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AN ACCOUNT OF
THAT MOST EXCELLENT MEDICINE
THE
CORDIAL
BALM OF GILEAD,

WHICH IS PREPARED (ONLY)

BY S. SOLOMON, M.D.

Author of the "GUIDE TO HEALTH", &c. &c.

At his House, Solomon's Place, Brownlow Street, Liverpool;

And sold at his Warehouse, No. 7, Royal Exchange Court, DUBLIN;

And, by his Appointment,

By J. Mathews, No. 18, Strand; Dicey & Co., Bow-Church Yard, London;

R. Bach, No. 128, Pearl-street, New-York; Remnant, Hamburgh;

Also by all the Medicine Venders in every Market Town in the United Kingdom,
France, and America.

PRICE HALF-A-GUINEA A BOTTLE;

(Or £5. Cases, on which 26s. are saved).

"Is there no Balm in Gilead? Is there no Physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"---Jer. viii. 22.

"The Lord hath caused Medicines to grow out of the earth, and he that is wise will not abhor them; for with such doth he heal men and take away their pains"---Ecc. LXXXVIII. 4. 7.

IT is notorious, that various disorders of the human frame are brought on by dissipation in youth, and the gross violation of those rules which prudence dictates for the preservation of health, and laying a foundation for a long and happy life, with a firm and strong constitution. The blessings of health are no sooner lost, than painful experience teaches the inestimable value of it, and the unhappy patient looks around, too often, alas! in vain, for the means of its recovery!

Doctor Solomon, of Liverpool, recommends his CORDIAL BALM of GILEAD to all those whose constitutions have been impaired by early imprudence, and whose nerves are afflicted by intense study, the too free use of ardent spirits, tea or coffee; as well as to all persons who are enervated by long residence in hot and unhealthy climates; in which cases it will invariably prove of the most sovereign efficacy, bracing the relaxed nerves, strengthening and invigorating the constitution.

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[c. 1801]

The various weaknesses peculiar to the Fair Sex come immediately under the power of this restorative; and many Ladies of fashion and respectability have found it to be the best medical appendage to the toilet they ever met with; for recruiting the decayed spirits, dissipating the head-ach, dulness and languor; creating a pleasing vivacity, chasing away melancholy, and giving comfort and strength to the whole system.

The train of melancholy disorders which afflict the human frame, under the denomination of Nervous Diseases, are the principal sources of human misery in the privation of health. These disorders proceed from such an infinite variety and complication of causes, as to render it impossible, if even it were always necessary, to trace them to their true source. The effects, however, are but too well known, and too severely felt amongst too great a portion of mankind; and to these effects it may without exaggeration be asserted, that any remedy more superior or celebrated for efficacy than DR. SOLOMON'S CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD never has been discovered. Numerous cases have from time to time been published in every newspaper in the kingdom, for the encouragement of the afflicted to use and persevere in a medicine which so eminently affords a complete cure in all cases of debility.

An opinion prevails that nervous diseases are at present more common in Europe than at any former period, and is chiefly attributed to excess of indulgences practised in these times of refinement and luxury. It is certainly true, that the farther we depart from simplicity and temperance in diet, and the more we sacrifice wholesome exercises to the inactivity attending domestic amusements, the greater will be the influence of every physical error, in diminishing the vigour of the constitution. This complaint is incident to both sexes, with only this difference, that, in the *female*, from the natural delicacy of constitution and the softer manner of life, they are in general more frequent and violent than in the other. Weakness of the nervous system is often, alas! too often, occasioned by irregularities in one sex, and sensual excesses in the other. The most common symptom of this disease is a constant dread of death, which pervades with its baneful influence the whole nervous system, writhing the heart with inexpressible anguish, and exciting the most dreadful suggestions of horror and despair! to this demon have thousands fallen a sacrifice in the transports of its rage:—It renders those unhappy persons who labour under it peevish, fickle, and impatient, apt to run from one Doctor to another; and this is the reason why they so seldom reap benefit from medicine, as they have not sufficient resolution to persist in *any* one course till it has time to produce its proper effect.

