

[Cure for the Croup] Dr. William James Almon

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Medicine

Symptoms

vomiting

croup

whooping cough

Ingredients

liver of sulfur alkalized

sulfur of potash

honey

sugar

milk

syrup

water

Places

London

England

Great Britain

France

Halifax

Nova Scotia

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Description

Transcription of a remedy for croup awarded a prize by the French government in 1807, p. 242.

Transcription

Gleanings from London Papers.

CURE FOR THE CROUP.

A prize of 12,000 francs, was offered in 1807, by the French government, to that physician who should produce the best memoir on the disease called the croup, including also the best method for cure.--Eighty-three memoirs were received; among them *two* have shared the prize, being of equal merit, *three* are distinguished as extremely honourable to their authors, and a *sixth* memoir is marked by the proposal of a remedy that is said by the writer to be a specific in this malady, and in the whooping-cough. It is *liver of sulphur alcalized*, a sulphur of potash, recently prepared and brownish. It is usually given mixed with honey [we have known it given with sugar.] The dose, from the attack of the croup, to the decided diminution of the disorder, is ten grains morning and evening, to be diminished as the disorder abates; and toward the close, the morning dose only to be given. The mixture of sulphur and honey to be made at the moment of using. Young children will suck it off the end of a finger: but it may be given in a spoonful of milk, or of syrup, thinned with water; or as a bolus: grown children take it best in this form. It usually relieves in two days; but it must be continued until the cure is completed, and sometimes beyond that period, for fear or relapses. The lips and the interior of the mouth are whitened by the liver of sulphur; and it imparts a warmth to the stomach, as it arrives there. The first doses most commonly occasion a vomit of a visoid or concrete matter, to which the sulphur gives a greenish tint. Infants at the breast continue their customary nourishment. -- The commission engaged to decree the prize, gave no opinion on this recipe; but desire it may be tried by the fa-

culty, not only in cases of the *croup*, but in pulmonary catarrhs, and other affections of that [class], for the purpose of obtaining further information on its effects.

Cure for the Croup recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/170>