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OBSERVATIONS ON THE VIRTUES AND EFFICACY  
 OF DR. SIBLY'S  
 REANIMATING SOLAR TINCTURE, or PABULUM of LIFE.

THE researches made by Dr. SIBLY into philosophical and chemical enquiries; his long and laborious application to the study of second causes, which are the hidden, occult, or spiritual, operations of nature in all her works; the chemical analysis of medical plants, herbs, and minerals; a contemplation of the human structure, with the principles of life and death; a minute investigation of the ancient and modern practice of physic; of hereditary, accidental, and acquired, diseases, and the dreadful consequences of a mistaken or misguided treatment of them, are the sources from whence this medicine is recommended to the notice of a candid and discerning public.

It is a melancholy fact, too long established to be doubted, that more than two thirds of the human race perish by improper management or neglect, either in the helpless years of infancy, in the riper years of juvenile indiscretion, or in the more advanced stage of life, when a tainted or scorbutic habit has undermined the constitution, and brought on a complication of maladies, as difficult to cure as the common remedies are in general remote from the purpose. But still more shocking is it to every sentiment of humanity to reflect, that some hundreds, perhaps thousands, of valuable members of society, are annually torn from their disconsolate families by some accidental sudden cause, and hurried thoughtlessly to the grave, in whom the principles of life were capable of being revived! This lamentable truth has been established by the happy success of the Humane Society, from whose laudable exertions several hundred persons have been restored to life, who, to all visible appearance, were past recovery. Every age and country affords some instances of persons having been recovered, even after lying long for dead; and, from the number of those preserved by mere lucky accidents, it is evident still greater numbers might be saved by timely pains and skill. With this benevolent view, the present medicine was attempted; strengthened by the consideration that all disorders, originating in the blood, might either be prevented or repelled, could a medium be discovered for infusing immediately into the mass a fluid combination of such elemental principles as the blood and juices themselves consist of in their purest state; for this, in fact, is the aim of all medicines, but which they miss, by being administered in their gross form, and obliged to pass the several digestive operations of the stomach before they can reach the blood, whereby the principal part of their occult virtue is lost among the food, or secreted in such small quantities as to be of very little effect. But a medium, possessing these principles, ready digested, and so combined as to be taken instantly, and without diminution, into the habit, would not only keep the *cruor* and the *serum* in

in due proportion, which is so essential to health, but would stimulate, correct, purify, and augment, the blood, as its reduced or disordered state might require. Such a medium is the SOLAR Tincture; and such will be found its operative effects, under whatever circumstances it may be administered; the innocent and balsamic qualities of which are as grateful to the internal organs of the human frame as the Solar rays are cheering to the external.

This medicine was undoubtedly known, in some measure, to the ancient philosophers; but, from its expensive and laborious alchemical preparation, has been long lost to mankind. Not a single drop can be produced under nine weeks digestion; and the elements of which it is composed are obtained with still greater labour and difficulty; being extracted from the four essential properties which compose the universal PABULUM of NATURE; whence it is neither affected by change of weather or climate, nor by heat or cold; nor does it suffer any diminution of its strength or virtue by remaining open, or uncorked. The discovery of it has cost the Proprietor upwards of ten years close application to practical Chemistry; and it affords him no small gratification to avow, that, in offering it the Public, he invades no man's property, nor imitates any medicine at present known in public or private practice.—The experiments he has made with it upon a variety of diseased wretched objects exceed belief; and he will still continue to administer it *gratis to the poor*, who are given over by others, or who have not the means of applying for medical assistance.

