

# [[Clyster for a Nervous Fever]] William Booth

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chamomile

molasses

salt

water

Places

Shelburne

Nova Scotia

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Description

This is one of the more detailed entries describing a treatment for Hannah Booth, wife of William Booth, the diarist.

Transcription

Feb<sup>ry</sup> <sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>:

Much snow last Night--

Day clear and Frosty --

Hannah quite delirious this Morning.

She drank some Tea and eat a little

Bread -- Sent to D<sup>r</sup> D. informing

him of her state -- promises to call

soon.

He intends putting a Blister to her

back.

She had hot Bricks in Flannel

last night at her feet, having

complained of cold --

Sent Graves w<sup>th</sup> My Compliments

to Major Vesey requesting him <sup>^</sup>to Re:

commend a Nurse of the Regiment.

None to be found in Town accord:

ing to opinion of D<sup>r</sup> D-- sufficiently

steady.--

1The Major will send one this afternoon.

The Doctor was here at the time expected says

'tis a nervous fever -- did not imagine he

should have found her so bad this morning.

he recommends a Clyster of Camomile and

molasses and a little Salt (about a pint).

Soles of feet to have Poultice of Mustard,

Vinegar and Water. I wrote to M<sup>rs</sup> Burns for  
the Blister, some Hartshorn and Lavender.

2Mrs Burns at Point Carleton just now

The nurse came this afternoon.

Dr. Drummond very obligingly call'd and

made the Clyster w<sup>ch</sup> produced a good effect. She took the tea as usual with a little Bread. The Clyster having  
good effect the Doctor

ordered the 3<sup>rd</sup> of a pint to be again applied

which succeeded very well to our wishes

'tis to be repeated, about a Table and 1/2

spoon full of salt - 1/2 pint Molasses w<sup>th</sup>

Camomile water making up about

1 Pint --

Hannah had the Clyster again after Tea

it operated Twice 2<sup>nd</sup> appeared lose stool

1<sup>st</sup> watery --

Still taking wild and flem in her throat

excessive troublesome --

She had no sleep last Night; nor any this day--

about 10 minutes excepted--

3(copy) Dr: Drummond's note. Dr: Drummond with most respectful Compliments to Cap<sup>t</sup>: Booth begs leave to  
inform that there is a M<sup>rs</sup> Mackneal next door to M<sup>f</sup> Largin's a midwife who I presume may have in her  
possession a Bladder & pipe fit for the purpose of giving an injection immediately to M<sup>rs</sup> Booth, and the sooner  
given the better. Saturday pm.

Sunday 22nd

She died at 10 minutes before

5 o'clock, and so unprepared was

I that she was gone in her sleep

having dreamed loud but a minute

before.

[Clyster for a Nervous Fever] recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/535>