

[List of Quack Medicines, Family Nostrums &c] Dr. William James Almon

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Medicine

Symptoms

sexual debility

nervous disorders

tumor uterinus

strangury

madness

diseases of the skin

rheumatism

consumption

pain

coughing

bruises

gout

gonorrhoea

scurvy

colic

death

wind in the stomach

obstructions

fever

plague

wounds

debility

blindness

Ingredients

brandy
cantharides
corrosive sublimate
almond milk
oil of sassafras
gum guaiacum
salt of tartar
salt
balsam of copaiba
wine
spirit of wine
camphor
mustard
terebinth
coltsfoot
oxymel of squills
mustard pills
balsam of folic
black resin
black pepper
gentian
orange peel
cardamom seed
calomel
sugar
lead
water
aloe
gum arabic
oil of aniseed
common caustic
lunar caustic
pimento
magnesia
peppermint
peppermint water
asafoetida
oil of rhodium
cream of tartar
salt of sorrel
vinegar
cloves
oil of cloves
steel
gold
silver
almonds
rose water

oil of almonds
oil of tartar
amber
oil of amber
turpentine
honey
folic lozenges
arsenic
yellow arsenic
lard
hogs lard

Places
Halifax
Nova Scotia

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Description

A chart of commercial medicines and medicinal ingredients detailing their composition, advertised effects, assessed efficacy, and purchase price, pp. 151-54.

Transcription

List of Quack Medicines, Family Nostrums &c

Name	Composition	Advertized effects &c Diseases in which it is recommended as infallible -	Real effects or effects of imprudent Administration	Sale price inclusive ^{Per} of Stamp
1st Soloman's Cordial Balm of Gilead	Tincture of Cantharides in Brandy	Sexual Debility Nervous disorders &c	Turor Uterinus Stranguary & Madness	" 10 6 Bottle

2nd Gowland's Lotion	Dickensons Solution of Corrosive Sublimate in Almond Milk	Diseases of the Skin	Madness	“ 8 6	Quart
[2] Vincent's Lotion	The same as Gowland's w ^t y ^e addition of Sal: Ammon	Scorbutic Eruptions	Madness		
3 Walker's Jesuits Drops	Saffron, Oil of Sassafras, Gum Guaiacum, Salt of Tartar, Balsam of Copaiba, & Spt. of Wine	Certain Complaints	Aggravation of the Disease	“ 2 9	³ / ₄ Bottle
4 Whitehead's Essence of Mustard	Tincture of Camphor & Mustard in Ol: Terebinth	Lumbago Rheu- -matism &c	Not [removable]	2 9	³ / ₄ Bottle
5 Godbolt's Vegetable Balsam	Oxymel of Squills	Consumptions	Protraction of Pain	1 1 “	Pint
6 Essence of Coltsfoot	Paregoric Elixir without a particle of Coltsfoot	Coughs and consumptions	The same w ^t the Paregoric of y ^e Shops	- 2 9	31 Bottle
7 Freeman's Bathing Spirits	Tincture of Camphor	Bruises & c & c	Useful	.. 2 9	
8 Patent Air Pump Vapour Bath	- - - -	Rheumatism Gout & c & c	Inefficacious	£20 to £30	each
9 Whitehead's Essence of Mustard Pills	Balsam of Folic & Black Resin	Rheumatism Gout & c	Useless	- 2 9 -	Box
10 Rymers Cordial Tincture	Black pepper, Gentian, orange peel, Cardamon seed & Spirits of Wine	Nervous Disorders	Useless	- 2 9	

11 Taylor's Anti[venereal] pills	Calomel	Lues & c	Efficacious but dangerous	- 2 9	Box
12 Royal Preventative	Sugar of Lead and Water	Prevention of Gonorrhoea	Inefficacious	1 1 -	Bottle
13 Mordant's Antiscorbutic Drops	Solution of Corrosive Sublimate & Infusion of Gentian	Scurvy & c	Madness Colic & death *	" 10 6	Bottle
		*See the Trial of Ann Buterfield for the {...} of Mr. Sca[rin]			
14 Anderson's Pills	Aloes a little Gum Arabic & Oil of Aniseed	Cathartic	Efficacious	" 1 1 ½	Box
15 Tyces Preventative powder	Common Caustic	For preventing Gonorrhoea & c	Dangerous & Inefficacious	" 2 6	Paper
16 Walker's Electuary	Lenitive Electuary & Cinnabar	For the cure of Gonorrhoea	Harmless & useful when properly employed	" 2 9	Pol
17 Durable Ink	Solution of Lunar Caustic in Water	Marking Linen	Burning, but Useful when cautiously employed	- 1 6	
18 Imperial Tincture	Tincture of Pimento	Nervous Disorders	Inefficacious	1 5 -	34 Bottles

19 Dalby's Carminative	Magnesia, Peppermint water & a little assafotida	Wind in the stomach	Innocent & efficacious	- 2 9	Bottle
20 Botts Tooth Powder	Chalk. Rose pink, [Orris] Root a drop of the Oil of Rhodium	Cleaning and Preserving the Teeth	Inefficacious	- 2 9	Box
21 Hooper's Female Pills	Hiera Picra & Copperas	Obstructions & c & c	Profluvia	“ 1 1 ½	Box
22 Salt of Lemons	Equal parts of Cream of Tartar & Salt of Sorrel	For taking out stains of Port wine Saline making Saline [mysticals] & Punch	Useful	1 ½	Box
23 Henry's Aromatic Vinegar	The consentrated Vine =gar of the late London Pharmacopia with a small proportion of camphor and oil of cloves	Security against Infection and from Fevers and plague	Inefficacious	- 2 9	Bottle
24 Perkins Metallic Tractors	Steel with a minute pro= portion of Silver, Gold or platina	Rheumatism Gout & c	Variable but generally in= efficacious	5 5 ..	Pair from
25 Milk of Rose	Oil of Almonds Rose water & Oil of Tartar	Diseases of the skin	Innocent	- 1 1 ½	31 Bottle
26 Haerlem Oil	Oils of Amber and Turpentine	Wound Debility & c	Diuresis & c	“ 1 1 ½	¼ 3 Bottle
27 Hill's Balsam of Honey	Honey Flowers of Benja= min & Spt ^s of Wine	Coughs and Consumptions	Inefficacious	“ 2 9	3iy Bottle
28 Cundells improved Do	Do. with Folic Lozenges	Do	Do	2 9	do

29 Singleton's Eye Salve or Golden Ointment	Yellow Arsenic & Hogs Lard Blindness & c	very dangerous	29	1/20 of [an] 3
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<https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/252>