[A Caution Respecting the Measles]

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diarrhea
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Ingredients
elixir asthmatic
anodine
warm wine
wine
wine whey

Places
Halifax
Nova Scotia

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Description

Instructions for treating loose bowels during an attack of the measles. Vol. 1, No. 34. Microfilm Reel 8162.

Transcription

A caution respecting the Measles.

AT this season of the Year diarhoea, or looseness of the bowels, is apt to prevail, especially among children, which arises from the debility and relaxation produced by the heat of the summer, and frequently abates without much m[edicin]al assistance as the weather grows cooler.

But if this disorder attends a child when it is first attacked with the measles, or if it takes place at any period before the eruption is complete, it prevents the salutary eruption through the skin, and the matter which ought to be thrown out on the surface of the body, fixes upon the stomach, bowels, or lungs and is suddenly productive of the most dangerous and fatal consequences.

Under these circumstances it becomes indispensibly necessary to the safety of the patient to put an immediate stop to the looseness; which may be affected by a free use of the Elexir Asthmatic, or some other anodine, a fomentation of warm wine applied to the bowels, and a plentiful use of wine whey internally.

Particular care should be taken to distinguish between the loosness of the bowels above mentioned, and that which usually takes place at the crisis or turn of the measles. The latter is highly salutary, and ought never to be checked, unless it becomes dangerous, (which is seldom the case) from its excess, and then not without caution and the best advice.

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