

# [For a Canker] Jonathan Odell

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## **Compiler**

Jonathan Odell

## **Publication Format**

Manuscript

## **Type**

Medicine

## **Symptoms**

sore

## **Ingredients**

holly leaves

alum

salt

water

## **Places**

Charleston

South Carolina

**Source:** Jonathan Odell Notebook

**Institution:** New Brunswick Museum Archives and Research Library | **Source Origin:** Odell Family Fonds | **Sublocation:** Notebook containing poems by other writers, various recipes and remedies | **Reference:** S29B - F28 (1)

## **Description**

This remedy is on page 11. Image courtesy of New Brunswick Museum Archives and Research Library.

## **Transcription**

For a Canker--

(said to have been purchased of its

Discoverer in Charlestown, South

Carolina, by the Provincial Le=

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Burn a good quantity of Holly leaves,

to ashes, & pulverize them well--  
add an equal quantity of powdered  
allum: mix them and with a soft  
Rag rub them on the sore twice a day  
Then take an ounce of salt and an  
ounce of allum; dissolve them over  
the fire in a Pint and a half of water,  
and therewith wash the powder out  
of the sore a quarter of an hour  
after it is dressed.  
Remark--an oddly worded and  
no very scientific Prescription.

For a Canker recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/520>