

EMPLASTRA.  
PLASTERS.

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EMPLASTRUM AMMONIACI  
CUM HYDRARGYRO.  
AMMONIACUM-PLASTER WITH QUICK-  
SILVER.

**T**AKE of strained Ammoniacum one pound.

Purified Quicksilver three ounces by weight.

Sulphurated Oil one dram by weight, or what is sufficient.

Rub the Quicksilver with the sulphurated oil untill the globules disappear; then add, by a little at a time, the melted Ammoniacum, and mix.

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## EMPLASTRUM CANTHARIDIS.

## PLASTER OF SPANISH FLY.

Take of Spanish Flies one pound.

Plaster of Wax two pounds.

Prepared Hog's Lard half a pound.

Having melted the plaster and lard, a little before they coagulate sprinkle in the Flies, reduced to a very fine powder.

## R E M A R K.

Complaints have been often, and for a long time, justly made of the failure of blisters,—not, perhaps, always from a defect of the former formula. This and another composition were at the same time applied by one of the Committee on himself: — *this* was found to answer perfectly well, and with less pain than the other. That this, however, or any other composition should constantly succeed, the Apothecary must be careful that the Flies be good,—fresh powdered,—that powder very fine,—and that the Plaster be neither made in too great a quantity at once, nor spread with a spatula too much heated.

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## EMPLASTRUM CERÆ.

## WAX-PLASTER.

Take of yellow Wax,

Prepared Mutton-suet, of each  
three pounds.

Yellow Resin one pound.

Melt them together, and strain the mixture  
whilst it is fluid.

## EMPLASTRUM CUMINI.

## CUMMIN-PLASTER.

Take of the Seeds of Cummin,

Caraway,

Bay-berries, of each three ounces  
by weight.

Burgundy Pitch three pounds.

Yellow Wax three ounces by  
weight.

Mix, with the melted Pitch and Wax, the  
rest of the ingredients, powdered, and make  
a Plaster.

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## EMPLASTRUM LADANI.

## LABDANUM-PLASTER.

Take of Labdanum three ounces by weight.

Frankincense one ounce by weight.

Cinnamon, powdered;

The expressed Oil, called Oil of Mace, of each half an ounce by weight.

Essential Oil of Spear-mint one dram by weight.

To the melted Frankincense add first the Labdanum, softened by heat; then the Oil of Mace. Mix these afterwards with the Cinnamon and Oil of Mint, and beat them together, in a warm mortar, into a Plaster. Let it be kept in a close vessel.

## R E M A R K.

This is the *Empl. stomachicum* of the former Dispensatory. The Committee on the former Dispensatory apprehended that no such Plaster could be effectual

fectual without some volatile substances; — that, to produce any considerable effects, the application must be frequently renewed; — and that this, being but moderately adhesive, might, without offending the skin, be taken off as often as should be judged necessary. See their Narrative.

## EMPLASTRUM LITHARGYRI.

### LITHARGE-PLASTER.

Take of Litharge, in very fine powder,  
five pounds.

Olive-oil a gallon.

Boil them, on a slow fire, with about two pints of water, constantly stirring untill the Oil and Litharge unite, and have the consistence of a Plaster. But it will be proper to add more boiling water, if the water that was first added be nearly consumed before the end of the process.

### R E M A R K.

This is the *Emplastrum commune* of the former Dispensatory; in the making of which, every Apo-

the cary, who has served an apprenticeship, knows that water is necessary to keep the heat moderate and prevent the scorching and discoloration of the oil,—that constant stirring is not less so, to prevent the matter swelling too hastily and running over the sides of the vessel,—and that, if a subsequent addition of water be necessary, (as is generally the case,) it should be of a boiling heat, lest some of the boiling plaster should fly in his face. But it should not be forgotten that a *plaster* is expected to stick, in some degree, to the part on which it is applied, —which this plaster but too often will not do. *Lewis* says, some of our industrious medicine-makers (perhaps having heard it said that plasters are applications of little use) have thought a cheaper composition would answer the purpose, and have accordingly added a large quantity of common whiting and hog's lard; whence it does not stick so well, and the lard is apt to become rancid and acrimonious. Whether this plaster be spoiled by the fraud above mentioned,—the ignorance,—or laziness,—of the preparer, in not boiling it sufficiently, — many other plasters, of which this forms the basis, will be deficient in the qualities expected by the College.

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EMPLASTRUM LITHARGYRI  
CUM GUMMI.

LITHARGE-PLASTER WITH GUM.

Take of Litharge plaster three pounds.

Strained Galbanum eight ounces  
by weight.

Turpentine by weight ten drams.

Frankincense three ounces by  
weight.

The Galbanum and Turpentine being melt-  
ed with a slow fire, mix with them the pow-  
dered Frankincense; and afterwards the Li-  
tharge-plaster, melted also with a very slow  
fire; and make a Plaster.

EMPLASTRUM LITHARGYRI  
CUM HYDRARGYRO.

LITHARGE-PLASTER WITH QUICKSIL-  
VER.

Take of Litharge-plaster one pound.

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Purified Quickfilver three ounces  
by weight.

Sulphurated Oil one dram by  
weight, or what is sufficient.

Make the Plaster in the same manner as the  
Ammoniacum-plaster with Quickfilver.

### EMPLASTRUM LITHARGYRI CUM RESINA.

LITHARGE-PLASTER WITH RESIN.

Take of Litharge-plaster three pounds.

Yellow Refin half a pound.

Mix the powdered Refin with the Litharge-  
plaster, melted with a very flow fire, and make  
a Plaster.

### EMPLASTRUM PICIS BURGUN- DICÆ.

PLASTER OF BURGUNDY PITCH.

Take of Burgundy Pitch two pounds.

Labdanum



Labdanum one pound.

Yellow Refin,

Yellow Wax, of each four ounces  
by weight.

The expressed Oil, commonly called  
Oil of Mace, one ounce by  
weight.

To the Pitch, Refin, and Wax, melted together, add first the Labdanum, and then the Oil of Mace.

### EMPLASTRUM SAPONIS.

#### SOAP-PLASTER.

Take of Soap half a pound.

Litharge-plaster three pounds.

Mix the Soap with the melted Litharge-plaster, and boil them to the thickness of a Plaster.

## EMPLASTRUM THURIS.

## FRANKINCENSE-PLASTER.

Take of Frankincense half a pound.

Dragon's Blood three ounces by weight.

Litharge-plaster two pounds.

To the melted Litharge-plaster add the rest powdered.

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