

[Receipt for Killing Rats] Dr. William James Almon

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Miscellaneous

Ingredients

oatmeal

oil of rhodium

grain of mush

nux vomica

Places

Halifax

Nova Scotia

Dublin

Ireland

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Description

A recipe promising to kill even numerous rats that was purchased by the Dublin Society in 1783, p. 130. The recipe also appears in *The Bee, or Literary Intelligencer, Volume 3*, 1791, p.178.

Transcription

1In 1783 a premi-um of five Guineas was given by the Dublin Society for this Receipt.Receipt for killing Rats

Take 1 quart of Oatmeal, 4 drops of oil of [Rhodium](#), 1 Grain of Mush
2 Nuts of [Nux Vomica](#) powdered, Mix the whole together, and place
it where the Rats frequent: continue to do so while they eat it, and
it will soon destroy them, be they ever so numerous

Annotations

Rhodium

a chemical element

Nux Vomica

According to the OED, nux vomica is a kind of tree, "Strychnos nux-vomica (family Loganiaceae), native to southern Asia and cultivated for its seeds."

Receipt for Killing Rats recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/164>