115546.

Moreover, Dr. Halley, observing that a remarkable comet had appeared four times at equal intervals of 575 years (that is, in the month of September after Julius Caesar was killed; An. Chr. 531, in the consulate of Lampadius and Orestes; An. Chr. 1106, in the month of February; and at the end of the year 1680; and that with a long and remarkable tail, except when it was seen after Caesar's death, at which time, by reason of the inconvenient situation of the earth, the tail was not so conspicuous), set himself to find out an elliptic orbit whose greater axis should be 1382957 parts, the mean distance of the earth from the sun containing 10000 such; in which orbit a comet might revolve in 575 years; and, placing the ascending node in $\omega$ 2° 2', the inclination of the plane of the
orbit to the plane of the ecliptic in an angle of $61^\circ 6' 48''$, the perihelion of the comet in this plane in $t. 22^\circ 44' 25''$, the equal time of the perihelion December 7th, 23h. 9', the distance of the perihelion from the ascending node in the plane of the ecliptic $9^\circ 17' 35''$, and its conjugate axis 18481,2, he computed the motions of the comet in this elliptic orbit. The places of the comet, as deduced from the observations, and as arising from computation made in this orbit, may be seen in the following table.
The observations of this comet from the beginning to the end agree as perfectly with the motion of the comet in the orbit just now described as the motions of the planets do with the theories from whence they are calculated; and by this agreement plainly evince that it was one and the same comet that appeared all that time, and also that the orbit of that comet is here rightly defined.

In the foregoing table we have omitted the observations of Nov. 16, 18, 20, and 23; as not sufficiently accurate, for at those times several persons had observed the comet. Nov. 17, O. S. Ponthaus and his companions, at 6\(^{h}\) in the morning at Rome (that is, 5\(^{h}\). 10' at London), by threads directed to the fixed stars, observed the comet in \(\alpha = 8^\circ 30'\), with latitude 0\(^{\circ}\) 40' south. Their observations may be seen in a treatise which Ponthaus published concerning this comet. Cellius, who was present, and communicated his observations in a letter to Caffini, saw the comet at the same hour in \(\alpha = 8^\circ 30'\), with latitude 0\(^{\circ}\) 30' south. It was likewise seen by Galletius at the same hour at Avignon (that is, at 5\(^{h}\). 42' morning at London) in \(\alpha = 8^\circ\) without latitude. But by the theory the comet was at that time in \(\alpha = 8^\circ 16' 45''\), and its latitude was 0\(^{\circ}\) 53' 7'' south.

Nov. 18, at 6\(^{h}\). 30' in the morning at Rome (that is, at 5\(^{h}\). 40' at London), Ponthaus observed the comet in \(\alpha = 13^\circ 30'\), with latitude 1\(^{\circ}\) 20' south; and Cellius in \(\alpha = 13^\circ 30'\), with latitude 1\(^{\circ}\) 00' south. But at 5\(^{h}\). 30' in the morning at Avignon, Galletius saw it in \(\alpha = 13^\circ 00'\), with latitude 1\(^{\circ}\) 00' south. In the University of La Fleche, in France, at 5\(^{h}\). in the morning (that is, at 5\(^{h}\) 9' at London), it was seen by P. Ango, in the middle between two small stars, one of which is the middle of the three which lie in a right line in the southern hand of Virgo, Bayer's \(\phi\); and the other is the outmost of the wing, Bayer's \(\psi\). Whence the comet was then in \(\alpha = 12^\circ 46'\), with latitude 50\(^{\circ}\) south. And I was informed by Dr. Halley, that on the same day at Boston in New England, in the latitude of 42\(\frac{1}{2}\) deg. at 5\(^{h}\). in the morning (that is, at 9\(^{h}\). 44' in the morning at London), the comet was seen near \(\alpha = 14^\circ\), with latitude 1\(^{\circ}\) 30' south.
Nov. 19, at 4½. at Cambridge, the comet (by the observation of a young man) was distant from Spica ι about 2° towards the north west. Now the spike was at that time in ▲ 19° 23' 47", with latitude 2° 1' 59" south. The same day, at 5h. in the morning, at Boston in New England, the comet was distant from Spica μ 1°, with the difference of 40' in latitude. The same day, in the island of Jamaica, it was about 1° distant from Spica μ. The same day, Mr. Arthur Storer, at the river Patuxent, near Hunting Creek, in Maryland, in the confines of Virginia, in lat 38½°, at 5 in the morning (that is, at 10h. at London), saw the comet above Spica μ, and very nearly joined with it, the distance between them being about ¼ of one deg. And from these observations compared, I conclude, that at 9h 44' at London the comet was in ▲ 18° 50', with about 1° 25' latitude south. Now by the theory the comet was at that time in ▲ 18° 52' 13", with 1° 26' 54" lat. south.

Nov. 20, Montenari, professor of astronomy at Padua, at 6h. in the morning at Venice (that is, 5h. 10' at London), saw the comet in ▲ 23°, with latitude 1° 30' south. The same day, at Boston, it was distant from Spica μ by about 4° of longitude east, and therefore was in ▲ 23° 24' nearly.

Nov. 21, Pontheus and his companions, at 7½h. in the morning, observed the comet in ▲ 27° 50', with latitude 1° 16' south; Cellius, in ▲ 28°; P. Ano at 5h. in the morning, in ▲ 27° 45'; Montenari in ▲ 27° 51'. The same day, in the island of Jamaica, it was seen near the beginning of μ, and of about the same latitude with Spica μ, that is, 2° 2'. The same day, at 5h. morning, at Ballafore, in the East Indies (that is, at 11½h. 20' of the night preceding at London), the distance of the comet from Spica μ was taken 7° 35' to the east. It was in a right line between the spike and the balance, and therefore was then in ▲ 26° 58', with about 1° 11' lat. south; and after 5h. 40' (that is, at 5h. morning at London), it was in ▲ 28° 12', with 1° 16' lat. south. Now by the theory the comet was then in ▲ 28° 10' 36", with 1° 53' 35" lat. south.

Nov. 22, the comet was seen by Montenari in μ 2° 33'; but at Boston in New England, it was found in about μ 3°, and with almost the same latitude as before, that is, 1° 30'.
The same day, at 3h. morning at Ballafore, the comet was observed in \( \mu \) 1° 50'; and therefore, at 5h. morning at London, the comet was in \( \mu \) 3° 5' nearly. The same day, at 6½h. in the morning at London, Dr. Hook observed it in about \( \mu \) 3° 30', and that in the right line which paffeth through Spica \( \mu \) and Cor Leonis; not, indeed, exactly, but deviating a little from that line towards the north. Montenari likewise observed, that this day, and some days after, a right line drawn from the comet through Spica paffed by the south side of Cor Leonis at a very small distance therefrom. The right line through Cor Leonis and Spica \( \mu \) did cut the ecliptic in \( \mu \) 3° 46' at an angle of 2° 51'; and if the comet had been in this line and in \( \mu \) 3°, its latitude would have been 2° 26'; but since Hook and Montenari agree that the comet was at some small distance from this line towards the north, its latitude must have been something less. On the 20th, by the observation of Montenari, its latitude was almost the same with that of Spica, that is, about 1° 30'. But by the agreement of Hook, Montenari, and Ango, the latitude was continually increasing, and therefore must now, on the 22d, be sensibly greater than 1° 30'; and, taking a mean between the extreme limits but now stated, 2° 26' and 1° 30', the latitude will be about 1° 58'. Hook and Montenari agree that the tail of the comet was directed towards Spica \( \mu \), declining a little from that star towards the south according to Hook, but towards the north according to Montenari; and, therefore, that declination was scarcely sensible; and the tail, lying nearly parallel to the equator, deviated a little from the opposition of the sun towards the north.

Nov. 23, O. S. at 5h. morning, at Nuremberg (that is, at 4½h at London), Mr. Zimmerman saw the comet in \( \mu \) 8° 8', with 2° 31' south lat. its place being collected by taking its distances from fixed stars.

Nov. 24, before sun-rising, the comet was seen by Montenari in \( \mu \) 12° 52' on the north side of the right line through Cor Leonis and Spica \( \mu \), and therefore its latitude was something less than 2° 38'; and since the latitude, as we said, by the concurring observations of Montenari, Ango, and Hook,
was continually increasing, therefore, it was now, on the 24th, something greater than 1° 58'; and, taking the mean quantity, may be reckoned 2° 18', without any considerable error. *Pontheus* and *Galletius* will have it that the latitude was now decreasing; and *Cellius*, and the observer in *New England*, that it continued the same, viz. of about 1°, or 14°. The observations of *Pontheus* and *Cellius* are more rude, especially those which were made by taking the azimuths and altitudes; as are also the observations of *Galletius*. Those are better which were made by taking the position of the comet to the fixed stars by *Montenari, Hook, Ango*, and the observer in *New England*, and sometimes by *Pontheus* and *Cellius*. The same day, at 5th morning, at *Ballafore*, the comet was observed in ℓ 11° 45'; and, therefore, at 5th. morning at *London*, was in ℓ 13° nearly. And, by the theory, the comet was at that time in ℓ 13° 22' 42".

Nov. 25, before sun-rise, *Montenari* observed the comet in ℓ 172° nearly; and *Cellius* observed at the same time that the comet was in a right line between the bright star in the right thigh of Virgo and the southern scale of Libra; and this right line cuts the comet's way in ℓ 18° 36'. And, by the theory, the comet was in ℓ 18½° nearly.