The CORDIAL BALM of GILEAD is certainly the most elegant and efficacious medicine ever yet discovered; in weak and shattered constitutions, weakness of sight or memory, hypochondria, tremblings, horrors of the mind, sexual debility, and all other diseases arising from a relaxed state of the nervous system, and often the consequence of intemperance, debauchery, inattention to the necessary cares of health, luxury, &c. In sedentary, inactive, or studious life, this Cordial Balm has universally established its restorative efficacy, and may be justly enumerated amongst the foremost of those happy discoveries which medical research has procured as the blessings of the human race, and greatest counteractive to human misery. Thousands at this moment, in the three Kingdoms, live to praise the day they first applied to this admirable remedy, and enjoy the blessings of health, who might otherwise have dropped into an untimely grave, the victims of early imprudence.



Accounts from Ireland, the East and West Indies, Germany, Hamburg, France, Russia, Berlin, Holland, Jamaica, America, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, all concur in stating that no medicine ever introduced in those countries met with such rapid and extraordinary sale. The custom-house and export excise books at London and Liverpool will evidently show that more of this medicine is exported than all others put together.

Doctor Solomon, conscious of the rectitude of his conduct, and the unrivalled, unprecedented efficacy of his medicines, cannot withhold so great blessings from society as his **CORDIAL BALM OF GILEAD** and **ANTI-IMPETIGINES**, which are two distinct and separate preparations, the former for all cases of debility, and the latter in cases of impurity of blood, or depraved habit of body; and is determined, at the annual expense of *Five Thousand Pounds*, to establish these great discoveries for the benefit of mankind; and will continue regularly to publish true, genuine, and voluntary attestations of their superior efficacy. No person, therefore, labouring under weakness of body or debility of mind, should despair, but make a trial of these medicines, which will not disappoint their hopes, however sanguine they may be. Those who have long resided in hot climates, and are languid and relaxed in their whole system, may take these medicines with the happiest effects; and persons going to the East or West-Indies cannot store more important articles of health and life. They have been the only means of restoring thousands afflicted with the Yellow Fever in America.

The *Cordial Balm of Gilead* is now considered as the greatest discovery that has been made in the memory of man; it is potent, safe, and pleasant. The rapid and increasing fame bestowed on its author and inventor (Dr. Solomon, of Liverpool) is the true and only criterion to judge of the merits of a medicine, which has been administered from the highest to the lowest class of people with such happy and uniform success.—The venders of this medicine, which are far more numerous than ever before known, frequently cannot be supplied so quick as the demand is for it; and it is a fact worthy of remark, that they are sold nearly as soon as they arrive to hand, most of the bottles being bespoke before they are ordered.

Some remarkable cures which have been performed by this truly invaluable medicine are inserted, that all the world may be able to judge of the superior efficacy of the *Cordial Balm of Gilead*; and to show that no person, however dangerous their situation may be, should be bereft of hopes of relief.

CASES.

The extension of this celebrated Medicine in every place would be truly astonishing, were it not for the accounts received from time to time of its great efficacy in removing obstinate and dangerous complaints. But it is no wonder that the afflicted should resort to a remedy which evinces its claims by so many respectable cases of persons in every direction, who have experienced its virtues.

To show the great repute of this restorative, in Ireland, read the following
*Extract of a Letter from WILLIAM GREENSHIELDS, Esq. one of his Majesty's
Justices of the Peace for the County of Dublin.*

To Dr. Solomon, Liverpool.

MRS. GREENSHIELDS has tried your Cordial Balm of Gilead, and though she has had the advice of many of the most eminent of the faculty in Ireland to prescribe for a bilious complaint that has attacked her these ten years, she found the most wonderful benefit from your medicine alone.

Dublin, No. 7, Montague-street, Oct. 9, 1800.

WILLIAM GREENSHIELDS.

Extract of a Letter from JOHN JACKSON, Esq. of Castle-Carbery, (county of Kildare); Ireland, dated August 1st, 1801.

Dear Sir, To Dr. Solomon.

