

Prescriptions and Notes Regarding Violetta Darwin's Stammer

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R Anthemonii erudi
Ethiops. mineral.
Pulv. & Ethel. Caceror. aa ʒj. misce
sig. Pulv. Ethiopicas.

R Celomelan. ʒr XX. Ethel. Caceror. ʒij.
Tartar. emetici. ʒr j. misce terendo
simul Mortario vitreo sig. Pulvis purgans.

R Pulv. Ethiopie. ʒr vi. capt. lii die
cum Corall. j. Syr. Mororum.

R Pulv. purgant. ʒr iv. capt. h.s.

R Infus. Sera con. ʒj. Menn ʒj. Succ
Limon. ʒj. misce This is to be repeated ~~twice~~
with three or four days intervening

For Master Forester

R Pulv. Ethiopie. ʒr iv. capt. lii die.

R Pulv. purgant. ʒr iii. capt. h.s.

R Infus. Sera ʒv. Menn ʒj. Succ Lim. ʒj. misce
capt. ut supra

For Master Miles

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a prescription Billon
by Dr Erasmus Darwin

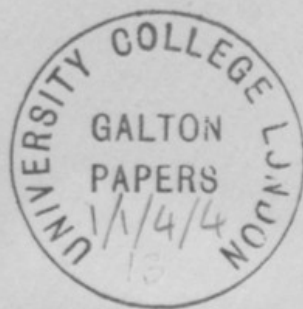
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however, will

for

f.2

Prescription written by
Dr. Erasmus Darwin.



Manuscript of Dr. Erasmus Darwin, describing how his daughter, Violetta Darwin, is to be treated for a slight stammer. It is probably addressed to her school-mistress or governess. f3

Miss Violetta's Impediment proceeds from three
 Causes. 1st. Being too eager to communicate her thoughts
 in less time than proper speaking will admit. for which
 reason I have perpetually recommended speaking slow.
 The second is that she has often attempted to speak by
 drawing in ^{the breath} instead of sending it out. for which I have
 perpetually recommended to her. to add the aspirate
 h. to the beginning of every word. to secure getting out
 the Mouth. The 3^d is that she shuts her Mouth too close
 in forming the Consonants by which when the breath is
 sent out it is stoped by the Tongue most frequently at
 the beginning. but if the Accent is in the middle of the
 word, it is generally where the Accent is whether at the
 beginning or no. To correct this I have constantly
 recommended to her to shut her Mouth softly wherever
 the Consonant compresses the Mouth whether by the lips
 in words beginning with b. f. m. p. v. w. or with
 the tip or near the tip of the Tongue in words beginning
 with c. o. s. d. l. n. r. t. z. th. or the middle with word

beginning with j ych sh. or the back part. with
words beginning with G. H. The ~~other~~ ^{first} part.

This Young Lady is very deficient in Spelling and
knowing her words. and often guesses them, by which
she reads very false, the correcting which often confuses
her. Therefore this must be managed with great Caution
and yet she must be broke of it or otherwise she will
never ^{read} ~~speech~~ well. I have taken much pains to correct
this. but it will demand a considerable time to correct it
intirely

I found it difficult to get her to spell each letter
aloud. ~~some~~ which must injure her Utterance. but speak
out every Letter will improve her Voice. and lessen
the defect in her Speech.



On V. Danovici
Stammering

Dr Darwin

Imped. of speech the
child 8 years old.



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a ar au e i or oe ur
u oi ai ou -

b f m p v w: c d l
n r s t z th: j y ch
sh: g k h: bl br cl
cr dl dr dw fl fr gl
gr pl pr sk sl sm
sn sh spl spr sq. st
shr sw. H. tr two, thr
thw.

Q^ute. p^{er} f⁵v,
all. w^r, or, a-~~l~~, c
foot,
oo (or oo) set of oo, short
u^s foot. U. in more
or time.