From all this it is plain that these observations agree with the theory, so far as they agree with one another; and by this agreement it is made clear that it was one and the same comet that appeared all the time from Nov. 4 to Mar. 9. The path of this comet did twice cut the plane of the ecliptic, and therefore was not a right line. It did cut the ecliptic not in opposite parts of the heavens, but in the end of Virgo and beginning of Capricorn, including an arc of about 98°; and therefore the way of the comet did very much deviate from the path of a great circle; for in the month of Nov. it declined at least 3° from the ecliptic towards the south; and in the month of Dec. following it declined 29° from the ecliptic towards the north; the two parts of the orbit in which the comet descended towards the sun, and ascended again from the sun, declining one from the other by an apparent angle of above 30°, as observed by *Montenari*. This comet travelled
over 9 signs, to wit, from the last deg. of Ω to the beginning of π, beside the sign of Ω, through which it passed before it began to be seen; and there is no other theory by which a comet can go over so great a part of the heavens with a regular motion. The motion of this comet was very unequable; for about the 20th of Nov. it described about 5° a day. Then its motion being retarded between Nov. 26 and Dec. 12, to wit, in the space of 15½ days, it described only 40°. But the motion thereof being afterwards accelerated, it described near 5° a day, till its motion began to be again retarded. And the theory which justly corresponds with a motion so unequable, and through so great a part of the heavens, which observes the same laws with the theory of the planets, and which accurately agrees with accurate astronomical observations, cannot be otherwise than true.

And, thinking it would not be improper, I have given (Pl. 18) a true representation of the orbit which this comet described, and of the tail which it emitted in several places, in the annexed figure; protracted in the plane of the trajectory. In this scheme ABC represents the trajectory of the comet, D the sun, DE the axis of the trajectory, DF the line of the nodes, GH the intersection of the sphere of the orbis magnus with the plane of the trajectory, I the place of the comet Nov. 4, Ann. 1680; K the place of the same Nov. 11; L the place of the same Nov. 19; M its place Dec. 12; N its place Dec. 21; O its place Dec. 29; P its place Jan. 5 following; Q its place Jan. 25; R its place Feb. 5; S its place Feb. 25; T its place March 5; and V its place March 9. In determining the length of the tail, I made the following observations.

Nov. 4 and 6, the tail did not appear; Nov. 11, the tail just began to show itself, but did not appear above ¼ deg. long through a 10 feet telescope; Nov. 17, the tail was seen by Porthmus more than 15° long; Nov. 18, in New England, the tail appeared 30° long, and directly opposite to the sun, extending itself to the planet Mars, which was then in π, 9° 54'; Nov. 19, in Maryland, the tail was found 15° or 20° long; Dec. 10 (by the observation of Mr. Flamsted), the
tail passed through the middle of the distance intercepted between the tail of the Serpent of Ophiuchus and the star \( r \) in the south wing of Aquila, and did terminate near the stars \( a, w, b \); in Bayer's tables. Therefore the end of the tail was in \( \gamma 19^\circ \), with latitude about \( 34^\circ 4^\prime \) north; Dec. 11, it ascended to the head of Sagitta (Bayer's \( a, \beta \)), terminating in \( \gamma 26^\circ 43^\prime \), with latitude \( 38^\circ 34^\prime \) north; Dec. 12, it passed through the middle of Sagitta, nor did it reach much farther; terminating in \( \approx 4^\circ \), with latitude \( 42^\circ 4^\prime \) north nearly. But these things are to be understood of the length of the brighter part of the tail; for with a more faint light, observed, too, perhaps, in a nearer sky, at Rome, Dec. 12, 5\(^h\) 40', by the observation of Pontheus, the tail arose to \( 10^\circ \) above the rump of the Swan, and the side thereof towards the west and towards the north was \( 45^\circ \) distant from this star. But about that time the tail was \( 3^\circ \) broad towards the upper end; and therefore the middle thereof was \( 2^\circ 15^\prime \) distant from that star towards the south, and the upper end was \( \chi \) in \( 22^\circ \), with latitude \( 61^\circ \) north; and thence the tail was about \( 70^\circ \) long; Dec. 21, it extended almost to Cassiopeia's chair, equally distant from \( \beta \) and from Schedir, so as its distance from either of the two was equal to the distance of the one from the other, and therefore did terminate in \( \gamma 24^\circ \), with latitude \( 47^\circ 4^\prime \); Dec. 29, it reached to a contact with Scheat on its left, and exactly filled up the space between the two stars in the northern foot of Andromeda, being \( 54^\circ \) in length; and therefore terminated in \( \gamma 19^\circ \), with \( 35^\circ \) of latitude; Jan. 5, it touched the star \( \tau \) in the breast of Andromeda on its right side, and the star \( \nu \) of the girdle on its left; and, according to our observations, was \( 40^\circ \) long; but it was curved, and the convex side thereof lay to the south; and near the head of the comet it made an angle of \( 4^\circ \) with the circle which passed through the sun and the comet's head; but towards the other end it was inclined to that circle in an angle of about \( 10^\circ \) or \( 11^\circ \); and the chord of the tail contained with that circle an angle of \( 8^\circ \). Jan. 13, the tail terminated between Alamech and Algol, with a light that was sensible enough; but with a faint light it ended over against the star \( \chi \) in Perseus's side. The distance of the end
of the tail from the circle passing through the sun and the comet was 3° 50'; and the inclination of the chord of the tail to that circle was 81°. Jan. 25 and 26, it shone with a faint light to the length of 6° or 7°; and for a night or two after, when there was a very clear sky, it extended to the length of 12°, or something more, with a light that was very faint and very hardly to be seen; but the axis thereof was exactly directed to the bright star in the eastern shoulder of Auriga, and therefore deviated from the opposition of the sun towards the north by an angle of 10°. Lastly, Feb. 10, with a telescope I observed the tail 2° long; for that fainter light which I spoke of did not appear through the glasses. But Pouthaeus writes, that, on Feb. 7, he saw the tail 12° long. Feb. 25, the comet was without a tail, and so continued till it disappeared.

Now if one reflects upon the orbit described, and duly considers the other appearances of this comet, he will be easily satisfied that the bodies of comets are solid, compact, fixed, and durable, like the bodies of the planets; for if they were nothing else but the vapours or exhalations of the earth, of the sun, and other planets, this comet, in its passage by the neighbourhood of the sun, would have been immediately dissipated; for the heat of the sun is as the density of its rays, that is, reciprocally as the square of the distance of the places from the sun. Therefore, since, on Dec. 8, when the comet was in its perihelion, the distance thereof from the centre of the sun was to the distance of the earth from the same as about 6 to 1000, the sun’s heat on the comet was at that time to the heat of the summer-sun with us as 1000000 to 56, or as 28000 to 1. But the heat of boiling water is about 3 times greater than the heat which dry earth acquires from the summer-sun, as I have tried; and the heat of red-hot iron (if my conjecture is right) is about three or four times greater than the heat of boiling water. And therefore the heat which dry earth on the comet, while in its perihelion, might have conceived from the rays of the sun, was about 2000 times greater than the heat of red-hot iron. But by so fierce a heat, va-
pours and exhalations, and every volatile matter, must have been immediately consumed and diffipated.

This comet, therefore, must have conceived an immense heat from the sun, and retained that heat for an exceeding long time; for a globe of iron of an inch in diameter, exposed red-hot to the open air, will scarcely lose all its heat in an hour's time; but a greater globe would retain its heat longer in the proportion of its diameter, because the surface (in proportion to which it is cooled by the contact of the ambient air) is in that proportion less in respect of the quantity of the included hot matter; and therefore a globe of red hot iron equal to our earth, that is, about 40000000 feet in diameter, would scarcely cool in an equal number of days, or in above 50000 years. But I suspect that the duration of heat may, on account of some latent causes, increase in a yet less proportion than that of the diameter; and I should be glad that the true proportion was investigated by experiments.

It is farther to be observed, that the comet in the month of December, just after it had been heated by the sun, did emit a much longer tail, and much more splendid, than in the month of November before, when it had not yet arrived at its perihelion; and, universally, the greatest and most fulgent tails always arise from comets immediately after their passing by the neighbourhood of the sun. Therefore the heat received by the comet conduces to the greatness of the tail: from whence, I think, I may infer, that the tail is nothing else but a very fine vapour, which the head or nucleus of the comet emits by its heat.

