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Pilula Antiscrophula or alterative pills.**

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# The Poor Man's Friend,

OR OINTMENT OF MANY VIRTUES.

Price 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., 11s., and 22s. per Pot.

FOR ULCERATED SORE LEGS (EVEN IF OF TWENTY YEARS' STANDING), AND  
ERUPTIONS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

BURNS, SCALDS, CHILBLAINS,

IN THE COURSE OF ONE WEEK WILL BE EFFECTUALLY CURED;

AND FOR BREAKING-OUT IN CHILDREN'S HEADS THERE CANNOT BE A BETTER REMEDY.

Prepared only by the Proprietors, BEACH & BARNICOTT, Ltd., Bridport, and the Public are requested for their own safety, to take particular notice that this Bill of Directions is signed with a fac-simile of the late Dr. ROBERTS'S hand-writing, and that of the Proprietors.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USING.

*Inflammation and Contusion.*—A small quantity rubbed gently on the part and repeated night and morning (or it may be spread on some fine rag or tow, and repeated once a day) will soon effect a cure.

*Burns and Scalds.*—Spread the Cerate on lint, tow, or rag, and apply as soon as possible, whereby the blistering and ill-consequences thereof may be prevented; but when the part is already blistered, it will be necessary to repeat the dressing once a day till the cure is effected.

*Sore and Inflamed Eyes.*—Shut the Eyes, and well rub the Cerate round the eyelids and over the ball of the eye, night and morning till the inflammation subsides.

*Chilblains on the Hands or Feet, and Kibes on the Heels.*—When the feet begin to itch, and a redness and inflammation appears, rub a quantity of the Cerate well in; then spread some on a rag, and cover the part, which generally cures at one dressing; but when the feet are full of sores, and the heels are kiped and broke, it will be necessary to continue the dressing till the cure is effected. The feet should be washed every evening in warm water before the part is dressed with the Cerate.

*Sore or Chapped Lips* are cured by rubbing a small quantity on the part, particularly when going to bed.

*Eruptions and Pimples on the Face, Breaking-out of the Mouth, &c.* will be removed by anointing the parts affected with the Cerate frequently, and where practicable, it may be spread upon rag, and repeated night and morning.

*Sore, Scabby, or Scaled Heads.*—A Plaster of the Cerate should be continually worn on the head, spread upon some rag, and a flannel or oiled nightcap over it till the disorder is removed.

*Piles and Fistula* must be daily dressed with the Cerate spread upon lint, and the body kept moderately open during the cure.

*Scorbutic Ulcers and Ulcerated Legs.*—This Cerate has a prior claim to any other medicine in removing these complaints, and the cure is rapidly performed if the Ulcers are dressed once in every twenty-four hours, either upon lint, rag, or tow, and one or two of the Alterative Pills are taken every night.

*The Yaws* will most certainly give way to a continuance of this preparation, by rubbing the parts affected.

*Gangrenes*, from a bad habit of body, or any other cause whatsoever, should be frequently dressed with the Cerate made warm, and applied with a feather, and then a fine rag dipped in and laid upon the part; at the same time it will be necessary to take a large quantity of the Powder or Tincture of Bark, every hour till the disorder is stopped.

*Sore Breasts and Cancerous Humours.*—If any knots or hardness appear on the breast, spread the Cerate on fine rag, and repeat it once in twenty-four hours. In case a humour should form and break, which is frequently the case after lying-in, the sore should be dressed with the Cerate spread upon lint every morning till the cure.

Care must be taken not to spread the Ointment on Calico, as it produces Inflammation and Itching.

MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THIS OINTMENT DEPENDS ON USING THE ALTERATIVE PILLS AT THE SAME TIME.

Beach & Barnicott, Bridport



# A CAUTION

*Against Fraud, Deception, Spurious Imitation, and Gross Imposition.*

THE Proprietors would anxiously caution the Public against Vile Imitations of the above invaluable medicine, which has been in great reputation for a hundred years past; in consequence of such extensive demand, attempts have been made to impose upon the Public spurious Imitations. In order to preserve them from such impositions, Messrs. BEACH AND BARNICOTT have obtained permission from the Commissioners of Stamps to have their Name and Address thus engraved in the Stamp affixed to each Pot and Box, "*Beach and Barnicott, late Dr. Roberts.*" On the Label of every Box is an impression of Hercules destroying the Hydra, with the words, "*Dr. Roberts's Alterative Pills for Scorbatic Complaints, prepared only by Beach & Barnicott, Bridport;*" and the Ointment is contained in a neat white Pot, with the following words BURNT IN—"POOR MAN'S FRIEND," PREPARED ONLY BY BEACH AND BARNICOTT, SUCCESSORS TO THE LATE DR. ROBERTS, BRIDPORT, PRICE 1S. 1½d." The Directions are signed with fac-similes of the late DR. ROBERTS's and the present Proprietors' hand-writing, without which none can possibly be genuine.

