



LSE Literary Festival discussion

The Arts of Illness

Dr Jane Darcy

British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow

Brian Dillon

*Journalist and author, 'Tormented Hope:
Nine Hypochondriac Lives'*

Sally O'Reilly

Journalist and author, 'The Body in Contemporary Art'

Dr Jenn Tarr

Chair, LSE



Le Malade Imaginaire.

Imp. Mourlot F^{rs}

*classé de l'école de la providence. de l'ami des gens, le bémol. pour
plumage. car*



Sectaria

Democritus Abderites

Solitudo

THE ANATOMY OF MELANCHOLY.

What it is, with all the kinds causes,
symptomes, Prognosticks & severall cures of it.
In three Partitions, with their severall
Sections, members & sublections.

Philosophically, Medicinally,
Historically opened & cut up.

By

Democritus Junior.

With a Satyricall Preface, conducing
to the following Discourse.

The third Edition, corrected and
augmented by the Author.

Omne tulit punctum, qui miscuit utile dulci



Inamorato



Hypochondriacus



Superstitiosus



Democritus

Junior



Maniacus



Borax



Helleborus



THE ANATOMY OF MELANCHOLY.

*What it is, With all the kinds causes,
Symptomes, Prognosticks, & severall cures of it.*

*In three Partitions, with their severall
Sections, members & sublections.*

*Philosophically. Medicinally.
Historically. opened & cut up.*

By

Democritus Junior.

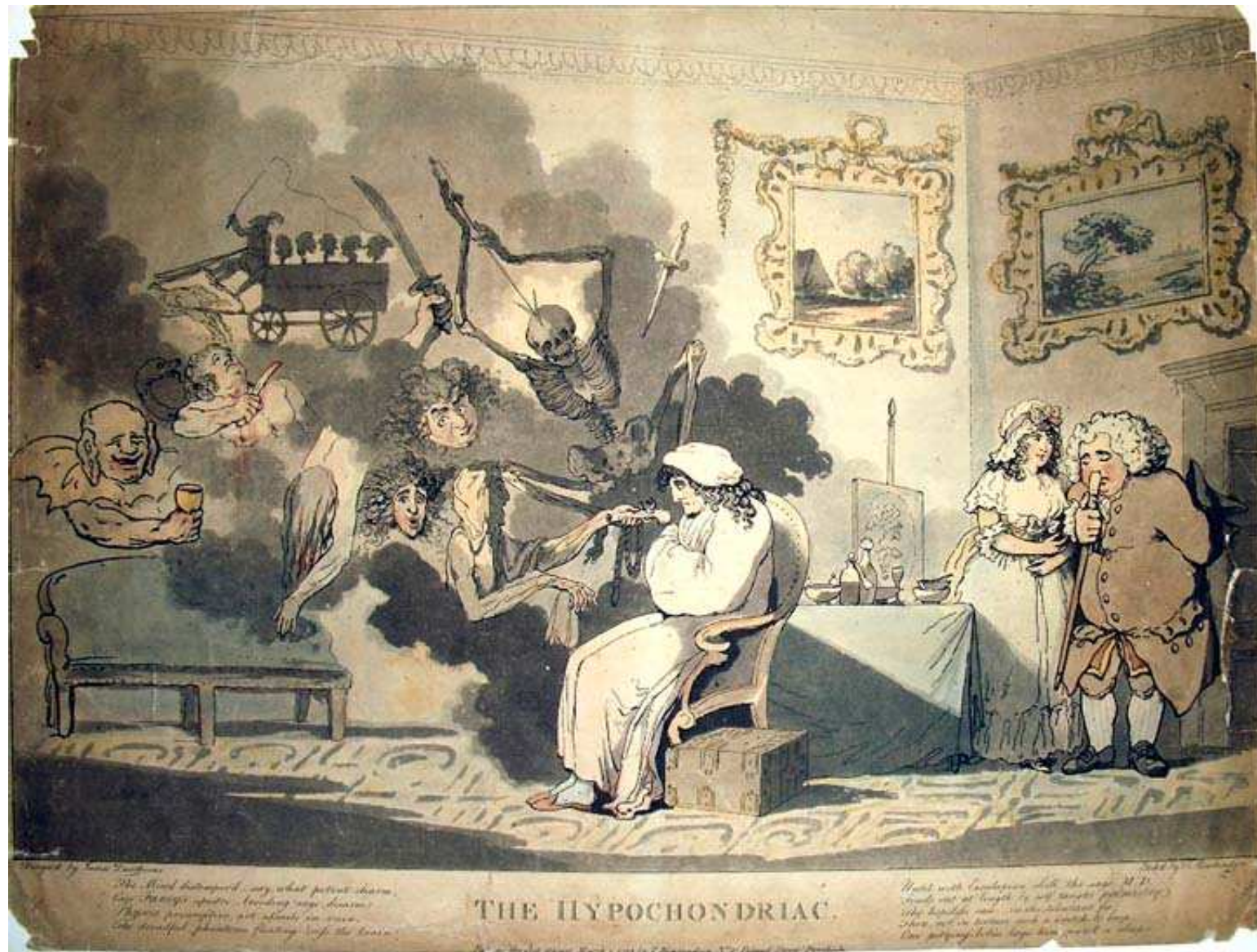
*With a Satyricall Preface. Conducing
to the following Discourse.*

*The thirde Edition. corrected and
augmented by the Author.*

Omne tulit punctum, qui miscuit utile dulci















THE RAIN BATH.

