[A Certain Cure for the Measles in Swine]

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Symptoms
measles

Ingredients
madder
sulphur
saltpeter

Places
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Description

A description of the causes followed by a remedy to prevent swine measles. nn.143, Microfilm Reel 8063.

Transcription

A CERTAIN CURE FOR THE MEASLES IN SWINE.
[From the Dublin Universal Magazine.]
IT frequently happens that swine are
killed when disordered by the measles,
which is easily discovered by the meat or
flesh containing small globular red or
white pustules, of different sizes, varying

according to the different degrees of the disease; which originate from their being fed with fusty, damaged corn, or some unwholesome food; or from its being boiled in lead and copper vessels, in which it hath lain too long; or from their being kept in a wet or dirty pen; either of which causes tends to obstruct the free circulation of the fluids; hence arise those globular pustules, which are the juices rendered viscid and coagulated.--About once a week, mix two spoonfuls of madder in their food, which prevents obstructions, acting as a diuretic, and is at the same time an astringent. And on some other day in the week, give a spoonful or two of an equal quantity of flour of sulphur and saltpetre, well pounded and mixed, which purifies and cools the blood. All these different articles added to each pail of food in the morning, on separate days, prevent the measles, keep the swine extremely healthy, and fatten them more expeditiously.

Annotations

viscid

"Of fluid or soft substances: Having a glutinous or gluey character; sticky, adhesive, ropy." (OED)

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