But we have had three several opinions about the tails of comets; for some will have it that they are nothing else but the beams of the sun's light transmitted through the comets' heads, which they suppose to be transparent; others, that they proceed from the refraction which light suffers in passing from the comet's head to the earth; and, lastly, others, that they are a sort of clouds or vapour constantly rising from the comets' heads, and tending towards the parts opposite to the sun. The first is the opinion of such as are yet unacquainted with optics; for the beams of the sun are seen in a darkened
room only in consequence of the light that is reflected from them by the little particles of dust and smoke which are always flying about in the air; and, for that reason, in air impregnated with thick smoke, those beams appear with great brightness, and move the senses vigorously; in a yet finer air they appear more faint, and are less easily discerned; but in the heavens, where there is no matter to reflect the light, they can never be seen at all. Light is not seen as it is in the beam, but as it is thence reflected to our eyes; for vision can be no otherwise produced than by rays falling upon the eyes; and, therefore, there must be some reflecting matter in those parts where the tails of the comets are seen: for otherwise, since all the celestial spaces are equally illuminated by the sun's light, no part of the heavens could appear with more splendor than another. The second opinion is liable to many difficulties. The tails of comets are never seen variegated with those colours which commonly are inseparable from refraction; and the distinct transmission of the light of the fixed stars and planets to us is a demonstration that the aether or celestial medium is not endowed with any refractive power: for as to what is alleged, that the fixed stars have been sometimes seen by the Egyptians environed with a Coma, or Capillitium, because that has but rarely happened, it is rather to be ascribed to a casual refraction of clouds; and so the radiation and scintillation of the fixed stars to the refractions both of the eyes and air; for upon laying a telescope to the eye, those radiations and scintillations immediately disappear. By the tremulous agitation of the air and ascending vapours, it happens that the rays of light are alternately turned aside from the narrow space of the pupil of the eye; but no such thing can have place in the much wider aperture of the object-glass of a telescope; and hence it is that a scintillation is occasioned in the former case, which ceases in the latter; and this cessation in the latter case is a demonstration of the regular transmission of light through the heavens, without any sensible refraction. But, to obviate an objection that may be made from the appearing of no tail in such comets as shine but with a faint light, as if the secondary rays were then too
weak to affect the eyes, and for that reason it is that the tails of the fixed stars do not appear, we are to consider, that by the means of telescopes the light of the fixed stars may be augmented above an hundred fold, and yet no tails are seen; that the light of the planets is yet more copious without any tail; but that comets are seen sometimes with huge tails, when the light of their heads is but faint and dull. For so it happened in the comet of the year 1680, when in the month of December it was scarcely equal in light to the stars of the second magnitude, and yet emitted a notable tail, extending to the length of 40°, 50°, 60°, or 70°, and upwards; and afterwards, on the 27th and 28th of January, when the head appeared but as a star of the 7th magnitude, yet the tail (as we said above), with a light that was sensible enough, though faint, was stretched out to 6 or 7 degrees in length, and with a languishing light that was more difficultly seen, even to 12°, and upwards. But on the 9th and 10th of February, when to the naked eye the head appeared no more, through a telescope I viewed the tail of 2° in length. But farther; if the tail was owing to the refraction of the celestial matter, and did deviate from the opposition of the sun, according to the figure of the heavens, that deviation in the same places of the heavens should be always directed towards the same parts. But the comet of the year 1680, December 29°. 8½. P. M. at London, was seen in 8° 41', with latitude north 28° 6'; while the sun was in 15° 18° 26'. And the comet of the year 1577, December 29°, was in 8° 41', with latitude north 28° 40', and the sun, as before, in about 15° 18° 26'. In both cases the situation of the earth was the same, and the comet appeared in the same place of the heavens; yet in the former case the tail of the comet (as well by my observations as by the observations of others) deviated from the opposition of the sun towards the north by an angle of 4½ degrees; whereas in the latter there was (according to the observations of Tycho) a deviation of 21 degrees towards the south. The refraction, therefore, of the heavens being thus disproved, it remains that the phenomena of the tails of comets must be derived from some reflecting matter.
And that the tails of comets do arise from their heads, and tend towards the parts opposite to the sun, is farther confirmed from the laws which the tails observe. As that, lying in the planes of the comets’ orbits which pass through the sun, they constantly deviate from the opposition of the sun towards the parts which the comets’ heads in their progress along these orbits have left. That to a spectator, placed in those planes, they appear in the parts directly opposite to the sun; but, as the spectator recedes from those planes, their deviation begins to appear, and daily becomes greater. That the deviation, *ceteris paribus*, appears less when the tail is more oblique to the orbit of the comet, as well as when the head of the comet approaches nearer to the sun, especially if the angle of deviation is estimated near the head of the comet. That the tails which have no deviation appear straight, but the tails which deviate are likewise bended into a certain curvature. That this curvature is greater when the deviation is greater; and is more sensible when the tail, *ceteris paribus*, is longer; for in the shorter tails the curvature is hardly to be perceived. That the angle of deviation is less near the comet’s head, but greater towards the other end of the tail; and that because the convex side of the tail regards the parts from which the deviation is made, and which lie in a right line drawn out infinitely from the sun through the comet’s head. And that the tails that are long and broad, and shine with a stronger light, appear more resplendent and more exactly defined on the convex than on the concave side. Upon which accounts it is plain that the *phenomena* of the tails of comets depend upon the motions of their heads, and by no means upon the places of the heavens in which their heads are seen; and that, therefore, the tails of comets do not proceed from the refraction of the heavens, but from their own heads, which furnish the matter that forms the tail. For, as in our air, the smoke of a heated body ascends either perpendicularly if the body is at rest, or obliquely if the body is moved obliquely, so in the heavens, where all bodies gravitate towards the sun, smoke and vapour must (as we have already said) ascend from the sun, and either rise.
perpendicularly if the smoking body is at rest, or obliquely if the body, in all the progress of its motion, is always leaving those places from which the upper or higher parts of the vapour had riven before; and that obliquity will be least where the vapour ascends with most velocity, to wit, near the smoking body, when that is near the sun. But, because the obliquity varies, the column of vapour will be incurvated; and because the vapour in the preceding sides is something more recent, that is, has ascended something more late from the body, it will therefore be something more dense on that side, and must on that account reflect more light, as well as be better defined. I add nothing concerning the sudden uncertain agitation of the tails of comets, and their irregular figures, which authors sometimes describe, because they may arise from the mutations of our air, and the motions of our clouds, in part obscuring those tails; or, perhaps, from parts of the Via Lactea, which might have been confounded with and mistaken for parts of the tails of the comets as they passed by.

But that the atmospheres of comets may furnish a supply of vapour great enough to fill so immense spaces, we may easily understand from the rarity of our own air; for the air near the surface of our earth possesses a space 850 times greater than water of the same weight; and therefore a cylinder of air 850 feet high is of equal weight with a cylinder of water of the same breadth, and but one foot high. But a cylinder of air reaching to the top of the atmosphere is of equal weight with a cylinder of water about 33 feet high: and, therefore, if from the whole cylinder of air the lower part of 850 feet high is taken away, the remaining upper part will be of equal weight with a cylinder of water 32 feet high: and from thence (and by the hypothesis, confirmed by many experiments, that the compression of air is as the weight of the incumbent atmosphere, and that the force of gravity is reciprocally as the square of the distance from the centre of the earth) raising a calculus, by cor. prop. 22, book 2, I found, that at the height of one semi-diameter of the earth, reckoned from the earth's surface, the air is more rare than with us in a far greater proportion than of the whole
space within the orb of Saturn to a spherical space of one inch in diameter; and therefore if a sphere of our air of but one inch in thickness was equally rarefied with the air at the height of one semi-diameter of the earth from the earth's surface, it would fill all the regions of the planets to the orb of Saturn, and far beyond it. Wherefore since the air at greater distances is immensely rarefied, and the coma or atmosphere of comets is ordinarily about ten times higher, reckoning from their centres, than the surface of the nucleus, and the tails rise yet higher, they must therefore be exceedingly rare: and though, on account of the much thicker atmospheres of comets, and the great gravitation of their bodies towards the sun, as well as of the particles of their air and vapours mutually one towards another, it may happen that the air in the celestial spaces and in the tails of comets is not so vastly rarefied, yet from this computation it is plain that a very small quantity of air and vapour is abundantly sufficient to produce all the appearances of the tails of comets; for that they are, indeed, of a very notable rarity appears from the shining of the stars through them. The atmosphere of the earth, illuminated by the sun's light, though but of a few miles in thickness, quite obscures and extinguishes the light not only of all the stars, but even of the moon itself; whereas the smallest stars are seen to shine through the immense thickness of the tails of comets, likewise illuminated by the sun, without the least diminution of their splendor. Nor is the brightness of the tails of most comets ordinarily greater than that of our air, an inch or two in thickness, reflecting in a darkened room the light of the sun-beams let in by a hole of the window-shutter.

And we may pretty nearly determine the time spent during the ascension of the vapour from the comet's head to the extremity of the tail, by drawing a right line from the extremity of the tail to the sun, and marking the place where that right line intersects the comet's orbit; for the vapour that is now in the extremity of the tail, if it has ascended in a right line from the sun, must have begun to rise from the head at the time when the head was in the point of intersection. It is
true, the vapour does not rise in a right line from the sun, but, retaining the motion which it had from the comet before its ascent, and compounding that motion with its motion of ascent, arises obliquely; and, therefore, the solution of the problem will be more exact, if we draw the line which intercepts the orbit parallel to the length of the tail; or rather (because of the curvilinear motion of the comet) diverging a little from the line or length of the tail. And by means of this principle I found that the vapour which, January 25, was in the extremity of the tail, had begun to rise from the head before December 11, and therefore had spent in its whole ascent 45 days; but that the whole tail which appeared on December 10 had finished its ascent in the space of the two days then elapsed from the time of the comet's being in its perihelion. The vapour, therefore, about the beginning and in the neighbourhood of the sun rose with the greatest velocity, and afterwards continued to ascend with a motion constantly retarded by its own gravity; and the higher it ascended, the more it added to the length of the tail; and while the tail continued to be seen, it was made up of almost all that vapour which had risen since the time of the comet's being in its perihelion; nor did that part of the vapour which had risen first, and which formed the extremity of the tail, cease to appear, till its too great distance, as well from the sun, from which it received its light, as from our eyes, rendered it invisible. Whence also it is that the tails of other comets which are short do not rise from their heads with a swift and continual motion, and soon after disappear, but are permanent and lasting columns of vapours and exhalations, which, ascending from the heads with a slow motion of many days, and partaking of the motion of the heads which they had from the beginning, continue to go along together with them through the heavens. From whence again we have another argument proving the celestial spaces to be free, and without resistence, since in them not only the solid bodies of the planets and comets, but also the extremely rare vapours of comets' tails, maintain their rapid motions with great freedom, and for an exceeding long time,
Kepler ascribes the ascent of the tails of the comets to the atmospheres of their heads; and their direction towards the parts opposite to the sun to the action of the rays of light carrying along with them the matter of the comets' tails; and without any great incongruity we may suppose, that, in so free spaces, so fine a matter as that of the æther may yield to the action of the rays of the sun's light, though those rays are not able sensibly to move the gross substances in our parts, which are clogged with so palpable a resistance. Another author thinks that there may be a sort of particles of matter endowed with a principle of levity, as well as others are with a power of gravity; that the matter of the tails of comets may be of the former sort, and that its ascent from the sun may be owing to its levity; but, considering that the gravity of terrestrial bodies is as the matter of the bodies, and therefore can be neither more nor less in the same quantity of matter, I am inclined to believe that this ascent may rather proceed from the rarefaction of the matter of the comets' tails. The ascent of smoke in a chimney is owing to the impulse of the air with which it is entangled. The air rarefied by heat ascends, because its specific gravity is diminished, and in its ascent carries along with it the smoke with which it is engaged; and why may not the tail of a comet rise from the sun after the same manner? For the sun's rays do not act upon the mediums which they pervade otherwise than by reflection and refraction; and those reflecting particles heated by this action, heat the matter of the æther which is involved with them. That matter is rarefied by the heat which it acquires, and because, by this rarefaction, the specific gravity with which it tended towards the sun before is diminished, it will ascend therefrom, and carry along with it the reflecting particles of which the tail of the comet is composed. But the ascent of the vapours is further promoted by their circumgyration about the sun, in consequence whereof they endeavour to recede from the sun, while the sun's atmosphere and the other matter of the heavens are either altogether quiescent, or are only moved with a slower circumgyration derived from the rotation of the sun. And these are the causes of the
ascent of the tails of the comets in the neighbourhood of the sun, where their orbits are bent into a greater curvature, and the comets themselves are plunged into the denser and therefore heavier parts of the sun’s atmosphere: upon which account they do then emit tails of an huge length; for the tails which then arise, retaining their own proper motion, and in the mean time gravitating towards the sun, must be revolved in ellipses about the sun in like manner as the heads are, and by that motion must always accompany the heads, and freely adhere to them. For the gravitation of the vapours towards the sun can no more force the tails to abandon the heads, and descend to the sun, than the gravitation of the heads can oblige them to fall from the tails. They must by their common gravity either fall together towards the sun, or be retarded together in their common ascent therefrom; and, therefore (whether from the causes already described, or from any others), the tails and heads of comets may easily acquire and freely retain any position one to the other, without disturbance or impediment from that common gravitation.