"You must be shut in for 15 minutes! Sir."



Sitz Bath & Wet sheet 6 o'clock winters morn'g
"This is delightful' very!"











acne, 53; AW concerned that treatment makes him ill, 64; caused by lack of sleep, 83; failure of regular treatment, 389; AW notices pimple on dermatologist's face, 409; Retin-A treatment works only on one half of face, 464

AIDS, 483, 486, 490, 541, 571, 582, 584, 687, 781, 800; aka "gay cancer," 429, 441, 442, 469; AW fears others believe he has contracted, 497; illness of Robert Mapplethorpe and death from, 572, 793; aka "the magic disease," 781

allergy, 608, 789; suggestion that AW allergic to potatoes, 608

antibiotics, 390

apple: as cure for insomnia, 407

banana: aids memory, 407

Beaton, Cecil: AW observes effects of stroke on, 113

Bernsohn, Dr. (crystal therapist), 590, 591, 594, 596, 598, 601, 617, 620, 624, 628, 641, 643, 644, 645, 655, 656, 661, 663, 678, 683, 685, 692, 701, 713, 727, 744, 763, 787, 790

biopsy: on lump in neck, 50; AW in pain following, 51; neck swollen following, 52

blackout, 386

blood tests, 255; AW suspects that physician throws tests away, 576

blood pressure: up from 78 to 97, but AW unsure of significance, 85

brain tumor: aka "the *Dark Victory* disease," 386

Burke, Dr. Karen (dermatologist), 499–500, 506, 511, 523, 524–525, 529, 538, 540, 552, 563, 614, 634, 641, 675, 694–696, 706, 745, 806

cancer: possibility of contagion, 45; incidence in children in New Jersey, 127; AW's suspicion of in Diana Vreeland, 145; death of Steve McQueen from, 342

cold, common: daiquiri perhaps responsible for, 386

collagen, 511, 523, 614; dermatologist suggests semen as rejuvenating substitute for, 540

cough: as source of contagion, 100

Cox, Dr. Denton (general practitioner), 29, 69, 70, 85, 121, 122, 132–135, 138, 142, 152, 153, 211, 255–257, 286, 318, 334, 335, 380, 386–388, 391, 442, 452, 463, 483, 486, 490, 540, 568, 576, 578, 581, 583, 594, 664, 708, 739, 770, 806–807

crystals, 590, 598, 600; used to treat pancreas, 591; relation to positive thinking, 596; skepticism of friends regarding healing properties of, 622, 744; AW advised to brush against forehead to aid sleep, 624; energy derived from center of earth, 643; AW's crystal requires recharging, 692; AW's skepticism regarding healing properties of, 697; AW's crystal falls from balcony at Palladium, 732

dentist: tries to convince AW to have X-rays, 53, 164

eyes: AW tries soft contact lenses, 66; broken blood vessel, 78

face, 177, 213; sunken cheeks following weight loss, 497

face lift: observed in friends and acquaintances, 205, 410

feces: canine, AW fears may catch disease from, 524

fever, 91

gall bladder: treatment for, 134–135, 142, 256; diet and, 279; advice to Brigid Polk regarding, 394; AW hides severe pain from, 801

garlic: efficacy against illness, 278

health: life not worth living without, 387

hepatitis: fear of catching from kiss, 422

homeopathy, 692

hospitals: AW's unease in waiting room, 54; as resembling concentration camp, 126; AW attends emergency room after falling and hurting arm, 424

kiss on cheek: potential danger of contagion, 48, 278

Legionnaires' disease: outbreak on 35th Street, 166; AW concerned about at Fairmont Hotel, 325

Li, Dr. Linda (chiropractor), 563, 565, 568, 569, 574, 579, 583, 588, 590, 592, 594, 598, 602, 608, 617, 654, 655, 663, 665, 667, 680, 688, 692, 693–695, 722, 723, 729, 770, 780, 786, 787, 789, 797, 802, 805, 806

neck, 50, 54

nose: unsightly veins removed from, 194

pain: in chest, at altitude in Colorado, 250; possible muscle spasm or kidney stone, 540, 578; while exercising, 545

pills, 152

pneumonia, 387

Rees, Dr. (plastic surgeon), 322, 409, 410, 500

Reese, Dr. (crystal therapist), 600, 617, 628, 643–644, 656, 661, 701, 744, 803

Sartin, Janet (cosmetologist), 376–377, 380, 389, 409, 413, 451, 461, 712, 770

shooting: effect on creativity, 182; continued physical effects, 250

skin, 53, 391

stitches, 54

stroke: fear of, 113

teeth: cleaning, 65

throat, sore: caught from kiss, 278

Valium: AW resolves to stop taking, 390

vitamins: prescribed to improve condition of skin and hair, 407; AW feels better after stops taking, 409; placed on body to determine dosage required, 579

weight: fluctuation of AW's, 279, 380, 381, 390, 394, 400, 403

X-ray, 134–135, 256, 386–387; AW's fear of, 53



LSE Literary Festival discussion

The Arts of Illness

Dr Jane Darcy

British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow

Brian Dillon

*Journalist and author, 'Tormented Hope:
Nine Hypochondriac Lives'*

Sally O'Reilly

Journalist and author, 'The Body in Contemporary Art'

Dr Jenn Tarr

Chair, LSE