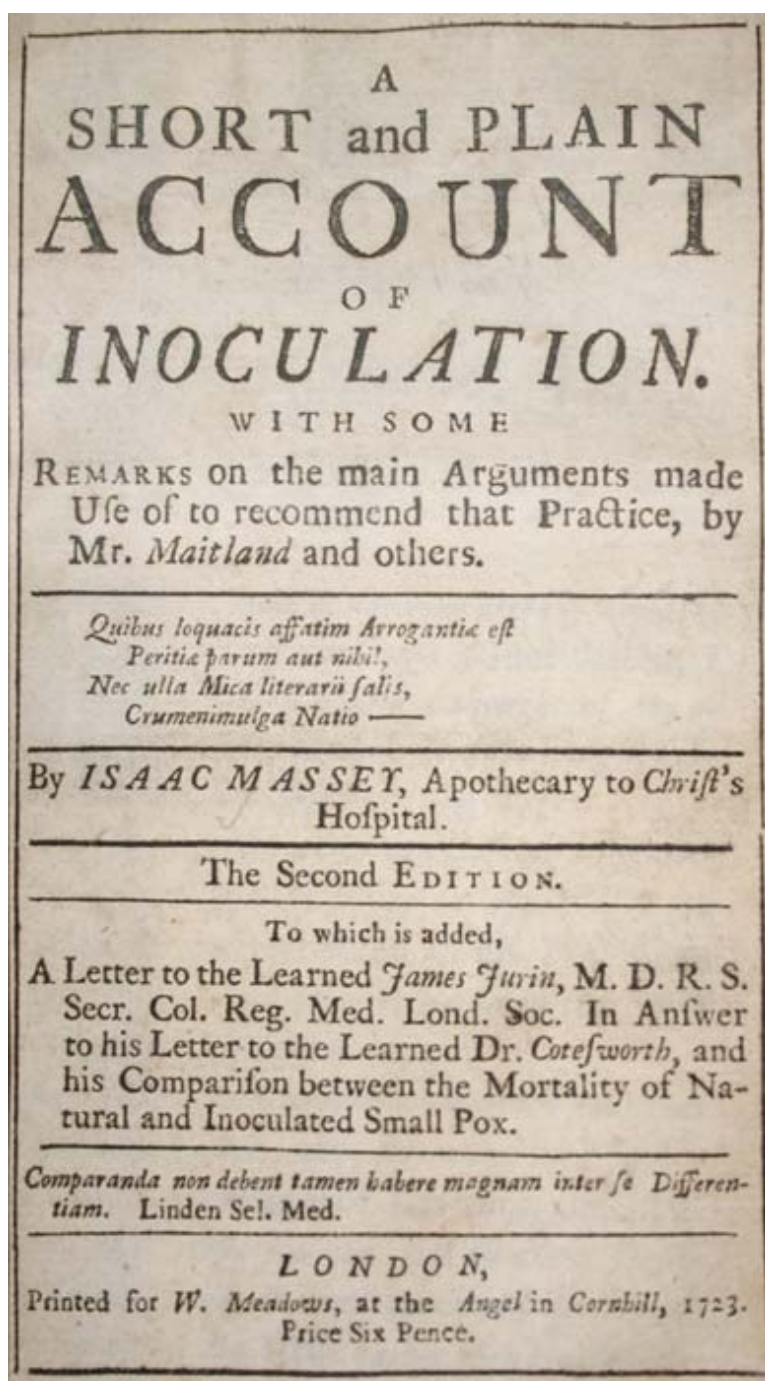


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believe, upon Enquiry, it would be found, that above one half of those who die of the Small Pox, within the Bills of Mortality, are of the helpless Sort, whose Condition is infinitely worse than the Inoculated, and therefore no Comparison can be admitted between them; if so, your Computation will amount to, instead of One in \* Nine, to One in Eighteen, or thereabouts: But to state this Matter rightly, it must be remembered, that your Computations are of two Sorts; the First shews, that one in Fourteen, or a Fourteenth Part of all Mankind die of the Small Pox; the other, Page the Thirteenth, shows, That out of every Nine Persons, young or old, poor or rich, taken with the natural Small Pox, one must die, or two out of Seventeen. I have nothing to object here, against these Computations, but as misapplied in the present Case, and when your Comparison is reduced to Reason, for *comparanda non debent habere magnum inter se Differentiam*, it will appear, that not above One in Forty that have the Small Pox, would die of that Distemper, if treated with equal Care with those that are inoculated; but to form a just Comparison, and calculate right in this Case, the Circumstances of the Patients, must and ought to be as near as may be on a Par.