

# [A Certain Radical Cure for the Scurvy] A.R.

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Medicine

Symptoms

face blotches

irritation in the face

Ingredients

cream of tartar

sulphur

ethiop's mineral

treacle

Places

Charlottetown

Prince Edward Island

Island of Saint John

**Source:** Royal Gazette and Miscellany of the Island of Saint John

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Description

A cure for the scurvy that is said to better than "those famous expensive drops."

Transcription

AN EXTRACT.

A certain radical Cure for the SCURVY.

It has proved most effectual in this tormenting disorder, attended with irritation, continual blotches in the face, &c. after every other application has failed, and particularly those famous expensive drops, and other nostrums, whose reputation the writer hereof has found to be much superior to their merit, he therefore desires, from the sole principle of humanity, that what he has experienced to be so great a benefit, may be universally known, for it came to his knowledge by mere accident.

"Take two ounces of cream of tartar  
"one ounce of Sulphur, one ounce of  
"Aethiops mineral; pound them fine,  
"and mix them in half a pound of  
"treacle, taking half a spoonful an  
"hour after breakfast, and the same  
"quantity going to rest; if this should  
"purge too much, take it only once in  
"24 hours, every evening. Continue  
"the practice, and the effect will soon  
"demonstrate its utility."

Mr. Printer, This I was desired to copy,

and tend to you, that you might insert the  
same in your paper, for the benefit of the  
afflicted, by a subscriber. Your's, A.R.

Annotations

**AEthiops mineral**

Ethiops mineral is in the eighteenth century "mercuric sulphide, HgS, prepared as a black solid by the reaction of mercury and sulphur, and formerly used medicinally as an anthelmintic and tonic" (OED).

A Certain Radical Cure for the Scurvy recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes:  
<https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/470>