#### For the RESTORATION of LIFE, in CASES of SUDDEN DEATH.

Those who have studied the admirable construction of the human machine know, that its dissolution cannot *naturally* happen but by a general decay of the whole system, when the vessels become impervious to the fluids, the circulation weakened or destroyed, and the vital organs no longer able to perform their office. But, when their functions are merely suspended by some sudden shock, it may be likened to the state of a watch stopped by a fall, which resumes its motion the instant that injury is repaired. In the animal œconomy, "*the BLOOD is the \* LIFE*;" therefore, if its circulation be suspended or destroyed, death follows. But if the blood can be re-agitated, and its circulation resumed, life will of necessity be restored. For this reason, whenever any accident has happened, by which sudden death appears to have taken place, whether by blows, fits, falls, suffocation, strangulation, drowning, apoplexy, convulsion-fits, thunder and lightning, assassination, duelling, or the like, let the unfortunate person be carried into a warm house, and laid by the fire, or put into a warm bed; let two or three table-spoonfuls of the Solar Tincture be introduced as early as possible into the stomach, and rubbed profusely in by a warm hand, upon the spine of the back, loins, breast, and region of the heart, and poured into the wound, if there be any; the warm stimulating quality of the medicine, assisted by the external heat and friction, will quickly rouse the stagnant blood and juices, particularly in the grand reservoir the heart, where, rarefying, pressing every way, and being resisted by the valves, it will swell so as to fill the flaccid right auricle of the heart, which by the shock had become empty and at rest; and thus stimulating its fibres, will put them into motion. The right auricle being thus filled, and stimulated into contraction, fills the ventricle; which by this means being irritated, likewise contracts and empties itself into the pulmonary artery; and the moment this is done the circulation begins again where it left off, and the lungs, being filled by the dephlogisticated air contained in the medicine, begin to act, and life is restored, provided the organs and juices are in a fit disposition for it; which they undoubtedly are much oftener than is imagined. Nor is this stimulating action of the Tincture upon the heart at all surprising; for every medical man knows, or ought to know, that the heart, even after it is taken out of the body, if it be pricked with a pin, or hath warm water thrown upon it, will beat afresh, and endeavour to exert its functions, though for some time before it had been motionless. No person therefore ought

\* Levit. xviii. 11, 14. Deut. xii. 23.

to be considered *dead*, until the energy of the blood is so far gone, that it can never again be agitated so as to fill and stimulate into contraction the right *sinus venosus* and auricle of the heart.

When the patient is thus far recovered, he ought to be treated with great care and tenderness; and some warm milk, wine and water, elder-flower-tea, or any nourishing spoon-meat, should be given to him as soon as he appears capable of taking food. In some cases it may be necessary to open the temporal artery and the external jugular, or to bleed in the arm; but this should never be done, if it can safely be dispensed with, as it certainly weakens the animal principle, which it is the first object of this medicine to strengthen. Under different circumstances, and as particular occasions may require, the rules recommended by the Humane Society will be found of considerable advantage. Above all, let me entreat an anxious *perseverance* in this sublimest of all virtues—the attempt to recover perishing lives. Humanity calls for it in the most moving accents; and what can inspire a good heart with more sincere, perfect, conscientious, and commendable, satisfaction, than a retrospect of such endeavours as have been generously exerted and successfully contributed to recover, perhaps to restore, the life of a fellow-creature from that most deprecated calamity—sudden death, with its alarming retinue of threatening consequences to those who die unprepared? since, by thus preserving a sinner to a future period, perhaps a soul may emerge in full maturity to felicity which shall have no end!

To demonstrate the re-animating power of the medicine, experiments may be made upon a fowl, lamb, cat, dog, or any animal, by plunging them under water until they are apparently dead, or piercing them through the head, or any part of the body except the heart; by suffocation, or an electrical shock: for sudden death, howsoever it happens, whether by drowning or otherwise, is much the same as to its effects on the vital organs; consequently they are all to be treated in a similar manner.

For the SCROPHULA, SCURVY, and all IMPURITIES of the BLOOD and LYMPH.

Those who have perused the Preparer's medical and philosophical WORKS, will more readily credit the astonishing powers of the Solar Tincture, which, in all cases of inveterate scurvy, leprosy, king's evil, rheumatic gout, palsy, nervous affections, asthma, consumption, dropsy, and in all disorders arising from an impure or impaired state of the blood, is a radical and certain cure.