I inform you with great pleasure that Mrs. Jackson (my wife) was *two years and a half* completely *bed-ridden*, and not able, from her great weakness, to eat, drink, or digest any thing, till she was advised by a friend to try your truly celebrated Cordial Balm of Gilead, nine bottles of which has had so extraordinary and happy an effect that she is now (though at the age of *sixty-three years*) able to walk out and exercise herself, being most perfectly recovered, to the surprise and astonishment of all her neighbours; in consideration of which, and in justice to your medicine, you have my permission to publish the same, should you think proper.

I am, dearest Sir, your much obliged JOHN JACKSON.

No. 9. Montague-street, Dublin, Nov. 4, 1800.

Sir, To Dr. Solomon, Liverpool.

Having been for some months much affected by an oppression in my chest and lungs, and being advised by a friend to try your Cordial Balm of Gilead, on taking a few bottles I have found the greatest relief from them, and, I make no doubt, that a few bottles more will restore me to my former good health.

I am, Sir, your obedient humble servant, JANE CARLOS.

Witness---Wm. Greenfields, one of his Majesty's Justices }
of the Peace for the county of Dublin. }

Queen's Head Hotel, No. 25, Bride-street, Dublin, Oct. 26, 1801.

Dear Sir, To Dr. Solomon, Liverpool.

With much pleasure and thanks I write to inform you, that my wife, from being in the last stage of a weak and bilious nervous fever, attended with every symptom of decay, is now restored to perfect good health by taking five bottles of your truly celebrated medicine the Cordial Balm of Gilead. I should consider it a crime if I withheld from the public my testimony of the good effect of this medicine; you will therefore please to make the cure known at large, and I will satisfy any enquirer on the subject.

I am, dear Sir, your obedient servant, A. DEMPSTER.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE PROOF.

Dear Sir, To Dr. Solomon, Liverpool.

I have had a great demand for your Balm of Gilead, and two gentlemen assured me they obtained the greatest benefit, in nervous and consumptive complaints, by taking it. Its safety and salubrity cannot be doubted by those who tried it; and I feel bound to declare, that the sale reflects credit on the venders whom you have appointed in this country.

JOHN HOLLAND.

Dragbala, Oct. 15, 1801.

Donaghadee, Oct. 18, 1801.

Dear Sir, To Dr. Solomon.

Two cures performed by your Cordial Balm of Gilead having come under my own knowledge, I thought it my duty to communicate the same to you:—

One is a gentleman of the utmost consequence and respectability in the county of Antrim; he assured me that he got the greatest relief for a complaint in his stomach, and, by taking four bottles, was completely cured.

The other, a Mr. Johnston, of Ballyhome, near Bangor, 58 years of age, has been of late attacked with a very severe cough and spitting, and in the mornings an inclination to vomit, who was relieved by taking only two bottles.

Thus you see, that in this obscure corner, your medicine has been found out, and no doubt it is much to your satisfaction to hear of it.

I am, dear Sir, your most obedient servant, JAMES LEMAN.

ROBERT RAIKES, Esq. (founder of the Sunday Schools) of Gloucester, unites his testimony to the great success and wonderful efficacy of the Cordial Balm of Gilead.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. WILLIAM HODGSON, Editor of the Carlisle Journal, dated 30th June, 1801.

Mr. J. HARPER, an inhabitant of this neighbourhood, for several years laboured under a most lamentable depression of spirits, which rendered him almost incapable of

either bodily or mental exertion; and although he had the advice of several gentlemen of the faculty, of unquestionable abilities, yet I perceived with much concern that he grew worse, and he ultimately exhibited every symptom of a person in the last stage of a consumption; his countenance was pale and meagre, and his voice had lost its usual sonorous tone. Through continued importunity, I prevailed upon him at length to make trial of your Cordial Balm of Gilead; and after using two bottles of it, his spirits were much recruited, his face began to resume its wonted bloom and plumpness, and he is now, I am happy to state, completely restored to his pristine health and vigour.

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**FROM BIRMINGHAM.**

Mr. EDWARD FOX, of Livery-street, Birmingham, laboured under the painful effects of indigestion, and could obtain no relief from regular medical advice. The weakness, however, gained on his constitution, as scarcely any sustenance remained on his stomach. He determined to give the Cordial Balm of Gilead a fair trial, and immediately sent for some to Mr. Swinney's, printer, in this town, and the consequences fully justified the report he had of the medicine; his spirits were soon recruited, and his appetite and digestion, after eighteen months' wasting and excruciating illness, are now happily restored.

