[Remedy against the Anthrax] Dr. William James Almon

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Ingredients
field plants
linnaeus lycopsis arvensis
basilicon

Places
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Description

Italian physician Jean Fontana's remedy for using a bruised plant to treat corrosive skin ulcers, p. 265.

Transcription

The celebrated Mr. Jean Fontana, Member of the learn-
-ed Academy of Turin, has lately published, for the
general good of suffering mankind, a specific remedy
against the Anthrax, or corrosive ulcer, otherwise called
carbuncle or plague sore. The curative prescription was
communicated to him, by the person, who has adminis
-tered it for many years to patients of that description,
and with constant success. It consists simply in the use
of a field plant, called by Linnous Lycopsis Arvensis
Bruise and pound the plant, lay it on the tumor, fix
it there by means of a bandage, and do not touch it
before it has remained 24 hours_ During the first
six or seven hours the patient will feel a painful burn
-ing heat in the part. It often happens that on taking
off the first apparel, the slough gets loose, and discovers
a wound which heals in a few days, by applying to it
a plaster of the Unguent called Basilicon. If the case
should be otherwise, the first method of cure should be
repeated. The second application of the bruised plant
which will not occasion above two hours pain to the
patient will be fully sufficient to remove the slough
and then the use of the above plaister effects a speedy
and radical cure.

Annotations

Basilicon

Efficacious ointments of "sovereign virtue."

Remedy against the Anthrax recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/224