The tails, therefore, that rise in the perihelion positions of the comets will go along with their heads into far remote parts, and together with the heads will either return again from thence to us, after a long course of years, or rather will be there rarefied, and by degrees quite vanish away; for afterwards, in the descent of the heads towards the sun, new short tails will be emitted from the heads with a slow motion; and those tails by degrees will be augmented immensely, especially in such comets as in their perihelion distances descend as low as the sun’s atmosphere; for all vapour in those free spaces is in a perpetual state of rarefaction and dilatation; and from hence it is that the tails of all comets are broader at their upper extremity than near their heads. And it is not unlikely but that the vapour, thus perpetually rarefied and dilated, may be at last dissipated and scattered through the whole heavens, and by little and little be attracted towards the planets by its gravity, and mixed with their atmosphere; for as the seas are absolutely necessary to the constitution of our earth, that
from them, the sun, by its heat, may exhale a sufficient quantity of vapours, which, being gathered together into clouds, may drop down in rain, for watering of the earth, and for the production and nourishment of vegetables; or, being condensed with cold on the tops of mountains (as some philosophers with reason judge), may run down in springs and rivers; so for the conservation of the seas, and fluids of the planets, comets seem to be required, that, from their exhalations and vapours condensed, the wafts of the planetary fluids spent upon vegetation and putrefaction, and converted into dry earth, may be continually supplied and made up; for all vegetables entirely derive their growths from fluids, and afterwards, in great measure, are turned into dry earth by putrefaction; and a sort of slime is always found to settle at the bottom of putrefied fluids; and hence it is that the bulk of the solid earth is continually increased; and the fluids, if they are not supplied from without, must be in a continual decrease, and quite fail at last. I suspect, moreover, that it is chiefly from the comets that spirit comes, which is indeed the smallest but the most subtle and useful part of our air, and so much required to sustain the life of all things with us.

The atmospheres of comets, in their descent towards the sun, by running out into the tails, are spent and diminished, and become narrower, at least on that side which regards the sun; and in receding from the sun, when they first run out into the tails, they are again enlarged, if Hevelius has justly marked their appearances. But they are seen least of all just after they have been most heated by the sun, and on that account then emit the longest and most resplendent tails; and, perhaps, at the same time, the nuclei are environed with a denser and blacker smoke in the lowermost parts of their atmosphere; for smoke that is raised by a great and intense heat is commonly the denser and blacker. Thus the head of that comet which we have been describing, at equal distances both from the sun and from the earth, appeared darker after it had passed by its perihelion than it did before; for in the month of December it was commonly compared with the stars of the third magnitude, but in November with those of the
first or second; and such as saw both appearances have described the first as of another and greater comet than the second. For, November 19, this comet appeared to a young man at Cambridge, though with a pale and dull light, yet equal to Spica Virginis; and at that time it shone with greater brightness than it did afterwards. And Montenari, November 20, f. vet. observed it larger than the stars of the first magnitude, its tail being then 2 degrees long. And Mr. Storer (by letters which have come into my hands) writes, that in the month of December, when the tail appeared of the greatest bulk and splendor, the head was but small, and far less than that which was seen in the month of November before sunrising; and, conjecturing at the cause of the appearance, he judged it to proceed from there being a greater quantity of matter in the head at first, which was afterwards gradually spent.

And, which farther makes for the same purpose, I find, that the heads of other comets, which did put forth tails of the greatest bulk and splendor, have appeared but obscure and small. For in Brazil, March 5, 1668, 7°. P. M., St. N. P. Valentinus Eflancius saw a comet near the horizon, and towards the south west, with a head so small as scarcely to be discerned, but with a tail above meagre splendid, so that the reflection thereof from the sea was easily seen by those who stood upon the shore; and it looked like a fiery beam extended 23° in length from the west to south, almost parallel to the horizon. But this excessive splendor continued only three days, decreasing space afterwards; and while the splendor was decreasing, the bulk of the tail increased: whence in Portugal it is said to have taken up one quarter of the heavens, that is, 45 degrees, extending from west to east with a very notable splendor, though the whole tail was not seen in those parts, because the head was always hid under the horizon: and from the increase of the bulk and decrease of the splendor of the tail, it appears that the head was then in its recess from the sun, and had been very near to it in its perihelion, as the comet of 1680 was. And we read, in the Saxon Chronicle, of a like comet appearing in the year 1106,
the star whereof was small and obscure (as that of 1680), but
the splendour of its tail was very bright, and like a huge, fiery
beam stretched out in a direction between the east and north, as
Hevelius has it also from Simeon, the monk of Durham.
This comet appeared in the beginning of February, about the
evening, and towards the south west part of heaven; from
whence, and from the position of the tail, we infer that the
head was near the sun. Matthew Paris says, It was distant
from the sun by about a cubit, from three of the clock (rather fix)
till nine, putting forth a long tail. Such also was that most
replendent comet described by Aristotle, lib. 1. Meteor. 6.
The head whereof could not be seen, because it had set before
the sun, or at least was hid under the sun’s rays; but next day
it was seen as well as might be; for, having left the sun but a
very little way, it set immediately after it. And the scattered
light of the head, obscured by the too great splendour (of the
tail) did not yet appear. But afterwards (as Aristotle says)
when the splendour (of the tail) was now diminished (the head
of), the comet recovered its native brightness; and the splendor
(of its tail) reached now to a third part of the heavens (that is,
to 60°). This appearance was in the winter season (an. 4,
Olymp. 101), and, rising to Orion’s girdle, it there vanished away.
It is true that the comet of 1618, which came out directly
from under the sun’s rays with a very large tail, seemed to
equal, if not to exceed, the stars of the first magnitude; but,
then, abundance of other comets have appeared yet greater
than this, that put forth shorter tails; some of which are said
to have appeared as big as Jupiter, others as big as Venus, or
even as the moon.

We have said, that comets are a sort of planets revolved
in very eccentric orbits about the sun; and as, in the planets
which are without tails, those are commonly less which are
revolved in lesser orbits, and nearer to the sun, so in comets
it is probable that those which in their perihelion approach
nearer to the sun are generally of less magnitude, that they
may not agitate the sun too much by their attractions. But
as to the transverse diameters of their orbits, and the periodic
times of their revolutions, I leave them to be determined by
comparing comets together which after long intervals of time
return again in the same orbit. In the mean time, the fol-
lowing proposition may give some light in that enquiry.

PROPOSITION XLII. PROBLEM XXII.
To correct a comet's trajectory found as above.

Operation 1. Assume that position of the plane of the
trajectory which was determined according to the preceding
proposition; and select three places of the comet, deduced from
very accurate observations, and at great distances one from
the other. Then suppose A to represent the time between
the first observation and the second, and B the time between
the second and the third; but it will be convenient that in
one of those times the comet be in its perigee, or at least
not far from it. From those apparent places find, by trigo-
nometric operations, the three true places of the comet in
that assumed plane of the trajectory; then through the
places found, and about the centre of the sun as the focus,
describe a conic section by arithmetical operations, according
to prop. 21, book 1. Let the areas of this figure which are
terminated by radii drawn from the sun to the places found
be D and E; to wit, D the area between the first observation
and the second, and E the area between the second and
third; and let T represent the whole time in which the
whole area D + E should be described with the velocity of
the comet found by prop. 16, book 1.

Operation 2. Retaining the inclination of the plane of the
trajectory to the plane of the ecliptic, let the longitude of the
nodes of the plane of the trajectory be increased by the addi-
tion of 20 or 30 minutes, which call P. Then from the afore-
said three observed places of the comet let the three true
places be found (as before) in this new plane; as also the orbit
passing through those places, and the two areas of the same
described between the two observations, which call d and e;
and let t be the whole time in which the whole area d + e
should be described.

Operation 3. Retaining the longitude of the nodes in the first
operation, let the inclination of the plane of the trajectory to
the plane of the ecliptic be increased by adding thereto 20° or
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Let the three observed apparent places of the comet let the three true places be found in this new plane, as well as the orbit passing through them, and the two areas of the same described between the observation, which call $\delta$ and $\varepsilon$; and let $\tau$ be the whole time in which the whole area $\delta + \varepsilon$ should be described.