“*In the BLOOD is the LIFE!*”—and no longer than this vital stream is kept in due circulation, pure, and uncontaminated, can the body be preserved in health and vigour. Hence the infinite variety of complaints an infected state of the blood induces, and hence the new and deceptive form a scrophulous taint puts on, which often deceive the most eminent of the faculty, and baffle the best intentions towards a cure. An impure, or scrophulous, taint, will remain in the habit for years, nay, for generations, undiscovered; and will invade the noblest organs of the human frame, before the patient can be aware of his danger. In the first stage of its visible effects, a weary pain seizes the joints and muscles, attended with a wasting of the legs and loins. In the second stage, the gums swell, grow painful, hot, and irritable, and bleed upon the slightest pressure; the roots of the teeth become bare and loose, and the breath nauseous. In the third stage, the gums grow putrid, the teeth black and rotten, the sublingular veins become varicose, and the breath cadaverous; foetid blood distils from the lips, gums, mouth, nose, lungs, stomach, liver, spleen, pancreas, intestines, womb, kidneys, &c. scabs and ulcers break out in all parts of the body; and the joints, bones, and viscera, become morbid. In the fourth stage, putrid, eruptive, and spotted, fevers ensue, which end in an atrophy, or else follow diarrhoeas, dysentery, dropsy, consumption, palsy, contractions, melancholy, and all the long and direful train of nervous disorders, which to describe would fill a volume.

To counteract this most virulent of all chronic complaints, which, scripturally speaking, seems to contain the solemn sentence of punishing the sins of the fathers

thers upon their children, even to the third and fourth generation, the utmost exertions of human skill have been employed. The remedies prescribed in its different stages are almost innumerable. The object is to reduce the virulence of the infection, and to eradicate its seeds from the blood and lymph; to which end the mildest and most simple medicines are recommended. Mineral and tar waters, for their warm and stimulating quality; milk or whey, from their similitude to the chyle; the cold bath, for bracing the solids and quickening the circulation; antiscorbutic vegetables, &c. for purging and sweetening the blood; such as scurvy-grass, water-creffes, wormwood, hemlock, centaury, vervain, water-trefoil, juniper-berries, the Peruvian bark, saffras, guaiacum, aloes, assa-fœtida, camomile, diascordium, saffron, fenna, rhubarb, manna, Æthiop's mineral, hartshorn, native cinnabar, antimony, &c. But, when these fail, mercury, or a mercurial salivation, is looked upon as the only cure; which, in fact, is but to give the human frame its last vehement shock, and send the wretched patient in agonies to the grave!

The intention of these remedies is to impregnate the blood with qualities opposite to those with which it is infected; and this must be done in a superior degree of force and power before a cure can be completed. But these medicaments are often administered under such nauseous forms and in so crude and unqualified a state, that they not only torture the patient, but miss entirely their intended aim. The nauseous taste of medicine is nothing but its grosser particles; which, instead of entering the stomach, to irritate and oppress its organs, should be drawn off by chemical process; for it is the occult virtue of every drug, not its grosser part, that performs the cure. Now the peculiar property of the SOLAR TINCTURE is, that it combines the essential and occult virtues of all scorbutic vegetables, ready digested, concocted, purified, and resolved into an elegant balsamic essence, pleasing to the taste and grateful to the stomach. It flies immediately to the heart, whether internally or externally applied, blends and assimilates with the venal and arterial blood, which it generates, corrects, warms, purifies, animates, and impels through the whole system. It cleanses all the viscera, and glandular parts, particularly the lungs and kidneys; stimulates the fibres, whereby the gastric juice and digestion are promoted; dissolves viscid humours, and expels infection. It exerts very considerable effects on the whole nervous system, sensibly raises the pulse, strengthens the solids, and invigorates the animal spirits. It penetrates into the most intimate parts, opens the mouths of the minuter vessels, restores the natural perspiration, and promotes all the fluid secretions. In every stage of this dreadful complaint, and in all those sudden epidemical disorders which usually follow from a wet, putrid, and unwholesome, state of the atmosphere, it is an absolute specific; and, as a PREVENTIVE, an ALTERATIVE, and PURIFIER of the BLOOD, it has not its equal in the world.

#### D I R E C T I O N S.

In the first and second stages of this disorder, a small table-spoonful of the Tincture, taken in a wine-glass of cold spring-water night and morning, will prevent the further progress of the disease, and in a very short time restore the blood to its healthful state, the effects of which will be so obvious to the patient, that he will be at no difficulty when to discontinue the medicine.