## SKIN DISEASES

Are of two kinds: firstly, those which are only skin deep (which are not now to be considered); secondly, those which are caused by a bad state of the blood, and which attack various parts of the body in different ways. Skin Disease shows itself in the HEAD, sometimes in the form of Dandruff, which no amount of brushing and combing will get rid of; and sometimes in the form of Scaly Eruptions. In the NECK, by an enlargement of the glands (commonly called Glandular Swellings), which, if unchecked, become very unsightly wounds. In the ARMPITS, and the inside of the ELBOWS, by an inflamed Roughness of the Skin, which is very painful when washed. In the HANDS, by deep Cracks or Fissures, which if healed for a few days speedily open again; or by horny-looking patches. In the LEGS, by Hard, Shiny, and Inflamed Swellings, or by wounds more or less deep; and on the BODY, in Red Scaly Patches, which as often as rubbed off form again; or in the discharge of a thin watery fluid of a very disagreeable nature. In all these cases the treatment must be two-fold. An Ointment is required to relieve Itching and to heal the surface, and Medicine must be taken to change the state of the Blood and render it pure.

The "Poor Man's Friend" will retain its virtues in all climates, any length of time; it will supply the place of every other, and therefore may, with propriety, be styled UNIVERSAL.

## EXTRAORDINARY CURES

performed by the Poor Man's Friend and the Alterative Pills.

*Extract from a letter written by a Lady Missionary at the Church Missionary Station, Freetown, East Africa, to one of the Association Secretaries of the Church Missionary Society:—*

"January, 1895. One of our girls has suffered for months, and has been laid up with an ulcerated leg—a kind of scrofulous, gangrenous sore. I have been told that her mother died with it. Our English medicines did not seem to do any good. It was dressed twice a day, and she was getting so tired of being a prisoner. Her friends pleaded that she might go to a native doctor, although I think that most likely they have medicines which are better for their own diseases, yet I shrank from letting the girl go to these people, for fear of charms, etc. being used. One night I was sleepless, and thinking over many things, and one was this child, and I am sure God gave me the thought of a pot of Ointment, called *Poor Man's Friend*, which had been given me, and I decided to have her leg dressed with this Ointment for seven days, and, thank God, even in that short time there was a wonderful improvement, and we have used two pots and a-half and it was nearly healed. I have no more, but want you to send me some by post; it is prepared by Beach & Barnicott, Ltd., successors to the late Dr. Roberts, Bridport. It would be invaluable out here, where the scourge of the country is ulcers." The same lady writes subsequently to a friend, and says:—"I have since tried the Ointment on the leg of an old woman, with a wound of long standing, and it is nearly healed. It certainly has great healing power. I am telling others of it."

MR. H. LAWRENCE, Proprietor of the Marionette Entertainment, will answer enquiries respecting the value of *The Poor Man's Friend* in his own case. He used it for a severe wound in the leg.

A Correspondent making enquiry of the Proprietors, says:—

"*The Poor Man's Friend* has been applied in a bad case of cancer for more than a month without making any difference in the disease, but with the most decided benefit in destroying the disagreeable smell proceeding from it. It has been applied in the place of charcoal and other things, and has been far more efficacious than any other for preventing the disagreeable smell; in fact, it effectually stops it."

Messrs. ARMSTRONG & Co., of Toronto, write, under the date January 9th, 1882:—

"Mr. HANSFORD had an ulcer on the leg as large as the hand. After three or four M.D.'s failed, he asked us to get him his old friend, *The Poor Man's Friend*, and we did so. Six or seven pots cured him, and that under the most unfavourable circumstances."

GENTLEMEN,—As I feel no hesitation in recommending anything which I know will do a patient good, and understanding you are the proprietors of the celebrated Medicines of which the late lamented Dr. Roberts was the inventor, I can have no objection to bear my testimony to the efficacy of the *Poor Man's Friend*, which I have repeatedly witnessed, and which I believe has cured more wounds of various descriptions than any other medicine. You are at liberty to use this in any way you may think fit.

I am, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,

HENRY SULLY, M.D.

Oakhills, Taunton.

*Surgeon to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.*

Mr. JOHN L. SHARP, Olifant's River, Cape of Good Hope says,—from a severe cold his leg was swelled to nearly the size of his body. After three months excruciating pain, it broke into a wound near the shin. It had been partially cured by medical treatment several times, but with the least scratch or bruise it would fall into a sore much inflamed, which would take some months to patch up. With the use of hot baths and 12 pots of the *Poor Man's Friend*, and taking three boxes of the Pills, a cure was effected. The complaint is very prevalent in the Colony, and is called by the farmers, "Zinken Koorts."