Then taking $C$ to $1$ as $A$ to $B$; and $G$ to $1$ as $D$ to $E$; and $g$ to $1$ as $d$ to $e$; and $\gamma$ to $1$ as $\delta$ to $\varepsilon$; let $S$ be the true time between the first observation and the third; and, observing well the signs $+$ and $-$, let such numbers $m$ and $n$ be found out as will make $2G - 2C = mG - mg + nG - n\gamma$; and $2T - 2S = mT - mt + nT - n\tau$. And if, in the first operation, $I$ represents the inclination of the plane of the trajectory to the plane of the ecliptic, and $K$ the longitude of either node, then $I + nQ$ will be the true inclination of the plane of the trajectory to the plane of the ecliptic, and $K + mP$ the true longitude of the node. And, lastly, if in the first, second, and third operations, the quantities $R$, $r$, and $q$, represent the parameters of the trajectory, and the quantities $\frac{1}{L}, \frac{1}{\Gamma}, \frac{1}{\lambda}$ the transverse diameters of the same, then $R - mr - mL + nq - n\lambda$ will be the true transverse diameter of the trajectory which the comet describes; and from the transverse diameter given the periodic time of the comet is also given. Q.E.I. But the periodic times of the revolutions of comets, and the transverse diameters of their orbits, cannot be accurately enough determined but by comparing comets together which appear at different times. If, after equal intervals of time, several comets are found to have described the same orbit, we may thence conclude that they are all but one and the same comet revolved in the same orbit; and then from the times of their revolutions the transverse diameters of their orbits will be given, and from those diameters the elliptic orbits themselves will be determined.

To this purpose the trajectories of many comets ought to be computed, supposing those trajectories to be parabolic;
for such trajectories will always nearly agree with the phenomena, as appears not only from the parabolic trajectory of the comet of the year 1660, which I compared above with the observations, but likewise from that of the notable comet which appeared in the years 1664 and 1665, and was observed by Hevelius, who, from his own observations, calculated the longitudes and latitudes thereof, though with little accuracy. But from the same observations Dr. Halley did again compute its places; and from those new places determined its trajectory, finding its ascending node in $n\ 21^\circ\ 13^\prime\ 55^\prime$; the inclination of the orbit to the plane of the ecliptic $21^\circ\ 18^\prime\ 40^\prime$; the distance of its perihelion from the node, estimated in the comet's orbit. $49^\circ\ 27^\prime\ 50^\prime$, its perihelion in $9^\circ\ 8^\prime\ 40^\prime\ 30^\prime$, with heliocentric latitude south $16^\circ\ 01^\prime\ 45^\prime$; the comet to have been in its perihelion November 24th. 11h. 52' P.M. equal time at London, or 13h. 8' at Danzig, O. S.; and that the latus rectum of the parabola was $410285$ such parts as the sun's mean distance from the earth is supposed to contain 100000. And how nearly the places of the comet computed in this orbit agree with the observations, will appear from the annexed table, calculated by Dr. Halley.
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The observed distance of the comet from the Earth in the orbit, in the orbit of...
In February, the beginning of the year 1665, the first star of Aries, which I shall hereafter call γ, was in ★ 28° 30' 15'', with 7° 8' 58'' north lat.; the second star of Aries was in ★ 29° 7' 18'', with 8° 28' 16'' north lat.; and another star of the seventh magnitude, which I call A, was in ★ 29° 24' 45'', with 8° 28' 33'' north lat. The comet Feb. 7th. 7h. 30' at Paris (that is, Feb. 7th. 8th. 37' at Dantzick) O. S. made a triangle with those stars γ and A, which was right-angled in γ; and the distance of the comet from the star γ was equal to the distance of the stars γ and A, that is, 1° 19' 46'' of a great circle; and therefore in the parallel of the latitude of the star γ it was 1° 20' 26''. Therefore if from the longitude of the star γ there be subducted the longitude 1° 20' 26'', there will remain the longitude of the comet ★ 27° 9' 49''. M. Auzout, from this observation of his, placed the comet in ★ 27° 0', nearly; and, by the scheme in which Dr. Hooke delineated its motion, it was then in ★ 26° 59' 24''. I place it in ★ 27° 4' 46'', taking the middle between the two extremes.

From the same observation, M. Auzout made the latitude of the comet at that time 7° and 4' or 5' to the north; but he had done better to have made it 7° 3' 29'', the difference of the latitudes of the comet and the star γ being equal to the difference of the longitude of the stars γ and A.

February 22nd. 7h. 30' at London, that is, February 22nd. 8h. 46' at Dantzick, the distance of the comet from the star A, according to Dr. Hooke's observation, as was delineated by himself in a scheme, and also by the observations of M. Auzout, delineated in like manner by M. Petit, was a fifth part of the distance between the star A and the first star of Aries, or 15' 57''; and the distance of the comet from a right line joining the star A and the first of Aries was a fourth part of the same fifth part, that is, 4'; and therefore the comet was in ★ 28° 29' 46'', with 8° 12' 36'' north lat.

March 1, 7h. 0' at London, that is, March 1, 8h. 16' at Dantzick, the comet was observed near the second star in Aries, the distance between them being to the distance between the first and second stars in Aries, that is, to 1° 33', as 4 to 45
accordine to Dr. Hooke, or as 2 to 23 according to M. Gottignies. And, therefore, the distance of the comet from the second star in Aries was 8' 16" according to Dr. Hooke, or 8' 5" according to M. Gottignies; or, taking a mean between both, 8' 10". But, according to M. Gottignies, the comet had gone beyond the second star of Aries about a fourth or a fifth part of the space that it commonly went over in a day, to wit, about 1' 35" (in which he agrees very well with M. Auzout); or, according to Dr. Hooke, not quite so much, as perhaps only 1'. Wherefore if to the longitude of the first star in Aries we add 1', and 8' 10" to its latitude, we shall have the longitude of the comet 9° 29' 18", with 8° 36' 26" north lat.

March 7, 7th. 30' at Paris (that is, March 7, 6° 37' at Dantzick), from the observations of M. Auzout, the distance of the comet from the second star in Aries was equal to the distance of that star from the star A, that is, 52° 29"; and the difference of the longitude of the comet and the second star in Aries was 45' or 46', or, taking a mean quantity, 45' 30"; and therefore the comet was in 8 0° 2' 48". From the scheme of the observations of M. Auzout, constructed by M. Petit, Hevelius collected the latitude of the comet 8° 54'. But the engraver did not rightly trace the curvature of the comet's way toward the end of the motion; and Hevelius, in the scheme of M. Auzout's observations which he constructed himself, corrected this irregular curvature, and so made the latitude of the comet 8° 55' 30". And, by farther correcting this irregularity, the latitude may become 8° 56', or 8° 57'.

This comet was also seen March 9, and at that time its place must have been in 8 0° 18', with 9° 34' north lat. nearly.

This comet appeared three months together, in which space of time it travelled over almost fix signs, and in one of the days thereof described almost 20 deg. Its course did very much deviate from a great circle, bending towards the north, and its motion towards the end from retrograde became direct; and, notwithstanding its course was so uncommon, yet by the table it appears that the theory, from beginning to end, agrees with the observations no less accurately than the
theories of the planets usually do with the observations of them; but we are to subduct about 2' when the comet was swiftest, which we may effect by taking off 12" from the angle between the ascending node and the perihelion, or by making that angle 49° 27' 18". The annual parallax of both these comets (this and the preceding) was very conspicuous, and by its quantity demonstrates the annual motion of the earth in the orbis magnus.

This theory is likewise confirmed by the motion of that comet, which in the year 1683 appeared retrograde, in an orbit whose plane contained almost a right angle with the plane of the ecliptic, and whose ascending node (by the computation of Dr. Halley) was in ♂ 23° 23'; the inclination of its orbit to the ecliptic 83° 11'; its perihelion in ♦ 25° 29' 30"; its perihelion distance from the sun 56020 of such parts as the radius of the orbis magnus contains 100000; and the time of its perihelion July 24. 8h. 50'. And the places thereof, computed by Dr. Halley in this orbit, are compared with the places of the same observed by Mr. Flamsted, in the following table.
This theory is yet farther confirmed by the motion of that retrograde comet which appeared in the year 1682. The ascending node of this (by Dr. Halley's computation) was in $\approx 21^\circ 16' 30"$; the inclination of its orbit to the plane of the ecliptic $17^\circ 56' 00"$; its perihelion in $\approx 2^\circ 52' 50"$; its perihelion distance from the sun 58328 parts, of which the radius of the orbis magnus contains 100000; the equal time of the comet's being in its perihelion Sept. 4$^a, 7^h, 39'$. And its places, collected from Mr. Flamsted's observations, are compared with its places computed from our theory in the following table.
This theory is also confirmed by the retrograde motion of the comet that appeared in the year 1723. The ascending node of this comet (according to the computation of Mr. Bradley, Savilian Professor of Astronomy at Oxford) was in $\varphi$ 14° 16'. The inclination of the orbit to the plane of the ecliptic 49° 59'. Its perihelion was in $\varphi$ 12° 15' 20''. Its perihelion distance from the sun 998651 parts, of which the radius of the orbis magnum contains 1000000, and the equal time of its perihelion September 16$^4$, 16$^5$, 10'. The places of this comet computed in this orbit by Mr. Bradley, and compared with the places observed by himself, his uncle Mr. Vol. II.
From these examples it is abundantly evident that the motions of comets are no less accurately represented by our theory than the motions of the planets commonly are by the theories of them; and, therefore, by means of this theory, we may enumerate the orbits of comets, and so discover the periodic time of a comet’s revolution in any orbit; whence, at last, we shall have the transverse diameters of their elliptic orbits and their aphelion distances.

