

**The medical formulary : being a collection of prescriptions derived from the writings and practice of many of the most eminent physicians in America and Europe : to which is added an appendix, containing the usual dietetic preparations and antidotes for poisons : the whole accompanied with a few brief pharmaceutic and medical observations / by Benjamin Ellis.**

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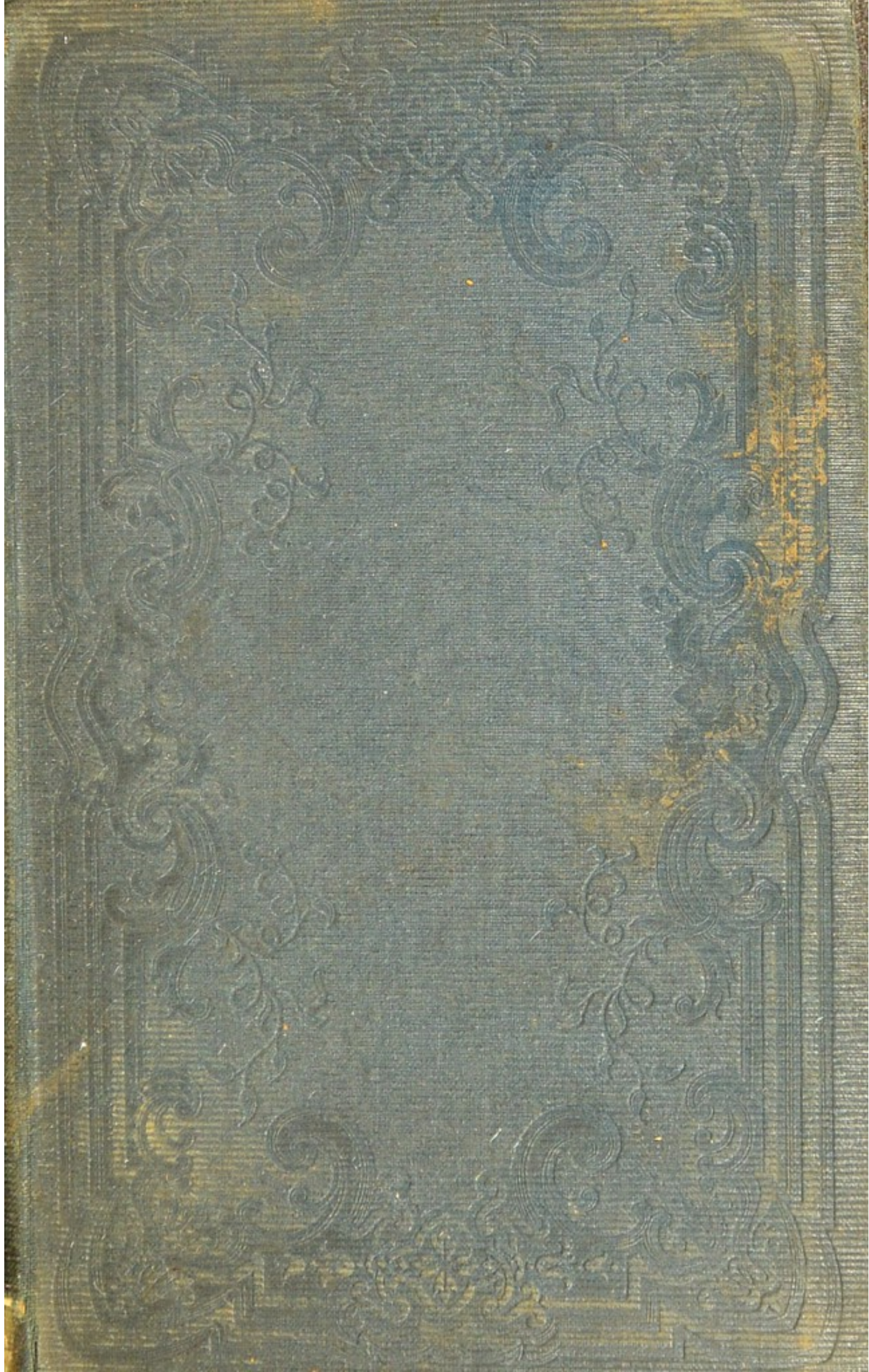