IN USE 100 YEARS.

# *Pilula Antiscrophulae* OR ALTERATIVE PILLS.

PREPARED BY

**BEACH & BARNICOTT, LTD.**

SUCCESSORS TO THE LATE DR. ROBERTS, BRIDPORT, DORSET.

For the Cure of Scrophula, commonly called King's Evil, Scorbatic Ulcers, Eruptions in the Face, Sore Legs, Leprosy, and every other Disease arising from Impurity of the Blood.

THE saddest pages in the history of all nations are those which treat of the wholesale sacrifice of human life, through ignorance or neglect of the simplest means of preserving health and of avoiding disease.

Such sacrifice of life has occurred even in Hospitals, from mere insufficiency of space or neglect of ventilation, and in Schools from the same causes combined with want of cleanliness, lack of proper food and suitable Medicine, and inattention to the daily action of the Bowels.

The disregard of these laws of health, nay, more, the inattention to the simplest means of preserving it, has resulted, it is no disparagement of the healing art to say, in the sacrifice of more lives than can have been saved by the most skilful medical treatment. It is an undoubted fact, too, that the impurities of large towns, existing both within and without the dwellings of their inhabitants, tend to injure the state of health of those who are reputed healthy, and to render them liable to a class of diseases which is displayed in the pallid aspect, and marked by an absence of power or tone which promote the scrofulous tendency and induce eruptions of the skin, and these if neglected become chronic and most difficult of cure. Hence, with the view of preventing the development of these affections, as well as of effecting their cure, Messrs. BEACH & BARNICOTT, of Bridport, the successors and legatees of Dr. ROBERTS, who graduated so far back as 1797, have for many years dispensed Medicines and sent them to all parts of the world, prescribed by Dr. ROBERTS in his well-known treatment, the use of which tends to the promotion of Pure Blood. As no remedy can have any effect in alleviating diseases of the skin unless Medicine is given primarily to act on the whole of the alimentary canal, to purify the blood, to stimulate the appetite, and to promote healthy sleep, they have the fullest confidence (after long experience, and from the most gratifying testimonials from all parts) in continuing to recommend Dr. ROBERTS'S ALTERATIVE PILLS as not only the most efficacious, but also the most certain cure, in all affections which are characterised by want of vigour and where the blood requires depurating, more especially in eruptions of the skin of whatever character or kind. In the latter class of disease it is very desirable to use as an Ointment Dr. ROBERTS'S "POOR MAN'S FRIEND," which should be applied to the affected parts at the same time that Dr. ROBERTS'S ALTERATIVE PILLS are being taken, and in most cases a short course of treatment will contribute to clean and healthy skin and complexion, where, however, as sometimes happened, his patients had an objection to Pills or could not swallow them, Dr. ROBERTS gave his ANTISCORBUTIC DROPS, which are specially suitable for delicate ladies and children who frequently cannot be persuaded to take Pills. Dr. ROBERTS'S ANTISCORBUTIC DROPS are equally advantageous with his ALTERATIVE PILLS in all cases where the latter would be recommended, and possess one advantage that they are more easily swallowed. In short, in all skin diseases Dr. ROBERTS prescribed a two-fold treatment, his "ALTERATIVE PILLS" or his "ANTISCORBUTIC DROPS" to change the state of the blood and render it pure, and his "POOR MAN'S FRIEND" as an Ointment to relieve irritation and to heal the surface, and it is gratifying to note that his treatment is now universally adopted in the Schools of Medicine in London, Dublin, Edinburgh, Aberdeen (where Dr. ROBERTS took his degree of M.D.), Paris, Berlin, Vienna, &c. As against such remarks as these lines may suggest, a sufficient answer is given in the fact that Dr. ROBERTS'S Medicines have withstood the test of over 100 years than which "the test of time" there are few more convincing. But Dr. ROBERTS'S remedies cannot correctly, and never have been, even by paying stamp duty, come under the category of "Quack Medicines," for they are made from the prescriptions of a legally qualified Physician, and their qualities were markedly tested by him for a number of years previously to his death in 1834, when they became the property of Messrs. BEACH & BARNICOTT, to whom they were bequeathed. Since that time Dr. ROBERTS'S remedies have each and all met with the highest appreciation, not only from the members of his own profession, but from all classes who have sought relief by their use, and their efficacy has been testified to by many Testimonials of undoubted credibility, which Messrs. BEACH & BARNICOTT will forward to anyone applying for same.

