
 CHAP. XL.—CATAPLASMS,
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 CATAPLASMA FERMENTI. *Lond.*
Yeast Cataplasm.

Take of

Flour, one pound ;

Bear yeast, half a pint.

Mix and expose to a gentle heat, till the mass begin to swell.

THE yeast excites fermentation in the flour, and converts the whole into a thin dough. This cataplasm is considered as a very efficacious application to putrid or putrescent ulcers or tumours.

 CATAPLASMA SINAPEOS. *Dub.*
Mustard Cataplasm.

Take of

Mustard seed, powdered,

Crumb of bread, of each half a pound ;

Vinegar, as much as is sufficient.

Mix, and make a cataplasm.

Sinapisms may be made stronger, by adding of Horse-radish root, scraped, two ounces.

 CATAPLASMA SINAPIS. *Lond.*
Mustard Cataplasm.

Take of

Mustard seed,

Linseed, of each, in powder, half a pound ;

Warm vinegar, as much as may be sufficient.

Mix to the thickness of a cataplasm.

CATAPLASMS of this kind are commonly known by the name of *Sinapisms*. They were formerly frequently prepared in a more complicated state, containing garlic, black soap, and other similar articles ; but the above simple form will answer every purpose which they are capable of accomplishing. They are employed only as stimulants ; they often inflame the part, and raise blisters, but not so perfectly as cantharides. They are frequently applied to the soles of the feet, in the low state of acute diseases, for raising the pulse, and relieving the head. The chief advantage they have depends on the suddenness of their action.