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CHOLERA PREVENTIVE COSTUME.

He who would defend himself from the Contagious Cholera must be dressed in the following Manner

The Bust to be entirely covered with India rubber, on which apply a large Fitch Plaster, and cover the whole with a Flannel six Yards long. Put a Copper-Plate on the Pit of the Stomach, and on the Breast a Bag of warm sand. Around the neck place a double band, filled with Pepper & Juniper Berries. Fill the Ears with Cotton impregnated with Camphire. Suspend to the Nose a large vial of concentrated vinegar, and adjust a Branch of acorus before the mouth. Over the band which surrounds the Body wear a Shirt saturated with chloruret of Lime, a cotton waistcoat, & a Jacket impregnated also with chloruret of Lime. Flannel trousers, thread Stockings dipped in vinegar, over which another pair of worsted, rubbed with camphire. Hollow brass soles, constantly filled with warm water, and strong shoes. Behind the Calves should be suspended two little Pitchers full of water. He must wear besides a great coat, a worsted gown, and cover the whole with a large cloak of oil cloth; a hat of the same stuff, and the face to be covered with a paste mask. In the right great coat pocket a pound of perfumed tea, and half a pound of felwort root. In the left pocket a pound of coriander root, and half a pound of sage leaf. In the jacket pocket a vial of essence of camomile, and in the sabb a vial of camphorated ether. In the crown of the hat a basin of soup, in the right hand a bush of juniper tree, and in the left an acacia tree. He must drag after him a cart containing fifteen yards of flannel, the necessary apparatus for vapour baths, ten friction brushes, two furred robes & a close stool. By exactly following these directions you may be certain that the cholera will attack you the first.