That retrograde comet which appeared in the year 1607 described an orbit whose ascending node (according to Dr. Halley’s computation) was in $820°21'$; and the inclination of the plane of the orbit to the plane of the ecliptic $17°2'$; whose perihelion was in $=2°16'$; and its perihelion distance from the sun 58680 of such parts as the radius of the orbis magnus contains 100000; and the comet was in its perihelion October 16th. 8th. 50'; which orbit agrees very nearly with the orbit of the comet which was seen in 1682. If these were not two different comets, but one and the same, that comet will finish one revolution in the space of 75 years; and the greater axis of its orbit will be to the greater axis of the orbis
magnus as $\sqrt{75 \times 75}$ to 1, or as 1778 to 100, nearly. And the aphelion distance of this comet from the sun will be to the mean distance of the earth from the sun as about 3:5 to 1; from which data it will be no hard matter to determine the elliptic orbit of this comet. But these things are to be supposed on condition, that, after the space of 75 years, the same comet shall return again in the same orbit. The other comets seem to ascend to greater heights, and to require a longer time to perform their revolutions.

But, because of the great number of comets, of the great distance of their aphelions from the sun, and of the slowness of their motions in the aphelions, they will, by their mutual gravitations, disturb each other; so that their eccentricities and the times of their revolutions will be sometimes a little increased, and sometimes diminished. Therefore we are not to expect that the same comet will return exactly in the same orbit, and in the same periodic times: it will be sufficient if we find the changes no greater than may arise from the causes just spoken of.

And hence a reason may be assigned why comets are not comprehended within the limits of a zodiac, as the planets are; but, being confined to no bounds, are with various motions dispersed all over the heavens; namely, to this purpose, that in their aphelions, where their motions are exceedingly slow, receding to greater distances one from another, they may suffer less disturbance from their mutual gravitations: and hence it is that the comets which descend the lowest, and therefore move the slowest in their aphelions, ought also to ascend the highest.

The comet which appeared in the year 1680 was in its perihelion less distant from the sun than by a sixth part of the sun's diameter; and because of its extreme velocity in that proximity to the sun, and some density of the sun's atmosphere, it must have suffered some resistance and retardation; and therefore, being attracted something nearer to the sun in every revolution, will at last fall down upon the body of the sun. Nay, in its aphelion, where it moves the slowest, it may sometimes happen to be yet farther retarded by the attractions of
other comets, and in consequence of this retardation descend to the sun. So fixed stars, that have been gradually wasted by the light and vapours emitted from them for a long time, may be recruited by comets that fall upon them; and from this fresh supply of new fuel those old stars, acquiring new splendor, may pass for new stars. Of this kind are such fixed stars as appear on a sudden, and shine with a wonderful brightness at first, and afterwards vanish by little and little. Such was that star which appeared in Cassiopeia's chair; which Cornelius Gemma did not see upon the 8th of November, 1572, though he was observing that part of the heavens upon that very night, and the sky was perfectly serene; but the next night (November 9) he saw it shining much brighter than any of the fixed stars, and scarcely inferior to Venus in splendor. Tycho Brahe saw it upon the 11th of the same month, when it shone with the greatest lustre; and from that time he observed it to decay by little and little; and in 16 months' time it entirely disappeared. In the month of November, when it first appeared, its light was equal to that of Venus. In the month of December its light was a little diminished, and was now become equal to that of Jupiter. In January 1573 it was less than Jupiter, and greater than Sirius; and about the end of February and the beginning of March became equal to that star. In the months of April and May it was equal to a star of the second magnitude; in June, July, and August, to a star of the third magnitude; in September, October, and November, to those of the fourth magnitude; in December and January 1574 to those of the fifth; in February to those of the sixth magnitude; and in March it entirely vanished. Its colour at the beginning was clear, bright, and inclining to white; afterwards it turned a little yellow; and in March 1573 it became ruddy, like Mars or Aldebaran: in May it turned to a kind of dusky whiteness, like that which we observe in Saturn; and that colour it retained ever after, but growing always more and more obscure. Such also was the star in the right foot of Serpentarius, which Kepler's scholars first observed September 30, O.S. 1604, with a light exceeding that of Jupiter.
though the night before it was not to be seen; and from that
time it decreased by little and little, and in 15 or 16 months
entirely disappeared. Such a new star appearing with an
unusual splendor is said to have moved Hipparchus to observe;
and make a catalogue of, the fixed stars. As to those fixed
stars that appear and disappear by turns, and increase slowly and
by degrees, and scarcely ever exceed the stars of the third mag-
nitude, they seem to be of another kind, which revolve about
their axes, and, having a light and a dark side, shew those two
different sides by turns. The vapours which arise from the
sun, the fixed stars, and the tails of the comets, may meet at
last with, and fall into, the atmospheres of the planets by
their gravity, and there be condensed and turned into water
and humid spirits; and from thence, by a slow heat, pass
gradually into the form of salts, and sulphurs, and tinctures,
and mud, and clay, and sand, and stones, and coral, and other
terrestrial substances.

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The hypothesis of vortices is pressed with many difficulties.
That every planet by a radius drawn to the sun may describe
areas proportional to the times of description, the periodic
times of the several parts of the vortices should observe the
duplicate proportion of their distances from the sun; but that
the periodic times of the planets may obtain the sesquiplicate
proportion of their distances from the sun, the periodic times
of the parts of the vortex ought to be in the sesquiplicate
proportion of their distances. That the smaller vortices may
maintain their lesser revolutions about Saturn, Jupiter, and
other planets, and swim quietly and undisturbed in the greater
vortex of the sun, the periodic times of the parts of the sun's
vortex should be equal; but the rotation of the sun and
planets about their axes, which ought to correspond with the
motions of their vortices, recede far from all these proportions.
The motions of the comets are exceedingly regular, are go-
verned by the same laws with the motions of the planets, and
can by no means be accounted for by the hypothesis of vor-
tices; for comets are carried with very eccentric motions

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through all parts of the heavens indifferently, with a freedom
that is incompatible with the notion of a vortex.

Bodies projected in our air suffer no resistance: but from the
air. Withdraw the air, as is done in Mr. Boyle's vacuum,
and the resistance ceases; for in this void a bit of fine down
and a piece of solid gold descend with equal velocity. And
the parity of reason must take place in the celestial spaces
above the earth's atmosphere; in which spaces, where there
is no air to resist their motions, all bodies will move with the
greatest freedom; and the planets and comets will constantly
pursue their revolutions in orbits given in kind and position,
according to the laws above explained; but though these
bodies may, indeed, persevere in their orbits by the mere laws
of gravity, yet they could by no means have at first derived
the regular position of the orbits themselves from those laws.

The six primary planets are revolved about the sun in
circles concentric with the sun, and with motions directed
towards the same parts, and almost in the same plane. Ten
moons are revolved about the earth, Jupiter and Saturn, in
circles concentric with them, with the same direction of mo-
tion, and nearly in the planes of the orbits of those planets:
but it is not to be conceived that mere mechanical causes
could give birth to so many regular motions, since the comets
range over all parts of the heavens in very eccentric orbits;
for by that kind of motion they pass easily through the orbs
of the planets, and with great rapidity; and in their aphe-
lians, where they move the slowest, and are detained the
longest, they recede to the greatest distances from each other,
and thence suffer the least disturbance from their mutual at-
tractions. This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and
comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion
of an intelligent and powerful Being. And if the fixed stars
are the centres of other like systems, these, being formed by
the like wise counsel, must be all subject to the dominion of
One; especially since the light of the fixed stars is of the
same nature with the light of the sun, and from every system
light passes into all the other systems: and lest the systems
of the fixed stars should, by their gravity, fall on each other
mutually, he hath placed those systems at immense distances one from another.

This Being governs all things, not as the soul of the world, but as Lord over all; and on account of his dominion he is wont to be called Lord God παντοκράτωρ, or Universal Ruler; for God is a relative word, and has a respect to servants; and Deity is the dominion of God not over his own body, as those imagine who fancy God to be the soul of the world, but over servants. The Supreme God is a Being eternal, infinite, absolutely perfect; but a being, however perfect, without dominion, cannot be said to be Lord God; for we say, my God, your God, the God of Israel, the God of Gods, and Lord of Lords; but we do not say, my Eternal, your Eternal, the Eternal of Israel, the Eternal of gods; we do not say, my Infinite, or my Perfect: these are titles which have no respect to servants. The word God * usually signifies Lord; but every lord is not a God. It is the dominion of a spiritual being which constitutes a God: a true, supreme, or imaginary dominion makes a true, supreme, or imaginary God. And from his true dominion it follows that the true God is a living, intelligent, and powerful Being; and, from his other perfections, that he is supreme, or most perfect. He is eternal and infinite, omnipotent and omniscient; that is, his duration reaches from eternity to eternity; his presence from infinity to infinity; he governs all things, and knows all things that are or can be done. He is not eternity or infinity, but eternal and infinite; he is not duration or space, but he endures and is present. He endures for ever, and is every where present; and by existing always and every where, he constitutes duration and space. Since every particle of space is always, and every indivisible moment of duration is every where, certainly the Maker and Lord of all things cannot be