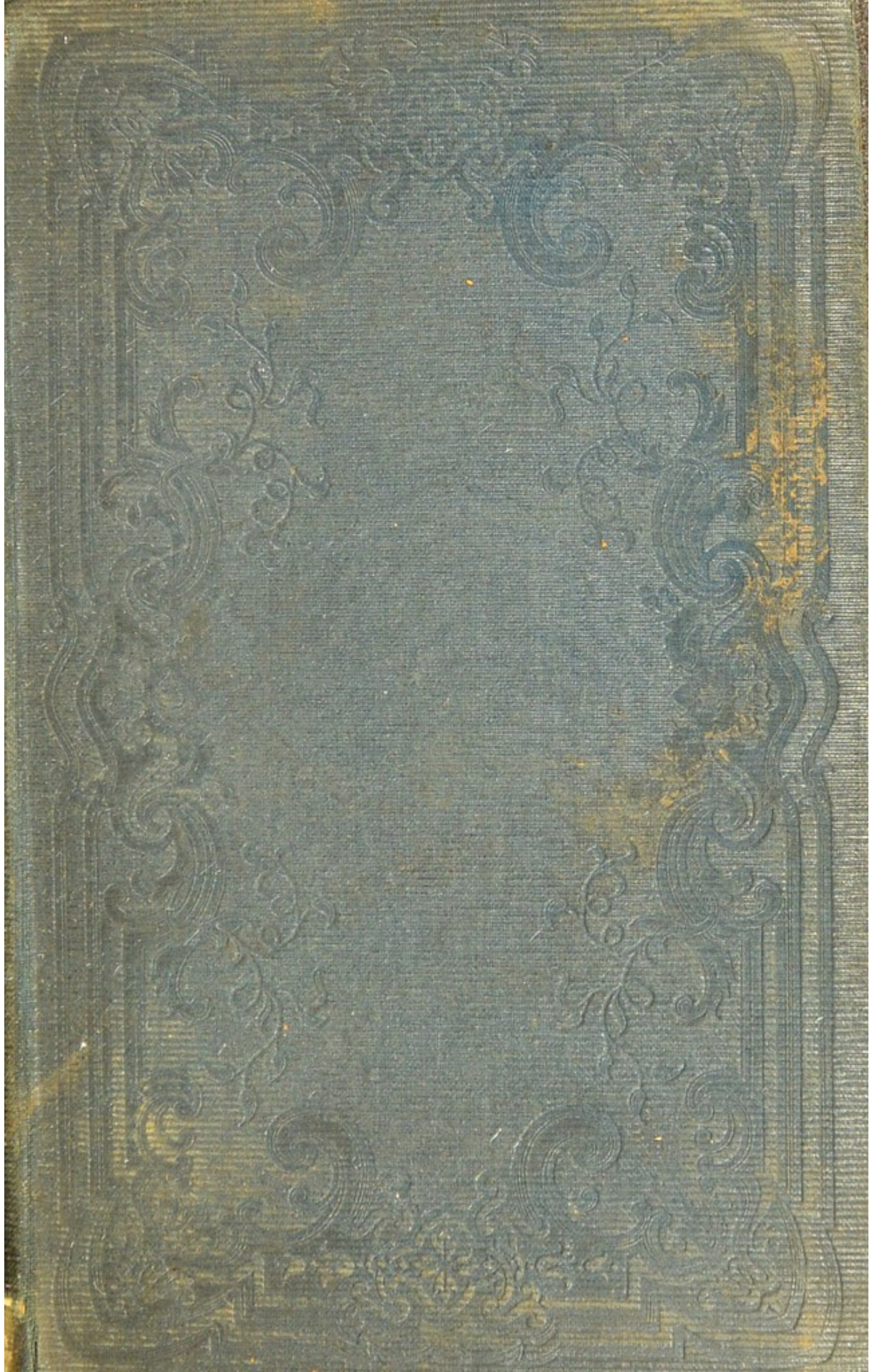




























































































































































































































































































The efficacy of narcotic plants is influenced by soil, climate, exposure, and cultivation; and the extracts by the season when the plants are gathered, and the mode of preparing them. Physicians would do well therefore to make themselves acquainted with the quality of the article they prescribe, inasmuch as there may be a fatal difference between two parcels of different ages, modes of preparation, &c.—*Vide Journal of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, vol. ii.: On Narcotic Extracts.*

*Pills of Camphor.*

R. Camphoræ, ℥ss.

Acaciæ,

Alcoholis, āā q. s.

Ut fiant pilulæ xv.—Dose, a pill every two or three hours.

*Pills of Opium, Digitalis, &c.*

R. Pulveris opii,

—— digitalis, āā gr. vj.

Confec. rosæ, q. s., ut fiant pilulæ xij.

Signa.—One to be taken every four hours. In Asthma, &c.

*Pills of Extract of Conium and Calomel.*

R. Extracti conii, ℥ij.

Hydrargyri chloridi mitis, gr. xv.

Fiant pilulæ xv et signa.—One three times a-day. In pseudo-syphilitic affections.

*Pills of Powdered Nux Vomica.*

R. Pulveris nucis vomicæ, ℥j vel ℥ss.

Confec. rosæ, q. s. ut fiant pilulæ x.

Signa.—One to be given two or three times a-day, closely watching the effects. In paralysis.

*Pills of the Resin of Nux Vomica.*

R. Extracti nucis vomicæ, gr. x.

Divide in pilulas xv.—One pill twice a-day, gradually augmenting the dose, and watching its effect.