## DIRECTIONS FOR TAKING ROBERTS'S ALTERATIVE PILLS.

Grown Persons should take one or two Pills at night going to bed; but should any inconvenience arise, lessen the dose to suit the habit of the body. For Eruptions in the Face, take one Pill every night. Children should take half Pill every night immediately after supper, in jelly, roasted apple, honey, or sugar. Infants afflicted with humours should take a quarter or a third of a Pill every night, as may agree with them, bruised into a powder.

*J. L. Roberts*

*Thos Beach*

*J. Barnicott*

Beach & Barnicott, Bridport



THE Proprietors of the above think this an advantageous opportunity of making known the other Proprietary Medicines of the late Dr. ROBERTS, which have been prepared by him for a number of years, though little or no pains have been taken to make them extensively known.



## ANTISCORBUTIC DROPS.

*For the cure of Scurvy, Scrophula, Leprosy, &c.*

To those who cannot take Pills, these Drops are particularly recommended; they Strengthen the Constitution, Purify the Blood, and promote the circulation; are gentle in their operation, and do not require cessation from business.—In Bottles, at 2s. 9d. and 4s. 6d. each.

*Extraordinary Cure by the use of Dr. Roberts's Antiscorbutic Drops.*

DEAR SIRs,—I feel that it would be wanting in gratitude to you on my part, as well as in sympathy for the afflicted public, were I not to inform you of the perfect cure of my leg under your treatment. It was covered from the toe to the knee with one violent *Scorbutic Eruption*, was quite raw, and discharged a kind of scalding water, and itched intolerably. It greatly interfered with my getting about, and sometimes confined me three or four weeks together. Some of the most skilful surgeons of the town had previously tried to cure it but without success. I went also to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and on coming out was pronounced cured, but soon found out such was not the case. By the means which you have used, viz., Antiscorbutic Drops as prepared by you, which I have persevered in taking till I had taken nearly five bottles, and using the Castile Soap you recommended me to wash it with, it is now become perfectly sound and strong, after having been greatly inflamed for three years. I feel, therefore, I owe you a debt of gratitude such as I cannot fully express.

Witness, JOHN HARVEY, Bridport.

Yours respectfully,

MARY JOY.

## PRO BONO PUBLICO.

### Pilulæ Radiis Solis Extractæ, or LARWILL'S PILLS.

For the DROPSY their equal was never discovered; they evacuate the water from every part of the body by stool, to the great astonishment of many of the faculty, who have been witnesses of their operation. They cured a gentlewoman at Frome after she had been tapped nine times by the doctor. They expel the wind, comfort the bowels, strengthen the lungs, and restore a decayed liver; they are also good for lowness of spirits in men and women, when accompanied with a slow continued fever, together with a strong-smelling ill-flavoured breath, and open all obstructions, making their way through the minutest part of the human frame; being one of the greatest, safest, and most certain medicines ever offered to the public. They were never prepared by any of the faculty but the inventor, and would not have been made thus public had it not been for the pressing importunity of some friends who had found some remarkable benefit in using them. In Boxes, 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. Ask for *Roberts's Larwill's Pills*.

There is not a disorder mentioned above in which they have not been used with success; and also in the evil.

Mr. THOMAS GIBSON, of Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, in ordering a supply to take with him to San Francisco, California, says: "I must, in justice to Larwill's Pills, say that they are the best Medicine I ever used for Indigestion, Liver, and general purposes. Also your 'Poor Man's Friend' is a great friend of mine, and I have recommended it to all my friends, and others. It never fails."

### DR. ROBERTS'S SPECIFIC DROPS,

Which cures with safety, but without impairing the Constitution, that most destructive and too fashionable disease of the times.—In Bottles, 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., 11s. and 22s. each.

### DR. ROBERTS'S RESTORATIVE DROPS.

For Decayed Constitution, General Nervous Debility, &c., brought on by excesses. These Drops will be found to answer every intention required, acting as a tonic on relaxed constitutions, and restoring the system to its original health.—In Bottles, 2s. 9d. and 4s. 6d. each.

### DR. ROBERTS'S MEDICATED GINGERBREAD NUTS.

A safe, pleasant, and effectual Remedy for Worms. These Nuts are as pleasant to the taste as those sold by the Confectioners, and equal in point of efficacy to any Worm Medicine ever yet offered to the public.—In Packets, at 7½d. and 1s. 1½d.

DR. ROBERTS'S MEDICINES ARE PREPARED ONLY BY MESSRS. BEACH & BARNICOTT, LTD., BRIDPORT  
AND SOLD BY ALL RESPECTABLE MEDICINE VENDORS IN THE KINGDOM, OR DIRECT FROM THE PROPRIETORS BY POST.