In the third stage, it is often requisite that the medicine be internally and externally applied. The mouth should be frequently washed with the Tincture diluted in warm water, and it will very soon expel the poison from the gums. If the viscera be in a morbid state, which may be known by the excrements, or foulness of expectoration, it will be necessary to take the medicine, night and morning, for several days, in the quantity of a table-spoonful, undiluted; and, at noon, a table-spoonful in the same quantity of warm water. The scabs, whether dry or moist, should be frequently washed with the Tincture undiluted, which, being absorbed by the minuter vessels, and taken into the habit, will expel the humour and clear away the scurf. If tumours, or foul ulcers, occur, wash them frequently with a dilution of the medicine in the same quantity of warm water, until the heat and virulence be abated; then apply the Tincture undiluted, with lint or fine rags, by which means the infectious matter will be totally eradicated, the blood and juices purified, and the ulcers healed.

In the fourth stage, whatever may chance to be the sad malady to which the disorder ultimately turns, a strict attention to Regimen, Exercise, and fresh Air, as far as the strength and condition of the patient will admit, must be particularly attended to. And, in all these cases, the best and most simple methods of treatment are laid down in my Edition of Culpeper's Family Physician, to which I beg leave to refer every patient in this dreadful stage of the disorder; and, in aid of the advice there given, let the Solar Tincture be regularly persisted in every night and morning, in the quantity of one table-spoonful in as much warm water; and, at twelve o'clock at noon, take a table-spoonful *undiluted*.—Let this be continued eight or ten days; then take a table-spoonful diluted in warm water three times a day, viz. morning, noon, and night, till the nerves and organs begin to resume their healthful tone; then let the doses be gradually abated to a spoonful in water every other morning, which should be continued till health is perfectly re-established; and which, by God's blessing, will generally happen in these desperate cases in the course of a month or six weeks.

As a preventive of all foul or scrophulous taints in the habit, and as an alterative, and purifier of the blood, it may be occasionally taken every other morning for a week together, particularly in the spring and fall, in the quantity of a table-spoonful in a wine-glass of cold spring-water; or it may be occasionally taken as a beverage after dinner or supper, mixed in a tumbler with warm water, and made palatable with sugar. It will be found pleasant to the taste, and grateful to the stomach, superior to any spirits, or punch.

#### OF COMMON MALADIES.

The warm and renovating qualities of the Solar Tincture render it the best medicine for relaxations, debility, lassitude, tremors, sinking of the spirits, and all those nervous affections which harass and oppress the weak, sedentary, and delicate; and are often the consequences of high living and luxuriant indulgences, without bodily exercise and fresh air. In all these cases, the Solar Tincture is calculated to warm and steady the cold tremulous nerves; to sheath and invigorate the muscular system; to animate the spirits; and renovate the whole man, whereby the chill watery fluids become rich and balsamic, and the circulation resumes its healthful state. It is an infallible cure for joint-achs, cramps, spasms, rheumatic gout, nervous head-ach, agues, and all disorders arising from obstructed perspiration. In complaints of the breast, stomach, and bowels, it gives immediate relief; and, in asthmatic and consumptive cases, is an elegant and expeditious cure. It will stop mortification in very advanced stages, by expelling the poisonous matter, and correcting the juices of the whole body. It requires no argument to convince, more than *a single trial*; after which, no family who value their health or life will chuse to be without it.

#### GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

For RE-ANIMATION; and for all SCORBUTIC CASES, and IMPURITIES of the BLOOD; see under their respective Heads.

For WEAK NERVES, and LOWNESS of SPIRITS.—Take a table-spoonful of the Tincture, diluted in a wine-glass of cold spring-water, every forenoon at eleven or twelve o'clock, for fourteen successive days; then use it every two or three days for a month; and the complaint will be entirely relieved, as every patient will sensibly feel, by their alertness, activity, and unusual flow of natural spirits.