*Livery-street, Harper's-hill, Birmingham.*

This case is witnessed by the following Gentlemen, residents of Birmingham:

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|--------------------|--|-------------------|--|----------------|
| James Millar, Esq. |  | John Robotham.    |  | Henry Hawkins. |
| John Ellis.        |  | John Taylor, Esq. |  | James Ferral.  |
| Walter Archer.     |  |                   |  |                |

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That Consumptions, so universally considered as incurable, however hereditary, inveterate, or of long standing, may now be with certainty removed, and that the constitution may be restored, though emaciated to so great a degree that existence is considered as nearly at an end, is highly, fully, and beyond a doubt exemplified, in a recent letter from JNO. CARTER MULLINER, Esq. of Shotley, near Ipswich, dated 29th August, 1801.

Sir,

Gratitude impels me not only to thank you, but also to request you to make my case public for the benefit of others:---My family have always been consumptive, having lost two sisters and a brother; and I should certainly have fallen a victim if your Balm of Gilead had not saved me. I have been under almost all the faculty of eminence near me; particularly Dr. Hawes, of Cavendish, so eminently famous for consumptive cases. You have my hearty concurrence to make my case known. Finding relief from a small bottle, when nothing else afforded me the least benefit, I persevered till a gl. case completely cured me. I assure you I will recommend the Balm of Gilead to all I know labouring under similar complaints. I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

To Dr. Solomon, Liverpool

JNO. CARTER MULLINER.

N. B. Persons desirous of further information, may be satisfied in every particular by Mr. Wooltrey Middleditch, Chemist, Ipswich.

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*The following Cases were communicated to Mr. M'DONALD, of Glasgow:*

A gentleman who had resided in the West-Indies for many years, came home for the recovery of his health; he consulted the faculty in Edinburgh; their prescriptions gave him no relief. Seeing a case similar to his own in your Guide to Health, cured by your Cordial Balm of Gilead, he was induced to make trial of it, and experienced a great alteration for the better, till happily he recovered his health completely. He is now as well, as stout and hearty as ever. The gentleman's case was a continual head-ach, dullness of hearing, loss of appetite, general debility, &c. &c.

*Another Case.*—A young gentleman informed Mr. M'Donald that he could not withhold his testimony of the benefit which he derived from four bottles of the Cordial Balm of Gilead, which completely restored him to health. His complaint was, he thought, the first stage of a consumption, want of appetite, great head-ach, general debility, &c.

*One Case more at present.*—A young lady who had lost her health for some time, by the use of three or four bottles of the Cordial Balm of Gilead was restored to good health. She is now quite well; she had been, previous to her taking the Balm of Gilead, thin, pale, meagre and dejected; now she is as well as ever.

Mrs. PRICE,\* widow of the Rev. Mr. Price, late Vicar of St. John's, Chester, begs to acquaint Dr. Solomon, that having been for a considerable time grievously afflicted with a nervous and bilious complaint, want of appetite, indigestion, &c. for which she had the best advice of the most able physicians of Liverpool, but all without the smallest benefit, until, by urgent sollicitations of friends, she made use of a bottle of the Cordial Balm of Gilead, and which Mrs. P. assures Dr. Solomon has completely restored her health.

\* Mrs. P. is the daughter of that much-lamented Member of the Corporation, Alderman Bolland, of Chester.

### ACCOUNT OF A WONDERFUL RECOVERY,

*Communicated by Mr. MATHEWS, No. 18, Strand, London.*

A Lady was afflicted with nervous affections, and a very high inflammation of the lungs, attended with excessive coughing, which reduced her to death's door. She had the best medical advice she could procure, and Dr. Pitcairne among others; but to no good purpose. She continued twelve months in this disordered state; went to Bristol and found no relief: for four months together she could not lie down in bed without the hazard of excessive pain or suffocation, and during that period could only rest by being propped up with pillows. Being almost worn out with suffering, a friend advised her buy a bottle of your Cordial Balm of Gilead; she purchased two half-guinea bottles, and found much relief by them; and then bought a 5l. box, which perfectly restored her from the debilitated state of her lungs and nervous disorder. She also added, that many of her friends, through her recommendation, had found great benefit by taking the Balm of Gilead.

