

# [A Cure for Corns] Handley Chipman

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corns

Ingredients

hot water

houseleek

ground ivy

purslain

vinegar

diachylon

gum ammoniacum

Places

Nova Scotia

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Description

A method of treating corns with soaking and the application of plant leaves or an adhesive plaster, No. 104, p. 62.

Transcription

## A Cure for Corns,

The whole cure consists in Softning the Corns,  
by Repeated washings of the feet in pretty hot  
water, then in Cutting them when soft<sup>^</sup>ened with a

penknife or scissars, without wounding the Sound parts, and next in applying a Leaf of house:  
:Leek, of ground ivy or of purslain dipt in Vinegar, upon the part, or he that has corns may apply a plaister of Simple [diachylon](#), or Of Gum ammoniacum softened in Vinigar,

Annotations

[Leek](#)

The succulent houseleek is a sempervivum used to treat skin disorders and diarrhea.

[Diachylon](#)

An adhesive plaster made from oil and a variety of plants. Now commonly referred to as lead plaster.

A Cure for Corns recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/94>