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*DUCATUS LEODIENSIS:*  
OR, THE  
**TOPOGRAPHY**  
Of the ANCIENT and POPULOUS  
**Town and Parish**  
OF  
**LEEDS,**  
And Parts Adjacent in the  
**WEST-RIDING**  
OF THE  
County of **YORK.**  
WITH

The *Pedegrees* of many of the NOBILITY and  
GENTRY, and other Matters relating to those  
Parts; Extracted from *Records, Original Evidences,*  
and *Manuscripts.*

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By *RALPH THORESBY, F.R.S.*

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To which is added, at the Request of several Learned Persons,  
A Catalogue of his *MUSÆUM*, with the *Curiosities* Natural and Ar-  
tificial, and the Antiquities; particularly the *Roman, British, Saxon,*  
*Danish, Norman, and Scotch COINS*, with Modern *MEDALS.*

ALSO

A Catalogue of *Manuscripts*; the various *Editions* of the BIBLE, and  
of *Books* Published in the Infancy of the ART of *PRINTING.*

WITH

An ACCOUNT of some unusual Accidents that have at-  
tended some Persons, attempted after the Method of Dr. *PLOT.*

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MUSÆUM THORESBYANUM:  
OR, A  
CATALOGUE  
OF THE  
ANTIQUITIES, &c.



THOUGH this *Musæum* be chiefly noted for the great Variety of *Roman* and *Saxon* Coins, yet in Hoards of Antiquity it will be necessary to premise somewhat concerning the *Hebrew*, *Samaritan* and *Greek*, before we come to those in the *Latin* Tongue. The *Hebrew* are much depreciated by many, because of the Modern *Shekels* that the Jews affect to cast or stamp; yet doth not this hinder but that some of the true Monies of Silver or Brass (for the Learned tell us there were none of Gold) that were really current in *Judea*, may be as well preserved as the *Greek* and *Roman* that fill our Cabinets, such as the *Shekel*, the *Half Shekel*, and the *Selab*: One of each Sort of which are in this Collection.

A. *Hebrew Shekel*, on one Side it has *Shekel Israel*, with a Pot or Vessel of Incense, the Smoke ascending; on the other *Jerusalem Hakedosha* (*Jerusalem the Holy*) with the Branch of a Tree, which some affect to call *Aaron's Rod*; as the other, the Pot of *Manna* that was preserved in the Tabernacle, against the express Testimony of their Eyes to the contrary. A noted Author mentions two of them, one in the Library of King *Charles I.* weighed by Archbishop *Usher*, another in Mr. *Selden's* by himself (1). This wants about a Penny-weight of the half Ounce *Averdupois*, which the Learned *Bartholinus* of *Peterborough* (2) shews to have been the Standard: But there is another in this Collection, which is evidently Modern, that wants 35 Grains, call Medals being more lax and porous (the Fire rarefying the melted Metal), and not so heavy as those that have pass'd the Stamp of the Mint, which renders the Metal more compact.

A. *Selab* with the same Figures and Inscription, this is scarce to be found, but thicker, and rather more than double the Weight of the heavier of the single *Shekels*; which had once led me into a Mistake, that the *Shekel of the Sanctuary* (of which I took this to be one)

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(1) See the *Antiquities of the Roman Denarius*, p. 6. (2) *Bartholinus* of *Scripture Weights and Measures*, p. 10.

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A  
 CATALOGUE  
 AND  
 DESCRIPTION  
 OF THE  
*Natural and Artificial*  
 RARITIES  
 IN THIS  
 MUSÆUM.

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*And first of HUMANÆ.*

**B**URN'T Bones found in a *Roman Urn* near *Peckam* in *Surry*, given me by the Learned *Dr. Gale* late Dean of *York*, who presented the Rest, with the Pot they were found in, to the Royal Society.

Others lately found in their Burying-Place at *York*, without *Boutham-  
 la*: Also the Ashes of a Child in a small Urn, above Twenty of which were placed round a large one, that was supposed to contain the Remains of their common Parent. The Custom of *Burning* the Dead ceased about the Time of the *Antonines*, who re-introduced that of *Burying*: And one Part of the said *Roman Sepulture* was employed to that Purpose, where in digging for Clay, there was found nine Foot deep a remarkable Lead Collin, enclosed in another of strong Oak Planks; the Bones were entire, though probably interred 1500 Year ago; a Thigh Bone, and the lower Jaw (furnished with all the Teeth) were preserved, and afterwards given me by *Mr. Montague Gyles*.

## QUADRUPEDES.

*Of Quadrupedes Viviporous, particularly First, such as are Multifidous.*

THE Foot of a great *White Bear*, eight Inches broad, which is two Inches larger than that in the Repository of the Royal Society; yet <sup>even</sup> that was even supposed to have been as big as a Bull (f). Don. *Franc. Burdet Bart.*

The Skeleton of a *Greyhound*. Don. *Jo. Errington. Arm.*

The Quills of a *Porcupine*, 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  Inches long, alternately Black and White from End to End, but the Black commonly of a triple Proportion. These were pluck'd by a *Virago* from a living Porcupine at *Leedes*.

*Leedes p. 574.* The Pizle of a *Hippopotamus* (the *Behemoth* mentioned in *Job*) twenty Inches long, the Glans being now dried, but seven Inches round. Don. *Franc. Bourdet Bart.*

A young Cat (littered at *Leedes*) with Six Feet and Two Tails having two distinct Bodies from the mid Back. Don. *Fer. Crainidge, Merc. Leedes.*

The Skin of a *Civet* or *Musk Cat*, or Rat, rather for the Smallness. A white Mole. A white Mouse. A white Squirrel, with brown Streaks.

*Viviporous Quadrupedes that are Bifidous.*

THE Horns of a *Roe-Deer* of *Greenland*, little more than an Inch long, so strangely does the Climate alter the Bulk of some Animals; the Deer in *New Mexico* being so big, that they breed them up to draw with, as we do with Oxen. The Skull and Horns of a Deer from — the Horns 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  Inches length, the Knobs about the middle of them.

Horn of a *Spanish Ram*, wrinkled and twisted 18 Inches long, the Tips a Yard, wanting six Inches, distant; the lesser Horns wind round in a Semicircle 12 Inches by the Ambit.

The Horns of a *Scotch Cow*, in Length nine Inches and a Quarter.

One of the five Horns of a *Cade-Lamb* at *Leedes*, eighteen Inches and a half long. Don. *Jos. Ibbotson Alderm. Leod.*

Two Horns of an *English Sheep*, each naturally formed into three Circular Hoops or Rings, like the *Cornua Ammonis*. Two Horns, each 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  Inches long that grew out of the Foot of a Sheep kill'd in the Shambles at this Town. Don. *Bart. Towers Pharm.*

Part of the Horn of a *Rhinoceros*, blackish, smooth, and quite thorough solid. Don. *D. Dan. Waldoe*. That part of the *Rhinoceros*'s Horn that being near the Head is very porous. Don. *Jacob Cuy. M.D.* The Leg of an *Elk* two Foot two Inches long. Don. *Isaac Blackburn Pharm.* Hart's Grease. Stag's Horn, and Foot. A Boor's Tusk.

Camel's Darn or Hair. Loughton-Wool from the *Ile of Man*, remarkable because not to be met with at any certain Place; but that one only Sheep of a whole Flock hath of this dark coloured Wool. Don. *R. R. D. Episc. Sodor and Man.*