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Mount *Vesuvius*.

'T IS not my Design here, to give you a complete History of this famous Mountain; and much less to dive into the Secrets of its Bowels, by a tedious Philosophy, as are all the conjectures relating to that Place, which I find to be only grounded upon some kind of probabilities. I have already given you an Ingenuous Account of the general State of this Mountain, according to what I my self have been an Eye-witness of; but perhaps a short collection of some other Curiosities, that may serve to illustrate it more particularly, may not be disagreeable to the Reader.

Every one knows that *Vesuvius* lies near to Naples, in the old *Campania*, now called *Terra di Lavoro*, or *Campagna Felice*, which is the most fertile, and most agreeable Province of all Italy. It is known to the neighbouring People by the name of *Vesuvio*, but they call it more commonly *Monte di Somma*, upon account of a certain Castle of that Name which was built hard by it. Ancient Authors give it the Names of *Vesuvius* and *Vesuvus*: Sometimes also we meet with *Vesuvius*, *Vesebius*, *Vesævus*, *Vesubius*, *Vesbius*, *Lesbius*, *Bespius*, *Vesvius*, & *Vessebus*. The Borders of this Mountain are in some places very frightful and barren; but the Land about it, and that but a very

Phlegæus is rather an Epithet than a Name.