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fectus producere possunt, & etiam planetis aliquando res miras & utiles dare.

VI. An Extract of a Letter from Oliver St. John, Esq; F. R. S. dated from Florence, November the 30th, 1731, N. S. Communicated by R. Graham, F. R. S.

WHEN I confider how many are charged overlaid in the Bills of Mortality, I wonder that the Arcutio's, universally used here, are not used in England. I here send you the Design of one, drawn in Perspective, with the Dimensions, which are larger than usual.

The Arcuccio. Vide Fig. 3.

- a, The Place where the Child lies.
- b, The Head-board.
- c. The Hollows for the Nurses Breasts.
- d, A Bar of Wood to lean on when she suckles the Child.
  - e, A small Iron Arch to support the said Bar. The Length 3 Feet, 2 Inches and a half.

Every Nurse in *Florence* is obliged to lay the Child in it, under Pain of Excommunication. The *Arcutio*, with the Child in it, may be safely laid entirely under the Bed-cloaths in the Winter, without Danger of smothering.

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