

[An Admirable Receipt for a Consumption]

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Medicine

Ingredients
Madeira wine
balsams of Gilead
tolu
gum olibanum in tears
flowers of Benjamin
Narbonne honey
Canadian maiden hair
capillaire

Places
Nova Scotia
France
Portugal
South America
Canada

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Description

A cure for consumption with ingredients with origins around the world. Vol. 4 No. 189. Microfilm Reel 8155.

Transcription

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TAKE of Madeira (or good generous Mountain) wine, two quarts; balsams of Gilead and Tolu, each two ounces; gum olibanum in tears, (groisly powdered) two ounces; flowers of Benjamin, half an ounce. Let the mixture stand near the fire for three or four days, frequently shaking the vessel; then add thereto, of Narbonne honey, four ounces; extract of Canadian maiden hair, eight ounces. Shake the bottle well, and strain off the liquor. The dose, two tea spoonfuls to be taken once in four hours, in coltsfoot-tea, or water, sweetened with capillaire.

Annotations

Tolu

A South America balsam distilled to an oil for use in cough remedies, skin rash treatments, and perfumery.

Narbonne

A honey from southwest France produced in Narbonne since the 12th century. Often medicinal, its unique flavour comes from Mediterranean scrub, which includes rosemary, thyme, lavender.

capillaire

"A syrup or infusion of maidenhair fern" (OED).

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