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* Dr. Pococke derives the Latin word Deus from the Arabic du (in the oblique case di), which signifies Lord. And in this sense princes are called gods, Psal. lxxxii. ver. 6; and John x. ver. 55. And Moses is called a god to his brother Aaron, and a god to Pharaoh (Exod. iv. ver. 16; and vii. ver. 8). And in the same sense the souls of dead princes were formerly, by the Heathens, called gods, but falsely, because of their want of dominion.
never and no where. Every soul that has perception is, though in different times and in different organs of sense and motion, still the same indivisible person. There are given successive parts in duration, co-existent parts in space, but neither the one nor the other in the person of a man, or his thinking principle; and much less can they be found in the thinking substance of God. Every man, so far as he is a thing that has perception, is one and the same man during his whole life, in all and each of his organs of sense. God is the same God, always and everywhere. He is omnipresent not virtually only, but also substantially; for virtue cannot subsist without substance. In him * are all things contained and moved; yet neither affects the other: God suffers nothing from the motion of bodies; bodies find no resistance from the omnipresence of God. It is allowed by all that the Supreme God exists necessarily; and by the same necessity he exists always and everywhere. Whence also he is all similar, all eye, all ear, all brain, all arm, all power to perceive, to understand, and to act; but in a manner not at all human, in a manner not at all corporeal, in a manner utterly unknown to us. As a blind man has no idea of colours, so have we no idea of the manner by which the all-wise God perceives and understands all things. He is utterly void of all body and bodily figure, and can therefore neither be seen, nor heard, nor touched; nor ought he to be worshipped under the representation of any corporeal thing. We have ideas of his attributes, but what the real substance of any thing is we know not. In bodies, we see only their figures and colours, we hear only the sounds, we touch only their outward surfaces, we smell only the smells, and taste the favours; but their in-

ward substances are not to be known either by our senses, or by any reflex act of our minds: much less, then, have we any idea of the substance of God. We know him only by his most wise and excellent contrivances of things, and final causes; we admire him for his perfections; but we reverence and adore him on account of his dominion: for we adore him as his servants; and a god without dominion, providence, and final causes, is nothing else but Fate and Nature. Blind metaphysical necessity, which is certainly the same always and every where, could produce no variety of things. All that diversity of natural things which we find suited to different times and places could arise from nothing but the ideas and will of a Being necessarily existing. But, by way of allegory, God is said to see, to speak, to laugh, to love, to hate, to desire, to give, to receive, to rejoice, to be angry, to fight, to frame, to work, to build; for all our notions of God are taken from the ways of mankind by a certain similitude, which, though not perfect, has some likeness, however. And thus much concerning God; to discourse of whom from the appearances of things does certainly belong to Natural Philosophy.

Hitherto we have explained the phenomena of the heavens and of our seas by the power of gravity, but have not yet assigned the cause of this power. This is certain, that it must proceed from a cause that penetrates to the very centres of the sun and planets, without suffering the least diminution of its force; that operates not according to the quantity of the surfaces of the particles upon which it acts (as mechanical causes use to do), but according to the quantity of the solid matter which they contain, and propagates its virtue on all sides to immense distances, decreasing always in the duplicate proportion of the distances. Gravitation towards the sun is made up out of the gravitations towards the several particles of which the body of the sun is composed; and in receding from the sun decreases accurately in the duplicate proportion of the distances as far as the orb of Saturn, as evidently appears from the quiescence of the aphielions of the planets; nay, and even to the remotest aphielions of the co-
mets, if those sphenions are also quiescent. But hitherto I have not been able to discover the cause of those properties of gravity from phenomena, and I frame no hypotheses; for whatever is not deduced from the phenomena is to be called an hypothesis; and hypotheses, whether metaphysical or physical, whether of occult qualities or mechanical, have no place in experimental philosophy. In this philosophy particular propositions are inferred from the phenomena, and afterwards rendered general by induction. Thus it was that the impenetrability, the mobility, and the impulsive force of bodies, and the laws of motion and of gravitation, were discovered. And to us it is enough that gravity does really exist, and act according to the laws which we have explained, and abundantly serves to account for all the motions of the celestial bodies, and of our sea.

And now we might add something concerning a certain most subtle Spirit which pervades and lies hid in all gross bodies; by the force and action of which Spirit the particles of bodies mutually attract one another at near distances, and cohere, if contiguous; and electric bodies operate to greater distances, as well repelling as attracting the neighbouring corpuscles; and light is emitted, reflected, refracted, inflected, and heats bodies; and all sensation is excited, and the members of animal bodies move at the command of the will, namely, by the vibrations of this Spirit, mutually propagated along the solid filaments of the nerves, from the outward organs of sense to the brain, and from the brain into the muscles. But these are things that cannot be explained in few words, nor are we furnished with that sufficiency of experiments which is required to an accurate determination and demonstration of the laws by which this electric and elastic Spirit operates.

End of the Mathematical Principles.
APPENDIX.

Among the explications (given by a friend) of some propositions in this work not demonstrated by the author, the editor finding the following, has thought it proper to annex them. Thus,

To cor. 2, prop. 91, book 1, page 199.

To find the force whereby a sphere (AdBg) on the diameter AB, attracts the body P. (Pl. 19, Fig. 1.)

Let $SA = SB = r, PS = d, PE = x, PB = a = d + r, PA = a = d - r$; therefore $aa = dd - rr$; also $a + a = 2d, a - a = 2r$; therefore $aa - aa = 4dr$; and $SE = d - x, AE = x - a, BE = a - x$.

Now the force whereby the circle, whose radius is Ed, attracts the body P, is as $1 - \frac{PE}{Pd}$ (by cor. 1, prop. 90).

And $Ed^a = (AE \times EB = SA^a - SE^a = rr - dd + 2dx - xx =) - aa + 2dx - xx$. Also $Pd^a = (Ed^a + EP^a = 2dx - aa - xx + xx =) 2dx - aa$: therefore $\frac{PE}{Pd} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{-aa + 2dx}}$. Therefore $1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{-aa + 2dx}},$ or $x - \frac{xx}{\sqrt{-aa + 2dx}}$ is the fluxion of the attractive force of the sphere on the body P, or the ordinate of a curve whose area represents that force.

But the fluent of $x$ is $x$; and the fluent of $\frac{xx}{\sqrt{-aa + 2dx}}$

is $\frac{aa + dx}{3dd} \sqrt{-aa + 2dx}$ (by Tab. 1, Form 4, Cafl. $a_a$ Quadr. of Curv.).
Therefore \( x - \frac{ax + dx}{3dd} \sqrt{a + 2dx} \) is the general expression of the area of the curve.

Now let \( x = a \), then area \( = (a - \frac{a + da}{3dd} \sqrt{a + 2da} \)

\( = \frac{d^2 + r^2}{3dd} = A. \)

Also let \( x = a \), then area \( = (a - \frac{a + da}{3dd} \sqrt{a + 2da} \)

\( = \frac{d^2 - r^2}{3dd} = B. \)

And the force whereby the sphere attracts the body \( P \) is as \( (A - B, \text{ or as} \frac{2r^2}{3d^3} = \frac{SA^3}{3PS^3}). \)

2. The force whereby the spheroid \( ADBG \) attracts the body \( P \), may, in the same manner, be found thus. Let \( SC = c. \)

The force of a circle whose radius is \( ED \) to attract \( P \) is as

\[ 1 - \frac{PE}{PD} \text{ (by cor. 1, prop. 90).} \]

Now \( \overline{ED}^2 = \frac{SC^2}{SA} \times AEB = \frac{cc}{rr} \times -a + 2dx - xx \text{ (by the conics); and} \]

\( \overline{PD}^2 = (ER^2 = \overline{ED}^2 + \overline{EP}^2 = \frac{a + 2dcd - ccd + xx}{rr} \)

\( = \frac{a + 2dcd + \frac{rr - cc}{rr} \times xx}{xx}. \)

Therefore \( 1 - \frac{PE}{PD} = 1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{\frac{a + 2dec}{rr} + \frac{rr - cc}{rr} xx}}, \) or \( \frac{xx}{\sqrt{\frac{a + 2dec}{rr} + \frac{rr - cc}{rr} xx}} \) is the fluxion of the attractive force of the spheroid on the body \( P \), or the ordinate of a curve whose area is the measure of that force.
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Now the fluent of \( x \) is \( x \); and (by Cas. 2, Form 8, Tab. 2, Quad. Cur.) the fluent of

\[
\sqrt{\frac{a_{cc} x}{rr} + \frac{2dcc}{rr} x + \frac{rr - cc}{rr} xx} = \frac{8dcc}{rr} + \frac{4dcc}{rr} xv - \frac{4a_{cc}}{rr} v = \frac{-2drrs + drrxv - a_{rr}rv}{a_{x} cc - rr - ddec} = \frac{4dcc}{rr} \times \frac{rr - cc}{rr} = \frac{-2ds + dxv - a_{av}}{-cc - dd + rr} = \frac{2ds - dxv + a_{av}}{cc + dd - rr}
\]

Therefore

\[
x + \frac{dxv - a_{av}}{cc + dd - rr}
\]

is the general expression for the area of the curve.

But \( v = PD = ER = \sqrt{\frac{a_{cc} x}{rr} + \frac{2dcc}{rr} x + \frac{rr - cc}{rr} xx} \)

is an ordinate to a conic section whose abscissa is \( x \); and \( s \), \( \sigma \), the areas NMB, NKA, adjacent to the ordinates BM, AK: put \( D = s - \sigma \).

Let \( x = a \), or PE = PB = BM; then \( v = a \), or PD = PB = BM, and the area \( = a + \frac{d_{aa} - 2aa - 2ds}{cc + dd - rr} = A \). And let \( x = a \), or PE = PA = AK; then \( v = a \), or PD = PA = AK, and the area \( = a + \frac{d_{aa} - 2aa - 2d \sigma}{cc + dd - rr} = B \).