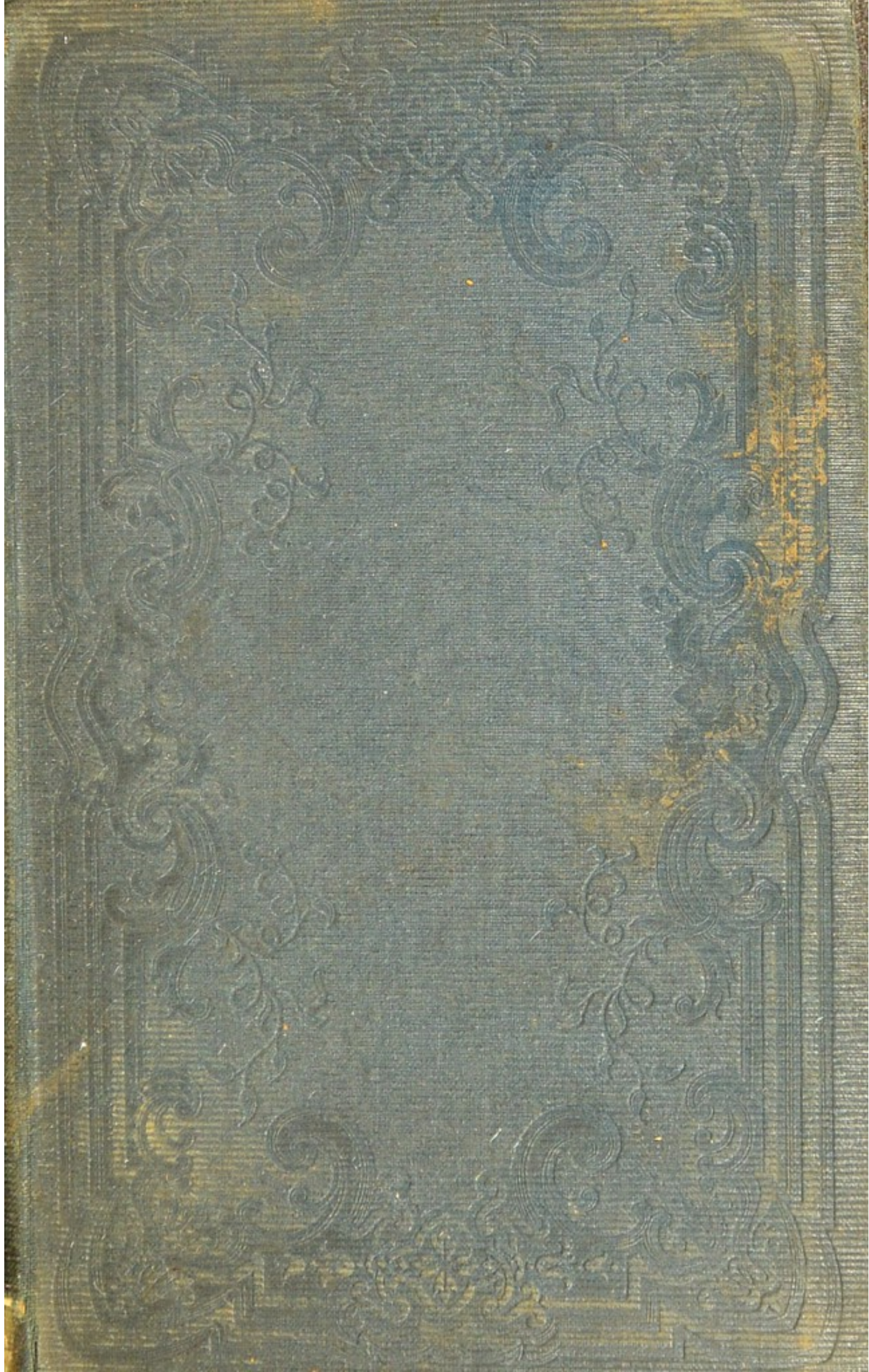






















grain of corrosive sublimate, their action must be very closely watched. M. Dupuytren was partial to these pills in the treatment of Syphilis. He thought the opium and cinchona promoted and beneficially modified the action of the sublimate.

*Pills with Corrosive Sublimate and Hemlock.*

R. Hydrargyri chloridi corrosivi, gr. vj.

Solvantur in

Aquæ destillatæ, q. s., et adde—

Succi conii spissati, ʒj.

Pulveris conii, q. s., ut fiat massa, in pilulas xlviii dividenda.

These pills contain the same quantity of mercury as the former, and may be given in the same number, and for the same purpose.

*Pills of Acetate of Mercury.*

R. Hydrargyri acetatis,

Mannæ,

Pulveris acaciæ, āā ʒj.

Aquæ rosarum, q. s., ut fiant pilulæ xx.

Of which let three be taken every night, till a gentle ptyalism is excited.

This preparation is said to be the mildest of the mercurial salts, and is less apt to disturb the bowels; but it is believed to be less efficacious in arresting the venereal disease.

The effect of the mercurial preparations upon children is sometimes very serious, and even fatal. So powerful upon them is the action of this medicine, that a profuse or even gentle salivation will sometimes produce mortification and destruction to the jaw, cheek and lip. This, however, does not often happen; but to avoid it the gums should be frequently and carefully examined. It is, nevertheless, a fact, that a disease precisely similar in all its features occasionally attacks children who are badly clothed and fed, though no mercury has been given to them.

*Solution of Cyanuret of Mercury.*

R. Hydrargyri cyanureti, gr. viij.

Aquæ, Oj.

Fiat solutio.—This is the *Liqueur anti-syphilitique* of Chaussier, who prefers it to corrosive sublimate on account of its greater solubility and more speedy action. By giving a teaspoonful of

















































































































































































































































































































