

# [A Fire Proof and Water Proof Cement] Anthony Allaire

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Ingredients

milk

vinegar

egg whites

quick lime

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Description

This clipping from an unknown print source is pasted onto page 56 of Allaire's Diary, which has been added to the middle of the notebook. The same recipe for fireproof and waterproof cement appeared in newspapers, such as *The Ladies' Literary Cabinet* (New York, 25 May 1822) and *Minerva* (New York, 14 February 1824), and in print recipe collections, such as *The Housekeeper's Book* (Philadelphia, 1837). Although the typesetting suggests that the recipe in Allaire's book is not from these sources, publication dates suggest that the clipping also dates to the first decades of the nineteenth century. Image courtesy of New Brunswick Museum Archives and Research Library.

Transcription

A fire proof and water proof Cement.-- To half

a pint of milk put an equal quantity of vinegar, in order to curdle it; then separate the curd from the whey, and mix the whey with the whites of four or five eggs, beating the whole well together. When it is well mixed, add a little quick lime through a sieve until it has acquired the consistence of a thick paste. With this cement broken vessels and cracks of all kinds may be mended. It dries quickly, and resists the action of fire and water.

A Fire Proof and Water Proof Cement recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes:  
<https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/503>