[Effectual Cure for the Stone] A Unnamed Enslaved Man

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Description

A remedy for bladder stone purchased from an enslaved man with an account of its efficacy. Vol. VI, No. 261. Microfilm Reel 8166.

Transcription

From the COLUMBIAN CENTINEL,

Mr. RUSSEL,

TO alleviate the felicities of life, ought to be one of the great objects of a newspaper editor--You will then, promote this object, by giving place to the following:--Extracted from a late ALEXANDRIA paper.

EFFECTUAL CURE for the STONE.

Mr. PRINTER,

THROUGH the channel of your paper, I request a publication of the following cure for the Stone by dissolution, together with the circumstances of its attestation. The gentleman by whose consent and desire, and upon whose authority subsequent facts are offered to the public, is a Mr. RICHARD MAJOR, of Loudon county, in this state, minister of the gospel in the baptist society; a man of integrity and much respected. Being in company with him some few days ago, I had the following relation from his own mouth: “That having for a number of years been afflicted with this painful disease, he was at length informed that a certain physician, his name unknown, labouring under the same complaint, being at Berkley springs, a negro man there proffered to cure him. This he at first disregarded, but expecting a speedy dissolution unless some aid could be obtained, afterwards sent for the negro, who agreed to cure him for three pounds. He accordingly undertook and in a short time effectually eradicated the disorder. The physician then gave him his choice of freedom by purchase, in lieu of the contract betwixt them, on condition that he would disclose the means of the cure; to which the slave agreed.

“The receipt is the expressed juice of horsemint and of red onions; one gill of each to be taken every morning and evening until the complaint be removed.

“That he, Mr. MAJOR, being urged to a trial of the above mentioned remedy, submitted to it, though with some reluctance, as he conceived his term of life to be but short at most. Not having it in his power to procure green mint, so as to get the juice, he used in-

stead thereof a strong decoction of the dried herb: In other respects strictly adhering to the above prescription which had the desired effect. He began the experiment in August, ‘92, and within one week he had ocular demonstration of dissolution by the slightest touch of a particle that had passed from him, which continued so to do without pain or the least obstruction until the stone was entirely dissolved, and the cure completely effectuated before the ensuing spring. That from the time the disorder began to yield as aforesaid, he daily recovered health, strength and flesh, and was in as good plight as ever, age excepted, being at the time first above mentioned 72 years of age, with the appearance to me, corresponding with his own account, and as he further said without the slightest attack of the disorder from the time he began to use the above means of cure.” This, at his request, is communicated with great pleasure to the public by DANIEL ROBERDEAU.

Effectual Cure for the Stone recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/75