

[A Certain Cure for the Measles in Swine]

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Symptoms
pustules

Ingredients
madder
flour of sulpher
saltpetre

Places
Charlottetown
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Dublin

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Description

A cure for measles in swine caused by poor food, by eating food boiled in lead and copper vessels, or from dirty pens.

Transcription

A certain Cure for the Measles in Swine.

From the Dublin Universal Magazine.

IT frequently happens that swine are

killed when disordered by the measles, which is easily discovered by the meat or flesh containing small globular pustules, of different sizes, varying according to the different degrees of the disease; which originate from their being fed with fusty, damaged corn, or some unwholesome food; or from its being boiled in lead and copper vessels, in which it hath lain too long; or from their being kept in a wet or dirty pen; either of which causes tends to obstruct the free circulation of the fluids; hence, arise those globular pustules, which are the juices rendered viscid and coagulated. About once a week, mix two spoonfuls of [madder](#) with their food, which prevents obstructions, acting as a diuretic, and is at the same time an astrigent. And on some other day in the week, give a spoonful or two of an equal quantity of flour of sulphur and saltpetre, well pounded and mixed, which purifies and cools the blood. All these different articles added to each pail of food in the morning, on separate days, prevent the measles, keep the swine extremely healthy and fatten them more expeditiously.

Annotations

[madder](#)

The OED indicates that madder is the "herbaceous scrambling plant, *Rubia tinctorum*."

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