

[Lime-Water Cure for the Stone] Mather Byles

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Author

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Type

Medicine

Symptoms

bladder stones

Ingredients

lime
water
shell lime
stone lime
lime water

Places

Halifax
Nova Scotia
Boston
Massachusetts
America

Source: Byles Papers

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Description

A description of using lime-water to expel bladder stones. Letter dated 23 September 1783 from Rev. Dr. Mather Byles to his sisters. See also Byles' ["Treatment and Precaution for Being Disordered"](#) and ["Blackberry Jelly to Treat Nephritic Complaints"](#) as well as the Almon Family Scrapbook's ["Receipt to Make Blackberry Jelly: An Approved Medicine for Nephritic Disorders."](#)

Transcription

Time into Eternity! On the 12th. by the Advice of my Physicians, I began to drink Lime-Water. On the 13th. I discharged formidable Calculus: & on the 14th. a second, with many circumstances of Distress & Horror. It would be the most criminal Ingratitude in me not to add that the merciful Interposition of a kind Providence was very visible & remarkable. Since this, I have been easy: & my Strength is recruiting. I still continue the Lime Water: but am unable to procure any Shell-Lime, which I am told is preferable to Stone. [...]

Lime-Water Cure for the Stone recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/141>