

Appendix: Transcription of text describing Table 10, “Table of the Moones place in the 12 Signes.”

William Mount, “A shorte declaration of the meaning and use of a perpetuall calendare or almanack,” 1583, B.O. 7601, Osler Library of the History of Medicine.

[p.38] **THE TABLE of the Moones place in the 12 Signes.**

In this Table first finde the name of your moneth under the first Title, and beginne right [p.40] over against it at the number of daies under the second Title to tell 1.2.3.4. &c downward if need be to the ende, & so from the beginning againe till you come to the present daie of your moneth, & keep in mynde *that* number where this count endeth, then finde out the Prime under his Title, & beginne likewise over against it, under the foresaid Title of daies to tell 1.2.3. &c, as before till you come to the number kept in mynde then shall you see directlie from *that* place forward the right hand, the Signe where the Moone is *that* daie, what part of the body is governed thereby, whether it be the fittest tyme to let blood, to purge, to bathe, to sowe, sett, plant &c or to comfort any of the naturall vertewes, as for example, I would know the 13 of August, 1583 what parte of the Zodiake the Moone moveth in &c, and therefore first I finde under the first title the name of August, & right against it under the Title of daies at the number 18 I beginne to tell 1.2.3. &c till I come to 13 *which* is the daie of my Moneth, this reckonyng therefore ending at 3. I keep 3 in mynde. Then I finde 7 *which* is the Prime *that* yeare under his Title & right against it at 14 I beginne to tell 1.2 &c downward till [p.41] I come to 3 kept in mynde, *which* counte I finde ending at 16; now then towarde the right hande betwixt the same lines. I see Scorpio the signe I looked for, the secreats & bladder, the partes governed at *that* time, & *that* is the best time to purge by potions, to take clysters, to bathe for hote diseases, & to comfort & strengthen the vertew expulsive. By Rule we may gather thus what Signe & degree the Moone is in. Multiplie the age of the Moone by 4, divide by 10, the quotient sheweth how many Signes the Moone is distant from the Sunne, & the Remaine multiplied by 3, teacheth how many degrees must be added that then we multiplie 6 (for so old is the Moone the 13 of August 1583) the whole wilbe 24, *which* divided by 10, the quotient wilbe 2, & the remaine 4; whereof I conclude *that* the Moone is separated from the Sunne 2 Signes & 12 degrees, seing therefore the Sunne *that* daie is within lesse then a degree of Virgo, the Moone must be likewise some 11 degrees in Scorpio. You may if ye will multiplie the age of the Moone by 2 & divide by 5, & the quotient with the remaine multiplied by 6 will then in like sorte [p.42] the distance of the Moone from the Sunne, for 6 multiplied by 2 is 12 which divided by 5 the quotient wilbe 2 as before, & the remaine to be multiplied by 6 wilbe likewise 2. Concernyng bloud letting, purging, bathing, &c having set downe the best & most convenient times depending upon the motion of the Moone (if such observations are to be regarded at all,[]) I leave *that* temperatnes of the weather, the time of the yeare, & all other circumstances whatsoever, to be weyed of such as have skill & experience in them, onlie this I finde noted (if it be worth the noting *that* as there be good, so there be hurtfull Signes for the premises as Taur: Gem: Leo, Virgo, Capr: the first part of Scorp: & the last of Libr: for bloud letting. Aries, Taur: & Capr: for purging unlesse we purge by VomYTE, & Taur: Vir: Capr: for bathing &c. I might also have added other thinges not mentioned in this Table, as for example, *that* it is good cutting of haire, shaving & clipping when the Moone increaseth in Taur: Vir: Libr: gelding or libbing of cattell when she decreaseth in Aries, Sagitt: Capr: & Pisc: pruning of vines when she increaseth in Taur: Scorp: & Libr: to be shorte I might have noted fitt

times for hunting, hawking, fishing, building & weining [p.43] of children, as some Prognostications ust to do, but I thought it more then sufficient barelie to name them in this place. Many circumstances therbe more necessarie to be observed in these matters, then the motion & dominion of the Moone, but howsoever the learned & wise phisicion & Astronomer by experience & knowledg finde them all concurring, yet notwithstanding divers superstitious Mooncalfes, think it not inoughe , if bloud be lett, or any phisick ministred upon those daies, *which* they call Lunares, as upon the Last of Aprile & September, the first of Maie and Auguste, the last mundaie in December & divers other, *which* prophane speculation may well be yoked with an old doting friend assertion confidentlie set downe for certaine truthe in writing, to witt, *that* their bodies *which* die any of these three nightes or daies, namelie 3^o Nonas Febr: 7^o Calendas Aprilis, or Idibus Augusti, shall lie sounde & whole & unperished in their graves till the daie of judgement