

DECOCTA ET INFUSA.

DECOCTIONS AND INFU-
SIONS.

DECOCTUM CORNU CERVI.

DECOCTION OF HARTSHORN.

TAKE of burnt and prepared Hartshorn
two ounces by weight.

Gum Arabic six drams by weight.

Distilled Water three pints.

Boil, constantly stirring, to two pints, and
strain.

R E M A R K.

This Decoction, though a much weaker absor-
bent than the *Julep à Creta*, is much more agree-
able to most people. It is used as common drink
in fevers attended with laxity of bowels.

DECOCTUM CORTICIS PERUVI-
ANI.

DECOCTION OF PERUVIAN BARK.

Take of Peruvian Bark, powdered, one
ounce by weight.

Distilled Water one pint, and three
ounces by measure.

Boil, for ten minutes, in a covered vessel,
and strain the liquor whilst hot.

R E M A R K.

The propriety of boiling the Bark in a close vessel,
and for so short a time, — to those who have ob-
served the peculiar odour exhaled, added to what
Baumé observes of its decomposition and destruction
by long boiling, — will appear evident.

DECOCTUM PRO ENEMATE.

DECOCTION FOR A CLYSTER.

Take of the dried Leaves of Mallow one
ounce by weight.

Dried

Dried Chamomile-flowers half an ounce by weight.

Water one pint.

Boil, and strain.

DECOCTUM PRO FOMENTO.

DECOCTION FOR FOMENTATION.

Take of the dried Leaves of Southern-wood,

The dried Tops of Sea-wormwood,

Dried Chamomile-flowers, of each one ounce by weight.

Dried Bay-leaves half an ounce by weight.

Distilled Water six pints.

Boil them a little, and strain.

DECOCTUM HELLEBORI.

DECOCTION OF HELLEBORE.

Take of the Root of white Hellebore, powdered, one ounce by weight.

Distilled

Distilled Water two pints.

Rectified Spirit of Wine two ounces by weight.

Boil the water with the root to one pint; and, the liquor being cold and strained, add to it the spirit.

R E M A R K.

This is a very efficacious application in defædations of the skin, as in Tinea, &c. It may be diluted at discretion.

DECOCTUM HORDEI.

DECOCTION OF BARLEY.

Take of Pearl-barley two ounces by weight.

Distilled Water four pints.

The Barley being first washed with cold water from the adhering impurities, pour upon it about half a pint of water, and boil the Barley a little time. This water being thrown away, add the distilled water, boiling, to the Barley; boil it to two pints, and strain.

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DECOCTUM HORDEI COMPO-
SITUM.

COMPOUND DECOCTION OF BARLEY.

Take of the Decoction of Barley two pints.

Raisins, stoned,

Figs, sliced, of each two ounces
by weight.

Liquorice-root, sliced and bruised,
half an ounce by weight.

Distilled Water one pint.

Boil to two pints, and strain.

DECOCTUM SARSAPARILLÆ.

DECOCTION OF SARSAPARILLA.

Take of the Root of Sarsaparilla, sliced,
six ounces by weight.

Distilled Water eight pints.

Macerate for two hours with an heat of a-
bout 195°; then take out the root, and bruise
it; return the bruised root to the liquor, and
again

again macerate it for two hours. Then, the liquor being boiled to the measure of four pints, press it out, and strain.

R E M A R K.

This decoction has been much praised by Mr. (now Sir *William*) *Fordyce*, in venereal complaints, after mercurials had failed.

He gave ℥ij in 24 hours, divided into several doses. See *Med. Obs. & Inq. Vol. 1.*

DECOCTUM SARSAPARILLÆ
COMPOSITUM.

COMPOUND DECOCTION OF SARSAPARIL-
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Take of the Root of Sarsaparilla, sliced and bruised, six ounces by weight.

Bark of the Root of Sassafras,

Shavings of Guaiacum-wood,

Liquorice-root, bruised, of each one ounce by weight.

Bark of the Root of Mezereon three drams by weight.

Distilled

Distilled Water ten pints.

Macerate, with a gentle heat, for six hours; then boil to the measure of five pints, adding toward the end of the boiling the bark of the root of Mezereon, and strain the liquor.

R E M A R K.

This decoction is given in doses, from ℥iv to ℥viij, four times a day, in venereal nodes, &c. See *Mezereon* in the *Mat. Med.*

A medicine, which has had a considerable sale under the name of the *Lisbon Diet-Drink*, is said to be a decoction of ℥ij of Sarsaparilla, ℥ss of Mezereon, and ℥ij of crude Antimony, with Liquorice, &c. boiled in ℔x to ℔v. See *Murray, App. Vol. 1. p. 338.*

DECOCTUM ULMI.

