

# [A Cure for Corns] Handley Chipman

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## Author

Handley Chipman

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Medicine

## Symptoms

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>[e]</sup> ned 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>