And the attractive force of the spheroid on \( P \) is as \( (A - B) \)

\[
a - a + \frac{d \times aa - a_{x} - a_{x} \times a - \sigma}{cc + dd - rr} = 2r + \frac{2drrx + 2r^{2} - 2dD}{cc + dd - rr} = \frac{2rrc + 2d \times 2dr - D}{cc + dd - rr}
\]

But \( 2d = (a + a) \) BM + AK, therefore \( 2dr = \) trapezium ABMK; and \( D = (s - \sigma) \) area AKRMB; therefore \( D - 2dr = \) mixtilinear area KRMLK = C; consequently \( 2dr - D = - C \); therefore \( 2d \times 2dr - D = - 2dC \); therefore the attractive force of the spheroid on \( P \) is as

\[
\frac{2rrc - 2dC}{cc + dd - rr} = \frac{2AS \times SC^{3} - 2PS \times KRMK}{SC^{3} + PS^{3} - AS^{3}}
\]

Consequently the attractive force of the spheroid upon the
body P will be to the attractive force of a sphere whose diameter is AB upon the same body P as \( \frac{rcc - dC}{cc + dd - rr} \) to \( \frac{3dd}{r^3} \)

or as \( \frac{AS \times SC^2 - PS \times KRMK}{SC^2 + PS^2 - AS^2} \) to \( \frac{AS}{3PS^2} \).

To Schal. prop. 34, book 2, p. 94.

For let it be proposed to find the vertex of the cone, a frustum of which has the described property.

Let CFGB be the frustum, and S the vertex required. (Pl. 19, Fig. 2.)

Now conceive the medium to consist of particles which strike the surface of a body (moving in it) in a direction opposite to that of the motion; then the resistance will be the force which is made up of the efficacy of the forces of all the strokes.

In any line Pp, parallel to the axis of the cone, and meeting its surface in p, take pm of a given length, for the space described by each point of the cone in a given time: draw mq perpendicular to the side (CF) of the cone, and qu perpendicular to pm.

Therefore the line pm will represent the velocity, or force, with which a particle of the medium strikes the surface of the cone obliquely in p.

But the force mp is equivalent to two forces, the one (mq) perpendicular, the other (pq) parallel to the side of the cone; which last is therefore of no effect.

And the perpendicular force mq is equivalent to two forces, the one (mn) parallel to the axis of the cone, the other (qn) perpendicular to it; which also is destroyed by the contrary action of another particle on the opposite side of the cone.

There remains only the force mn, which has any effect in resisting or moving the cone in the direction of its axis.

Therefore the whole force of a single particle, or the effect of the perpendicular stroke of a particle, upon the base of a circumscribing cylinder, is to the effect of the oblique stroke
upon the surface of the cone (in p) as \( mp \) to \( mn \), or as \( mp^2 \) to \( (mp \times mn =) mq^2 \), or as \( CF^2 \) to \( CH^2 \).

Now the number of particles striking in a parallel direction on any surface is as the area of a plane figure perpendicular to that direction, and that would just receive those strokes.

Therefore the number of particles striking against the frustum, that is, against the surfaces described by the rotation of FD and CF, each particle with the forces \( mp \) and \( mn \) respectively, is as the circle described by \( (FD \) or \( OH \), and the annulus described by \( CH \), that is, as \( OH^2 \) to \( CO - OH^2 \).

But the whole force of the medium in resisting is the sum of the forces of the several particles.

Therefore the resistance of the medium, or the whole efficacy of the force of all the strokes against the end FG of the frustum, is to the resistance against the convex surface thereof as \( (mp \times OH^2 \) to \( mn \times CO - OH, \) or as \( CF \times OH^2 \) to \( CH^2 \times CO - OH \), or as) \( OH \) to \( CH \times CO - OH \) \( CF \).

Therefore the whole resistance of the medium against the frustum may be represented by \( \frac{OH^2 + CH^2 \times CO - OH}{CF^2} \)

\[ \frac{CH^2 \times CO - OH}{CH^2 \times OC} \]

which call \( z \); that is, putting

\( OC = r, \ OD = 2a, \ OS = y \), then \( CH = \frac{OC \times FH}{OS} = \)

\[ \frac{2ar}{y}, \ and \ OH = \frac{ry - 2ar}{y} \]

\[ r^2 + r^2y^2 - 4a^2y^2 + 4a^2r^2 \]

therefore \( r^2 + r^2y^2 - 4a^2y^2 + 4a^2r^2 = r^2z + y^2z \). Consequentially \( 2r^2y^2 - 4a^2y^2 = 2y^2z + y^2z + r^2z \). But \( z \) is a mi-
minimum; therefore \(11 y = 2a r r = z y\); consequently \((z =)\)
\[
\frac{y}{y + y} = \frac{r^2 - 2ar^2}{r^2 + r^2 y^2 - 4a r^2 y + 4a^2 r^2}.
\]
Hence \(y y = 2a y = r r\); and, making \(OQ = QD = a\),
then \((y - a =)\) \(Q S = (\sqrt{r r + a a} =)\) \(Q C\).

To the same Schol. p. 94.

On the right line \(B C\) (Pl. 19, Fig 3) suppose the parallelo-
grams \(B G \gamma b, M N v m\), of the least breadth, to be erected,
whose heights \(B G, M N\), their distance \(M b\), and half the
sum of their bases \(\frac{1}{2} M m + \frac{1}{2} B b = a\), are given: let half the
difference of the bases \(\frac{1}{2} M m - \frac{1}{2} B b\) be called \(x\), let \(G\) and \(N\)
be points in the curve \(G N D\); and producing by \(\gamma\) and \(m v\) to \(g\)
and \(n\) (so that \(\gamma g = v n = b\)), the points \(g\) and \(n\) may also
be in the same curve.

Now if the figure \(C D N G B\), revolving about the axis \(B C\),
generates a solid, and that solid moves forwards in a rare and
elastic medium from \(C\) towards \(B\) (the position of the right
line \(B C\) remaining the same), then will the sum of the resist-
ances against the surfaces generated by the lines \(G g, N n\),
be the least possible, when \(\overline{G g}\) is to \(\overline{N n}\) as \(B G \times B b\) to
\(M N \times M m\).

For the force of a particle on \(G g\) and \(N n\) to move them in
the direction \(B C\) is as \(1 \overline{G g^2}\) and \(1 \overline{N n^2}\), and the number of par-
ticles that strike in the same time on the surfaces generated
by \(G g\) and \(N n\) are as (the annuli described by \(g \gamma\) and \(n v\), that
is, as \(B G \times g \gamma\) and \(M N \times n v\), or as) \(B G\) and \(M N\); there-
fore the resistances against those surfaces are as \(\overline{B G} \overline{G g^2}\)
\(\overline{M N} \overline{N n^2}\).

that is (putting \(y\) for \(\overline{G g^2}\), and \(z\) for \(\overline{N n^2}\), as \(\overline{B G} \overline{M N}\)
\(\frac{y}{y} + \frac{z}{z} = \overline{Z} = 0\), or \(M N\)

\[
\frac{z}{z} = - B G \times \frac{y}{y} y = 0, \text{ or } M N
\]

But the sum of these resistances \((\frac{B G}{y} + \frac{M N}{Z})\) is a mini-
mum. Therefore \(- B G \times \frac{y}{y} y = M N \times \frac{z}{z} = 0\), or \(M N\)
\(\times \frac{z}{z} = - B G \times \frac{y}{y} y = 0\). But \(y = (\overline{G g^2} = B b^2 + \gamma g^2 =)\) aa
\[ -2ax + xx + bb; \text{ and } \bar{z} = (\bar{N}n^2 = \bar{M}m^2 + \bar{m}^2) \]

\[ \frac{\bar{a} + 2ax + xx + bb; \text{ therefore } \bar{y} = 2xx - 2ax, \text{ and } \bar{z} = 2ax + 2xx: \text{ consequently } \frac{\bar{M}N}{zz} \times \bar{2x} \times \bar{x} + \bar{a} + \bar{x} = \]

\[ \frac{\bar{BG}}{yy} \times 2\bar{x} \times \frac{\bar{a} - \bar{x}}{yy}; \text{ or } \left( \frac{\bar{M}N}{zz} \times \bar{a} + \bar{x} = \right) \frac{\bar{M}N}{zz} \times \bar{M}m \]

\[ = \left( \frac{\bar{BG}}{yy} \times \bar{a} - \bar{x} = \right) \frac{\bar{BG}}{yy} \times \bar{Bb}. \text{ Therefore } (yy) \frac{\bar{G}g^2}{(zz) \bar{n}n^2} : \frac{\bar{BG} \times \bar{Bb}}{\bar{MN} \times \bar{M}m}. \]

Consequently, that the sum of the resistances against the surfaces generated by the lineole, Gg and Nn may be the least possible, \( \bar{G}g^2 \) must be to \( \bar{n}n^2 \) as \( GBb \) to \( MMm \).

Wherefore, if \( \gamma G \) be made equal to \( \gamma G \), so that the angle \( \gamma G G \) may be 45°, and the angle \( BG G \) 135°; also \( \bar{G}g^2 = 2\gamma g^2 \), and \( \bar{G}g^2 = 4\gamma g^2 \); then \( 4\gamma g^2 : \bar{n}n^2 : : GBb : MMm \); and since GR is parallel to Nn, and BG, BB parallel to \( n\), \( Nn \); also \( n\gamma = g\gamma = \gamma G \); it follows that \( n\gamma = \gamma G = \) BB:

\[ (Nn) \bar{M}m : : \bar{BG} : \bar{BR}, \text{ therefore } \bar{Bb} = \frac{\bar{BG} \times \bar{M}m}{\bar{BR}}; \]

also \( n\gamma = \gamma G : Nn : : \bar{BG} : \bar{GR} \). Consequently \( \frac{4\gamma g^2}{\bar{n}n^2} = \frac{4\bar{BG}^2}{\bar{GR}^2} = \frac{(GBb)^2}{MMm} = \frac{\bar{BG}^2}{\bar{MN} \times \bar{BR}} \). Therefore \( \frac{4\bar{BG}^2}{\bar{n}n^2} \times \bar{BR} \) is to \( \bar{GR}^2 \) as \( GR \) to \( MN \).

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