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THE APOTHECARY DIACINTO CESTONI

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The famous apothecary Diacinto Cestoni, born in 1637, had his pharmacy in Leghorn. Friend of the most important physician of his age: Francesco Redi, Cestoni put the scientific method, according to the ideas of Galileo Galilei, at the first point in his observations.

The diseases of sailors were the most commune in a port and Cestoni, with his friend Cosimo Bonomo, observed with a microscope the scabies, discovering, for the first time, the "sarcoptes scabiei" and their action on the skin.

Studying the sperm, as Leeuwenhoeck, he perceived by intuition that the "animalculi spermatici" not only were present but also active in the reproduction process.

His famous pharmacy, in Greca street, was a center of scientific culture and he was touch with Antonio Vallisnieri, Marcello Malpighi, Giuseppe Zambecari and the king of Denmark Frederick IV. He died in 1718 and offers the perfect image of an apothecary researcher at the downing of Enlightenment.