

PRÆPARATA E PLUMBO.
PREPARATIONS OF LEAD.

CERUSSA ACETATA.

ACETATED CERUSSE.

TAKE of Cerusse one pound.
Distilled Vinegar one gallon
and an half.

Boil the Cerusse with the vinegar untill the vinegar is saturated; then filter through paper; and, after proper evaporation, set it aside to crystallize.

R E M A R K.

Cerusse being liable to adulteration with whiting, or calcareous earth, that species of it, called *flake lead*, Lewis says, is to be preferred. This preparation was called in the former Dispensatory *Sach. Saturni*, and there directed to be made in a leaden vessel. The Cerusse should be finely powdered before the vinegar is poured to it, and stirred now and then during the boiling.

Its use is chiefly external. Internally employed, by the cautious and skilful, it is a most useful medicine;—by the ignorant, a dangerous poison. Cho-
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lics, contracted limbs, tremors, palsies, &c. are the consequences of its abuse, and to such complaints workers in lead are exposed even from its fumes.

AQUA LITHARGYRI ACETATI.

WATER OF ACETATED LITHARGE.

Take of Litharge two pounds and four ounces.

Distilled Vinegar one gallon.

Mix, and boil to six pints, constantly stirring the liquor; then set it aside. After the fœces have subsided, strain.

R E M A R K.

This is only used externally; but, even this way, it has not been without mischievous effects. The Committee of the last Dispensatory, having their apprehension of saturnine medicines some way excited, admitted not this amongst others. The present Committee, sensible how impossible it is to guard against the misapplications of ignorance and rashness, have, with sentiments more masculine, replaced it; for, whilst Physicians seemed to avoid, or forget, the preparations of Lead, the empirical recommendations of a foreigner have made this so popular a favourite, that it must be strange indeed if no mischief follows an use so indiscriminate.

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