

[Dr. Boerhave's Fever Powder] Sarah Creighton Wilkins

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Symptoms

fever

Ingredients

nitre

camphor

saffron

cochineal

Places

Halifax

Nova Scotia

Ireland

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Description

A hand-written letter to the new Times with Dr. Herman Boerhaave's remedy for fever powder. Dutch physician Boerhaave's remedy was well known and was published also in John Wesley's 1747 *Primitive Physic*, a lay manual reprinted in numerous editions throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Transcription

To the Editor of [the new Times](#) 1818

{...} the afflicting {...} from Ireland
respecting the Fever have suggested
the propriety of sending you a receipt
efficacious Fever powder of the use {...}
{...} [Dr. Boerhave](#), Ten grains of
which may be taken every 4 hours
this doze for an Adult
8 onces of [Nitre](#)
¼ once of Camphor
½ a ¼ of an ounce of Saffron
8 grains of [Cochineal](#)

Pound them together & keep them
in a dry bottle

Annotations

[the new Times](#)

After 940 editions, The Daily Universal Register was renamed the Times on 1 January 1788.

[Dr. Boerhave](#)

Herman Boerhaave was a Dutch physician known as "the father of physiology." He lectured at the University of Leiden.

[Nitre](#)

Potassium nitrate in mineral form, known also as saltpeter or saltpetre. (Also niter)

[Cochineal](#)

A red dye derived from insects of the same name.

Dr. Boerhave's Fever Powder recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/323>