

# [Ring Bone or Spavin] William Chapman

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Type

Veterinary Medicine

Symptoms

blister

tumour

inflammation

Ingredients

mercury sublimate

soap

oil of bay

train oil

Places

Yorkshire

England

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Description

One of several veterinary remedies in this section of the manuscript (page 5). Image courtesy of Mount Allison University Archives and Fort Beausejour National Historic Park.

Transcription

[Ring bone](#) or [Spavin](#)

Sublimate Mercury and

Comon Soap each 2 ounce  
Oil of Bay one ounce Make  
it in to an ointment:

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keep the Hors dry in  
the hous till the Blis  
ter stops then rub on  
[train oyl](#) till well:

Annotations

**[Ring bone](#)**

A term from veterinary medicine, ringbone is an "Inflammation involving the pastern bones [between the fetlock and hoof] of a horse's leg, typically resulting in swelling of the pastern with an abnormal bony outgrowth" (OED).

**[Spavin](#)**

A term from veterinary medicine (14th-19thC), spavin refers to "A hard bony tumour or excrescence formed at the union of the splint-bone and the shank in a horse's leg, and produced by inflammation of the cartilage uniting those bones" (OED).

**[train oyl](#)**

Train oil is "extracted from the carcasses of sea animals, esp. that obtained by boiling the blubber of the right whale" (OED).

Ring Bone or Spavin recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/527>