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THE Cause of an Earthquake said to be owing to subterraneous Fires, &c. as published in 1750. (Author unknown.) P. 1
Mr. Lemery's Method of making an artificial Earthquake, &c. 9

To make an *Artificial Earthquake or Volcano.*

“ Take twenty Pounds of Iron Filings, add as many of Sulphur; mix and temper the Whole together with a little Water, to the Consistence of a Paste, then by putting it three or four Feet under Ground, it will presently begin to heat, and in a few Hours the Earth will begin to tremble and crack, and Fire and Smoke will burft through. Such is the Effect even of two cold Bodies in the cold Ground: There only wants a sufficient Quantity of this Mixture to produce a true *Etna*. If it were supposed to burft out under the Sea it would produce a Water-spout, and if it were in the Clouds the Effect would be Thunder and Lightning. This Composition is an artificial Kind of the *Pyrites*, which has all the Effects of the natural, and which requires no more than a little Moisture to set it on Fire.”

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