

[[Latin] UntitledRecipe/To Treat Venereal Warts] William Paine

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venereal warts

Ingredients

calomel

cream of tartar

tartar emetic

wine

vinegar

mercury

alum

camphor

white lead

Source: William Paine Papers

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Description

A prescription for an unknown ailment followed by an application to treat venereal warts.

Transcription

William Paine, Dr. Adair, Schwediauer 1Schwediauer is likely the same as F. Swediaur, MD, author of *Pharmacopoeia medici practici universalis* (Brussels, 1817).

Rx Crem. Tart. [Calomel](#) uniusque grana
quinque. Tart. Emet. granum unum.

This is a full Dose; to the weak & younger

Patients half the quantity is given.

It creates nausea generally, often vomits,
and commonly purges and sweats.

Dr Adair

Rx. Sp. Vini rectificat. aceti vini ana sescun-
-ciam. Mercur. Corros. Sub. Aluminis.

Camphora. Cerussae. Ana semidrachmam. 2This same recipe in Latin, with the same English description, is found attributed to someone named Plenck in Andrew Duncan, *Medical Commentaries, for the Years 1783-84. Volume Ninth* (London 1785), 121: "For venereal warts, and other excrescences, he has found Plenck's aqua caustica answer extremely well. Its composition is as follows: Rx. Sp. Vini rectific. Aceti vini, ana secunciam. Mercur. Corros. Sub. Aluminis. Camphora. Cerussae, ana semidrachmam. This liquor applied once or twice a-day with a pencil, has, he says, removed them when nothing else would succeed." Clearly Duncan and Dr. Paine had the same source, since Paine is writing a few years before Duncan's volume was published. Duncan's medical volume also attributes this recipe to Dr Schwediauer (not "Schwedianer") on p. 122.

For Venereal Warts, and other Excrescences

To be applied once or twice a Day with a
Pencil.

Schwediauer

Translation

Recipe: Five grains of both cream of tartar and [calomel](#), one grain of tartar emetic.

Recipe: Rectified spirit of wine [and] vinegar at the weight of half an ounce. Corrosive sublimate of mercury, alum, camphor, [and] white lead at the weight of half an ounce.

Translation and transcription by Winston Black

Annotations

[Calomel](#)

Mercury chloride, once used as a purgative as well as an insecticide and fungicide.

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<https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/673>