

For the teeth and gums. The antiscorbutic tincture and dentifrice; and the essence for curing the tooth-ach / [William Smyth].

Contributors

Smyth, William.

Publication/Creation

[London] : [publisher not identified], [1790?]

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/rntkc26p>

License and attribution

This work has been identified as being free of known restrictions under copyright law, including all related and neighbouring rights and is being made available under the Creative Commons, Public Domain Mark.

You can copy, modify, distribute and perform the work, even for commercial purposes, without asking permission.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>



For the Teeth and Gums.

T H E
* Antiscorbutic Tincture and Dentifrice;
A N D,
The ESSENCE for Curing the TOOTH-ACH.

HOWEVER AGREEABLE TO REMOVE, DISEASE; TO PREVENT, IS EVER TO BE PREFER'D.

The great Success that has attended the Use of these Medicines, through a long and extensive Practice, in PREVENTING the Diseases incident to the TEETH and GUMS, and the REMOVAL of them when they have already taken Place, pronounce them at once to be infinitely SUPERIOR in Efficacy, Elegance and Safety, to any Thing of the Kind yet offered to the Public for those Purposes.

Prepared only by
W. SMYTH, Apothecary, No. 7. Tavistock Street, Covent Garden,
L O N D O N.

TO THE PUBLIC.

IT is unnecessary to enter (as is the Practice of some) into a Dissertation on the Teeth and their disorders, in order to recommend what must necessarily stand on the same ground, on which its value was at first established; much less amuse the unwary with a narrative of the *scurvy*, and other diseases as rarely existing in the mouth; and which, when

* The Epithet of *ANTISCORBUTIC* annexed to this *TINCTURE* and *DENTIFRICE*, is retained merely in Compliance with the generally received Opinion; these Medicines being the real *PRESERVATIVES* from, and *CURATIVES* of, the Disorders in the Teeth and Gums, *IMPROPERLY* called *SCORBUTIC*.

when they do, never are owing to *causes*, nor yet admit of a *cure*, within the Dentists sphere. Let it suffice then to remark, that the *Teeth* contribute both to usefulness and beauty; Speech and health are alike assisted by them; Their importance therefore calls for a proportioned care. With the *Teeth*, the *Gums*, are also much affected; and those complaints, though seldom fatal, are nevertheless troublesome and disgusting.

An offensive Breath; a disagreeable colour, and an incrustation on the *Teeth*; a sponginess of the *Gums*, with their aptitude to bleed on the slightest touch, are the most frequent disorders of those parts; and when they are apparent, the general idea, and assertions are, that the *Gums* are affected with the *Scurvy*, and that the *Teeth* will be thereby destroyed: In this Case, an *effect* is mistaken for a *cause*, and medicines are obtruded on the Public, on principles very unworthy the confidence placed in those, who offer their remedies, for the cure of these complaints. The truth is, that an exudation on the surface of the *Teeth*, produces their faulty colour; The stony crust which injuriously forms itself on the *Teeth*, by destroying the natural adhesion of the *Gums* thereto, occasions that sponginess complained of, with their disposition to bleed on the slightest provocation; and by detaining particles of our Food until they putrify, is the most general cause of a fetid Breath. All which disorders are PREVENTED by a timely and steady use of the

ANTISCORBUTIC TINCTURE AND DENTIFRICE,

and if they have actually taken root, these Medicines are the most effectual means of REMOVING them.

DIRECTIONS FOR THEIR USE.

Pour as much of the Tincture upon a proper Tooth Brush as is sufficient to wet it perfectly, then dip it in the Dentifrice, rub the Teeth both inside and out, for some little time, which continue to do daily, until the desired effect be produced; This will be in a very few days, unless the Case is very bad indeed, for by the specific quality of these remedies, the crust upon the *Teeth* will be dissolved: (*without the least injury to the Enamel*) the *Gums* restored to their natural adhesion and firmness; and the principal cause of a foul breath being thus removed, the most desirable consequences must follow. The Brush should be used upwards and downwards more than cross-ways; afterwards, mix about equal parts of the Tincture and plain water together, with which wash the mouth.

If through *neglect*, the most frequent occasional cause, or other accidents, a Tooth is actually decayed, or is affected with considerable pain; as the total loss thereof may possibly affect the speech, or the beauty of the face, as well as occasion a painful operation in extracting it,



THE

89235

THE ESSENCE FOR CURING THE TOOTH-ACH

Is recommended as a yet further *Preservative*. In general the pain is immediately *alleviated* by it, and soon afterwards entirely *removed*; the Tooth may then be continued without any of the inconveniencies attending either decay or extraction.

