

MELLA MEDICATA.

MEDICATED HONEYS.

MEL ROSÆ.

ROSE-HONEY.

TAKE of dried red Rose-buds, with the heels cut off, four ounces by weight.

Distilled Water, boiling, three pints.

Clarified Honey five pounds by weight.

Macerate the Rose-petals in the water for six hours ; then mix the honey with the strained liquor, and boil the mixture to the thickness of a Syrup.

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HONEY OF SQUILL.

Take of Tincture of Squill two pints.

Clarified Honey three pounds.

Boil them in a glass vessel to the thickness of a Syrup.

OXYMEL ÆRUGINIS.

OXYMEL OF VERDEGRIS.

Take of prepared Verdegris one ounce by weight.

Vinegar seven ounces by measure.

Clarified Honey fourteen ounces by weight.

Dissolve the Verdegris in the vinegar, and strain it through linen; then add the honey, and boil the whole to a proper thickness.

R E M A R K.

The diversity of strength, complained of in different parts of this preparation, called in the former

mer Dispensatory *Mel Ægyptiacum*, will, it is hoped, as here prepared, no longer exist, — at least in the same degree. It is intended only as an external application for deterring foul ulcers and keeping down fungous flesh.

OXYMEL COLCHICI.

OXYMEL OF MEADOW-SAFFRON.

Take of the fresh root of Meadow-saffron, cut into thin slices, one ounce by weight.

Distilled Vinegar one pint.

Clarified Honey two pounds.

Macerate the root of Meadow-saffron, with the vinegar, in a glass vessel, with a gentle heat, for forty-eight hours. Strain the liquor, pressed out strongly from the root, and add the honey. Lastly, boil the mixture, frequently stirring it with a wooden spoon, to the thickness of a Syrup.

R E M A R K.

This is the prescription of Störck, *L. de Colchico*; but, in the *Pharmacop. Austriaco-provincial.* published,

lished, about ten years after, under his direction, two ounces of the bulbs are directed; and Vogel successfully employed Oxymel of this last strength in a stupendous *hydrops peritonæi*. It is of consequence that the bulbs be in perfection; they should therefore be taken up in *autumn*, when, according to the above-mentioned *Pharm. Austr.* they are most succulent. This medicine, though it sometimes fails, has, if I mistake not, too much power to deserve neglect. The trial of it, by Bergius, prepared *e radicibus Colchici ab exteris apportatis*, seems imperfect. It is given to adults in the dose of a spoonful once a day at first, and gradually more, or oftener repeated. See *Colchicum* in the *Mat. Med.*

OXYMEL SCILLÆ.

OXYMEL OF SQUILL.

Take of Vinegar of Squill two pints.

Clarified Honey three pounds.

Boil them in a glass vessel, with a slow fire, to the thickness of a Syrup.

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