DECOCTION OF ELM.

Take of the fresh inner Bark of Elm, bruised, four ounces by weight.

Distilled Water four pints.

Boil to two pints, and strain.

REMARK.

R E M A R K.

This is given, in cutaneous foulnesses, in doses, to adults, from four to eight ounces twice a day. See *Elm-bark* in the Mat. Med.

MUCILAGO AMYLI.

MUCILAGE OF STARCH.

Take of Starch three drams by weight.

Distilled Water one pint.

Rub the Starch, by degrees adding the distilled water; then boil it a little time.

MUCILAGO ARABICI GUMMI.

MUCILAGE OF GUM ARABIC.

Take of Gum Arabic, powdered, four ounces by weight.

Boiling distilled Water eight ounces by measure.

Rub the gum with the water untill it is dissolved.

MUCILAGO

MUCILAGO SEMINIS CYDONII
MALI.

MUCILAGE OF QUINCE-SEED.

Take of Seeds of the Quince one dram by weight.

Distilled Water eight ounces by measure.

Boil with a slow fire untill the water thickens; then pass it through linen.

INFUSUM GENTIANÆ COMPOSITUM.

COMPOUND INFUSION OF GENTIAN.

Take of the Root of Gentian one dram by weight.

Fresh outer Rind of Limons half an ounce by weight.

Dried

Dried outer Rind of Seville Oranges one dram and an half by weight.

Boiling Water twelve ounces by measure.

Macerate for one hour and strain.

INFUSUM ROSÆ.

INFUSION OF THE ROSE.

Take of red Rose-buds, the heels being cut off, half an ounce by weight.

Vitriolic Acid, diluted, three drams by weight.

Boiling distilled Water two pints and an half.

Double-refined Sugar one ounce and an half.

To the water, first poured on the petals in a glass vessel, add the diluted vitriolic Acid, and macerate for half an hour; strain the liquor when cold, and add the sugar.

INFU-

INFUSUM SENNÆ SIMPLEX.

SIMPLE INFUSION OF SENNA.

Take of Senna one ounce and an half by weight.

Ginger, powdered, one dram by weight.

Boiling distilled Water one pint.

Macerate, for one hour, in a covered vessel; and, the liquor being cold, strain.

INFUSUM SENNÆ TARTARISATUM.

TARTARISED INFUSION OF SENNÆ.

Take of Senna one ounce and an half by weight.

Coriander-seeds, bruised, half an ounce by weight.

Crystals of Tartar two drams by weight.

Distilled Water one pint.

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Diffolve

Dissolve the Crystals of Tartar by boiling in the water ; then pour the water, as yet boiling, on the Senna and Seeds. Macerate for an hour in a covered vessel, and strain when cold.

R E M A R K.

Both the preceding infusions of Senna are mildly purgative to adults in the dose of an ounce and an half or two ounces : the nauseous flavour of the Senna is more covered in the latter ; and, as some think, would be still more so by the addition of sugar.

AQUA CALCIS.

LIME-WATER.

Take of Quick-lime half a pound.

Boiling distilled Water twelve pints.

Mix, and set it aside in a covered vessel for one hour ; then pour off the liquor, which keep in a close vessel.

R E M A R K.

Upon this quantity of Lime, put into an earthen vessel, the College of Edinburgh particularly direct to sprinkle gradually four ounces of the water, keeping the vessel shut during the effervescence and its falling

falling into powder; then to mix the rest of the water with it by stirring, to renew the stirring after it has subsided, and this for ten times, always keeping the vessel shut, during the ebullition, to prevent the access of air, and to filter it through paper, placed in a funnel close shut at its top. The College of London, by avoiding the frequency of stirring, expose it to the air still less.

Four ounces, or more, of Lime-water are given to adults, and repeated twice a day, or oftener, in some alvine fluxes, diabetes, and leucorrhœa; and, though it may not be lithontriptic, it moderates some calculous symptoms. It is applied as a wash for some kind of ulcers, and as an injection in some cases.

ACETUM SCILLÆ.

VINEGAR OF SQUILL.

Take of Squills, fresh dried, one pound.

Vinegar six pints.

Proof-Spirit half a pint.

Macerate the Squills in the vinegar, with a gentle heat, in a glass vessel, for four and twenty hours. Then press out the liquor, and set it by that the scæces may subside: lastly, pour off the liquor, and add to it the spirit.