

[A Plaster to Treat Liver Pain] Dr. William James Almon

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Type

Medicine

Symptoms

pain

tumefaction

costiveness

uneasiness

inspipated bile

Ingredients

mercurial ointment

hog's lard

opium powder

opium

leather

sticking salve

calomel

Places

Bath

England

Halifax

Nova Scotia

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Description

A recipe from Mr. John Sabatier of Bath for a salve used in a plaster applied to treat liver pain arising from blocked bile ducts, p. 265.

Transcription

1March 17th 1800.Extract of a letter from Mr. John Sabatier dated Bath_
My complaint was a constant pain more or less
Violent on the region of the Liver attended
sometimes with tumefaction, and costiveness; it
arose from inspicated bile that would not pass
through the ducts. Calomel afforded but temporary
relief. Mere Ointment rubb'd in none._ Since July
last the following plaster which I renew every
week or ten days and keep constantly on the part
has entirely removed all pain and uneasiness what-
ever and acts as a gentle and constant Cathartic
rendering all in internal Medicines unnecessary--
Instead of taking half a Pill or one every night
I dont take one in three Months

Recipe

2/3rds Mercurial Ointment the Usual sort
trituated with hogs lard mixd with
1/3d best Opium in powder laid thick on the
centre of a thick Leather the size of a crown
piece _ the Margin of which must be spread
with sticking salve of the same size to make it
adhere to be applied separately in as many
places as the pain is felt
I have never known this application affect the
Mouth

Annotations

Calomel

Mercury chloride, once used as a purgative as well as an insecticide and fungicide.

A Plaster to Treat Liver Pain recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/190>