For MUSCULAR DEBILITY, or an ENFEEBLED CONSTITUTION.—Let the patient take one table-spoonful night and morning for nine days, in an equal quantity of warm water; then reduce it to one spoonful per day for nine days more; after which the quantity of one spoonful in a glass of cold spring-water every other day for ten days will usually be sufficient. It may afterwards be taken every two or three days, as the patient may himself think necessary, or as the state of his constitution may seem to require, which he will find surpris-  
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ingly recovered, his muscular strength and vigour returned, and all the fluid secretions promoted and restored.—Should it be suspected that any impure taint is lurking in the blood, either from the *lues venerea* badly cured, or the dangerous use of mercurial remedies, it will be necessary to continue the medicine for a longer time, and never to omit taking it every spring and fall. The reason for this is, that, when mercury does not cure, it fixes the disease strongly in the habit, and the patient is ever after subject to the scrophula.

For DISEASES of the BREAST and LUNGS, ASTHMA, DROPSY, or CONSUMPTION.—Take one spoonful of the Tincture, night and morning, for twenty days successively, diluted in two spoonfuls of cold spring-water; then reduce it to the same dose every other day; which will in general remove the malady in the course of a month; but, if the Dropsy or Consumption have been far advanced, it will be necessary to continue the medicine for one, two, or even three, months longer, reducing the number of doses in proportion as health and strength appear to return, and as the blood shall have resumed its proper consistency and a brisker circulation. In these complaints, it will not be amiss to take the Tincture in a tumbler of warm water, as a beverage, for some time after the cure is perfected, as it will infallibly prevent the blood from returning to its watery and impoverished state, and will rarefy and expel the viscid cohesions in the pulmonary vessels.

For AGUES, CONVULSIONS, CHOLIC, BLOODY FLUX, and violent DISORDERS of the STOMACH and BOWELS.—During the fit, let one or two table-spoonfuls of the Tincture, *undiluted*, be administered successively, as the extremity of the case may require; and afterwards, let the patient continue the medicine, night and morning, in the quantity of a table-spoonful in a wine glass of warm water, or oftener, as the obstinacy of the case may require; and in a very short time a perfect cure will be experienced.

For the RHEUMATISM, CRAMP, JOINT-ACHS, HEAD-ACH, and all DISORDERS arising from OBSTRUCTED PERSPIRATION.—Rub the Tincture well in with a warm hand upon the pained or diseased part, and take, at the same time, one spoonful in a glass of cold spring-water; and the pain will almost immediately subside.—In violent nervous head-achs, let the forehead, temples, and crown of the head, be rubbed with it, and a table-spoonful taken in a wine-glass of cold spring-water; and the cure will be obvious in less than two minutes.

For CUTS, STABS, WOUNDS, BITE of a MAD DOG, or any VENOMOUS REPTILE.—Mix a small quantity of the Tincture in warm water, and with a soft rag wash well the affected part; then apply as much lint, wet with the Tincture, as will fill the wound. Repeat the same two or three times, and the cure will be effected. For the bite of a mad-dog, be very particular in well washing out the part bitten; and, to stop the progress of the hydrophobia, swallow immediately one spoonful of the Tincture undiluted; and let the part be well soaked with the medicine, every six hours, for three days; and a safe and perfect cure will be effected.

For STOPPING MORTIFICATION.—If in any violent tumour, wound, ulcer, or fracture, before or after amputation, a mortification should come on, bathe the part well with the Tincture every four hours, and give the patient a table-spoonful at the same intervals in a wine-glass of warm water for forty-eight hours; and the mortification will not only subside, but the cure will be amazingly forwarded, and in many cases entirely completed.

For a RECENT COUGH or COLD.—Take one spoonful in a wine-glass of cold spring-water, night and morning; and a cure will be experienced in two or three days.

Let it not be objected, that, because this medicine appears to be prescribed for many disorders, it can be good for none.—I affirm, that every complaint for which it is recommended *originates in the blood or in obstructed perspiration*. The action of the SOLAR TINCTURE is on the blood and juices; it strikes at the ROOT, not at the BRANCHES; by which peculiar advantage it effects a cure when other medicines fail. Whoever takes the trouble to peruse the Author's Treatise on the Generation of the Human Species, and the Principles of Life and Death, calculated to shew the Virtue and Efficacy of this Medicine, will be convinced of the above facts.

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