
SECTION II.

PREVIOUS PREPARATIONS

Of certain

SIMPLES.

Adeps præparatus.

Prepared Fat.

THE *Fat*, being first purged of its membranes, blood-vessels and strings, is to be wash'd in fresh parcels of water, till it will no longer tinge the same red; then let it be melted, strain'd, and preserved from the injuries of the air.

Aloe præparata, seu lota.

Prepar'd or wash'd Aloes.

Dissolve the *Aloes* in a sufficient quantity of Spring-water, over a gentle fire; then strain it, and throwing away the fæces, evaporate it to its former consistence. But the purest, transparent *Aloes* need not be wash'd.

E.

Am.

Ammoniacum Gummi præparatum.

Prepared Gum-Ammoniac.

Dissolve *Gum-Ammoniac* in vinegar; strain the Solution, and afterwards evaporate the vinegar, with a gentle heat.

Apes præparatæ.

Prepared Bees.

Put *Bees* into a proper vessel, and dry them with a very slow heat.

Bolus Armena præparata.

Bole-Armeniac prepared.

Dissolve powder'd *Bole* in a sufficient quantity of spring-water; stir them well together, and afterwards decant the water, now saturated with the fine flower. Pour on fresh water, till the *Bole* is entirely dissolved, and only the small sand and stones are left behind. Mix the several parcels of turbid water together, then suffer them to rest, and the bole will subside, which, after the water is poured off, must be dry'd for use*.

* This is an admirable method of procuring such kind of powders fine and clean; and may be advantageously applied to many parts of the *materia medica*; being generally a good substitute for lævigation; as commodiously reducing the testaceous bodies to any assign'd degree of subtilty.

Cala-

P R E P A R A T I O N S. 51

Calaminaris Lapis præparatus.

Prepared Calamine.

Make *Calamine* thrice red hot, and as often quench it in *Rose-water*; then levigate it with the same water, upon a porphyre, and afterwards form it into balls.

Chelæ Cancrorum præparata.

Crabs Claws prepared.

Grind the black tips of *Crabs Claws* upon a porphyre, with *Baulm-water*, and make them into Balls.

Corallia præparata.

Prepared Corals.

Corals are prepared in the same manner as *Crabs Claws*; so likewise is

Cornu Cervi calcinatum.

Burnt Harts-horn.

Galbanum præparatum.

Prepared Galbanum.

Galbanum is prepared as *Gum-Ammoniac*.

Hæmatites Lapis præparatus.

Prepared Blood-stone.

E 2

Grind

Grind *Blood-stone* upon a porphyre, and with *Rose-water* make it into balls.

Lazuli Lapis præparatus.

Prepared Azure-stone.

Levigate *Azure-stone* upon a porphyre, then wash it several times in spring water; and afterwards dry the powder.

Lithargyri præparati.

Prepared Lithargies.

The *Lithargies* are prepared as *Bole-Armeniac.*

Margaritæ præparatæ.

Prepared Pearls.

Pearls are prepared in the same manner as *Crabs Claws.*

Martis Limatura præparata.

Filings of Iron prepared.

Take such *Filings of Iron* as have been cleans'd by the magnet *, and set them in a

* The *magnet* being a body that attracts nothing but iron, this is generally allow'd the criterion by which to determine whether any given parcel of matter holds it: tho' that metal may virtually, if not actually be contain'd in some substances which will not answer to the loadstone, as Mr. *Boyle*, M. *Lemery*, &c. have found by experience.

moist

P R E P A R A T I O N S. 53

moist place, that they may turn to rust, which grind to impalpable powder. They are likewise prepared with vinegar.

Millepedes præparati.
Prepared Wood-lice.

Wood-lice are prepared in the same manner as Bees.

Oculi Cancrorum præparati.
Prepared Crabs Eyes.

Crabs Eyes are prepared as Crabs Claws.

Opium præparatum, vulgo Extractum Opii.
Prepared Opium, commonly called Extract of Opium.

The *Opium* being first dissolved in Water, is prepared as Aloes.

Opopanax præparatus.
Prepared Opopanax.

Opopanax is prepared as Gum-Ammoniac; so likewise is

Sagapenum.

Sanguis Hirci præparatus.
Goat's Blood prepared.

About the beginning of Summer open some proper artery of a middle-aged *Goat*,
E 3 and

54 *P R E P A R A T I O N S.*

and draw out a quantity of *Blood*; which, being received in a clean vessel, is to be dried either by the heat of the sun, or a slack oven,

Succinum præparatum.

Prepared Amber.

Amber is prepared as *Crabs Claws*,

Tutia præparata.

Prepared Tutty.

Tutty is prepared in the same manner with *Lapis Calaminaris*.

N. B. As often as these *Simples* are met with in this *Dispensatory*, we suppose them prepared in the manner here described; unless they are expressly order'd crude, or unprepared.



SEC.