DIRECTIONS FOR ITS USE.

A little of the Essence is to be taken *warm* into the mouth, incline it to the side where the affected tooth is, and repeat it if there should be occasion. It effectually relieves the most violent Tooth-Ach's; preventing the afflux of humours, and surprisngly Removing those already settled upon the parts: The pain seems often on the first application of it to increase, but soon after abates and goes off. Afterwards, if the hollow of the Tooth will admit of it, a bit of lint wetted with the *Essence* may be put into it, with the point of a Black pin, and suffered to remain for some time to perfect the cure.

Upon the whole; if the Teeth are kept clean, and the firmness of the Gums, with their adhesion thereto is preserved, (as may be done by the use of the *Antiscorbutic Tincture and Dentifrice*) we should seldom hear of diseases in those parts; and though, with truth, more might be said of the extraordinary effects produced by these preparations than by any other upon a similar plan, yet to be universally infallible is not pretended to, but so far as *Art* extends, they are adequate to the purposes for which they are intended.

Each Bottle of the Tincture, and Box of the Dentifrice, and Essence for curing the Tooth-Ach, has a printed label on it with these words, *Prepared by W. Smyth*, and every bottle of the Tincture and Essence, is sealed W. S. in a Cypher, with a Unicorn's Head erased; and further to prevent counterfeits, and impositions on the Public, every bill of directions is signed by W. Smyth, in his own hand writing.

Sold Wholesale and Retail at the PROPRIETOR's House, No. 7, *Tarvisstock Street*; and Retail by his appointment at Messrs. SMYTH and NEPHEWS, Perfumers to the KING, *New Bond Street*; T. GOLDING, Perfumer to the QUEEN, *Cornhill*; and F. NEWBERRY Bookseller, *the Corner of St. Paul's Church-Yard, London*, and by one person in every principal Town in Great Britain and Ireland. Price 1s. 6d. each.

Sold also by J. TABOR, *Erasmus Market, Rotterdam*.

N. B. The Tincture may also be had in Bottels of Three Shillings each.

Proper Brushes may be had where the Medicines are Sold.

52298

THE ESSENCE FOR CURING THE TOOTH-ACH

It is recommended as a yet further Preservative. In general the pain is immediately relieved by it, and soon afterwards entirely removed; the Tooth may then be continued without any of the inconveniences attending either decay or extraction.

DIRECTIONS FOR ITS USE.

A little of the Essence is to be taken away into the mouth, incline it to the side where the affected tooth is, and repeat it if there should be occasion. It effectually relieves the most violent Tooth-Ache; preventing the influx of humours, and surprisingly removing those already settled upon the parts: The pain ceases often on the first application of it to increase, but soon after ceases and goes off. Afterwards, if the hollow of the Tooth will admit of it, a bit of lint wetted with the Essence may be put into it, with the point of a black pin, and suffered to remain for some time to perfect the cure.

Upon the whole, if the Teeth are kept clean, and the firmness of the Gums, with their adhesion thereto is preserved, (as may be done by the use of the Essence) we should seldom hear of diseases in these parts; and though, with truth, more might be said of the extraordinary effects produced by these preparations than by any other upon a similar plan, yet to be universally infallible is not pretended to, but so far as it extends, they are adequate to the purposes for which they are intended.

Each Bottle of the Tincture, and Box of the Dentifrice, and Essence for curing the Tooth-Ache, has a printed label on it with these words, Prepared by W. Smyth, and every bottle of the Tincture and Essence, is sealed W. S. in a Cypher, with a Unicorn's Head erased; and further to prevent counterfeits, and impositions on the Public, every bill of directions is signed by W. Smyth, in his own hand writing.

Sold Wholesale and Retail at the PROPRIETOR'S House, No. 7, Pall Mall; and Retail by his appointment at Messrs. SMITH and NEWMAN, Perfumers to the KING, New Bond Street; T. GOLDING, Perfumer to the QUEEN, Cornhill; and F. NEWBERRY Bookseller, the Corner of St. Paul's Church-yard, London, and by one person in every principal Town in Great Britain and Ireland. Price 1s. 6d. each.

Sold also by J. TABOR, English Merchant, Rotterdam.

M. B. The Tincture may also be had in Bottles of Three Shillings each.

Proper Prices may be had where the Medicines are sold.