

# [Ringworms]

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## **Publication Format**

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## **Type**

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## **Symptoms**

ringworm

worms

itch

eruptions

## **Ingredients**

mushroom ketchup

mushrooms

ketchup

## **Places**

Nova Scotia

**Source:** Royal Gazette and the Nova Scotia Advertiser.

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## **Description**

Instructions for treating ringworm and other cutaneous maladies with the application of mushroom ketchup. Vol. 1, No. 37. Microfilm Reel 8162.

## **Transcription**

### RINGWORMS.

This is a cutaneous distemper very common among the Europeans in Bengal, as well as among the natives; and as the disorder is very prevalent in this country also, we present our readers with the following extract, containing a remedy for so distressing a complaint, which has hitherto frequently baffled the first medical abilities.

*Extract of a letter from a Gentleman of the Faculty at Fort St. George, to Doctor B. of the Bengal Establishment.*

“**Sir Paul Joddrell**, from his skill in Botany, has made a discovery which is likely to prove of the greatest importance to the health and ease of Europeans in India, and will tend to the extirpation of that cruel and most tormenting of all maladies, the Ringworms ; and the Remedy is as simple as it is efficacious. It consists in

nothing more than a frequent embrocation or friction of the parts where the eruption prevails, with common *mush-room ketchup*. This remedy, simple as it appears, has never been known to fail in removing the Ringworms, Itch, or any other cutaneous eruption, after every other nostrum has failed.

“ Sir Paul accounts for the efficacy of this Vegetable Curative, in the known noxious property of the mushroom to all animalcula. The solution or essence of this Fungus is proved by this discovery to bear such enmity to the minute insect which is the occult cause of this disorder, that it immediately perforates the cuticle, and totally exterminates the infection: The experiment is easy and a trial is recommended to those afflicted with Ringworms, [ulcers], or eruptions of any kind.”

### **Annotations**

Fort:

Fort Saint George was established by the East India Company in what is now Chennai. It became in 1641 the site of the Company's headquarters for southern India.

Sir Paul Joddrell:

(1746-1803) An English physician who served in India from 1787.

Ringworms recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/222>