

[[Clyster for a Nervous Fever]] William Booth

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William Booth

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Dr. George Drummond

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Symptoms

nervous fever

Ingredients

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^{ry} th 21st:

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^f 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 wth My Compliments
to Major Vesey requesting him [^][to] Re:
commend a Nurse of the Regiment.

None to be found in Town accord:
ing to opinion of D^r D-- sufficiently
steady.--

1[The 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 Poullice of Mustard,
Vinegar and Water. I wrote to M^{rs} Burns for
the Blister, some Hartshorn and Lavender.

2[Mrs Burns at Point Carleton just now]

The nurse came this afternoon.

Dr. Drummond very obligingly call'd and

made the Clyster w^{ch} produced a good effect. She took the tea as usual with a little Bread. The Clyster having good effect the
Doctor

ordered the 3rd 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 wth

Camomile water making up about

1 Pint --

Hannah had the Clyster again after Tea

it operated Twice 2nd appeared lose stool

1st 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^t: Booth begs leave to inform that there is a M^{rs} Mackneal next door to M^r 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^{rs} 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: <http://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/535>