*Extract of an Affidavit of Mr. J. BROOM, Downend, near Bristol.*

I swear, that I was long troubled with a nervous complaint, accompanied with great trembling, weakness, debility, lowness of spirits, bad cough, and head-ach; I was rendered incapable of doing any thing. I entered upon a course of the Cordial Balm of Gilead, and found immediate relief; three bottles perfectly restored me to my usual state of health.

J. BROOM.

Sworn before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace }  
for the County of Gloucester, } J. C. HARFORD.

A young Lady near Penrith, was afflicted with a consumptive complaint so deeply that her life was despaired of; in this situation she was recommended to take Dr. Solomon's Cordial Balm of Gilead, a few bottles of which completely cured her. Reference for the truth of this case may be had to Mr. Anthony Soulby, Bookseller, Mr. Merrick Thomson, Check Manufacturer, Penrith; and Mr. Joseph Mannerly, at Mr. Fletcher's Printing-Office, Chester. Feb. 1. 1801.

An Officer of the 7th Dragoon Guards, on the 22nd of February 1801, waited on Mr. T. Watkins, High-Town, Hereford, and requested him to forward the particulars of his extraordinary Cure to Dr. Solomon, of Liverpool, for publication.

CASE.—He had long been subject to a nervous disorder, which affected his whole frame, his hand shook so violently that he could not write. Seven bottles of the Cordial Balm of Gilead perfectly cured him, and he can now write as well as ever he could in his life.

*Two more Cases, communicated by the same.*

A Gentleman was cured of a bilious complaint of long standing, by a few bottles of the Cordial Balm of Gilead.

A Lady who was for years afflicted with hysteric and nervous affections, and subject to fits, was also cured by the Cordial Balm of Gilead two years ago, and has not had any return of her complaints since.

*Extract of a letter to a merchant in Liverpool, from his correspondent in New-York, dated June 3, 1801.*

The yellow fever has been greatly subdued in this part of the country as well as in Philadelphia, so much so, that few emigrations are likely to take place this year up the country. This fatal disease may be said to have been checked and indeed extirpated by the use of a very popular medicine imported from England, called the Cordial Balm of Gilead. An acquaintance of mine, Mr. Bach of Pearl-street, has made a rapid

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fortune by the introduction of this specific remedy, which he sells as it arrives at 3 dollars a bottle. I understand the proprietor lives in your town—shall thank you to get me 400 dollars' worth, and expect you can obtain an allowance from the retail price.

*Extract of a Letter from BEVERLEY, in the county of York.*

A respectable Farmer's daughter, in the neighbourhood of Beverley, who was for fifteen years afflicted with a nervous complaint, attended with lowness of spirits, pains in her back and left breast, for which numerous remedies were tried in vain, obtained a complete cure by two bottles of the Cordial Balm of Gilead.

*Witness*---M. TURNER, Beverley. December 20, 1799.

JAMES VAUGHAN, ESQ. (the late Banker), Park-street, Bristol, 61 years of age, acknowledges with gratitude that he received infinite benefit from seven bottles of the Cordial Balm of Gilead; having thereby been restored from an asthma, cough, violent wheezing of the lungs, strong hypochondriac, lowness of spirits, great relaxation, weakness of body, restless nights and uncomfortable dreams, all which reduced him very much; he is now lusty, strong and hearty, and enjoys better health than he has experienced for these thirty-five years.

The Rev. ROWLAND PHILIPS, B.A. Long-Ashton, near Bristol, feels it a duty incumbent on him as a clergyman, to state for the good of the afflicted, that he was restored from great weakness, with a long train of horrid symptoms attendant on a nervous complaint of many years standing, by the use of the Cordial Balm of Gilead, though many remedies prescribed by the faculty, as well as those advertised, were tried in vain. His spouse also derived great benefit therefrom; and several of the first families in the vicinity of Bristol have declared they owe the recovery of their health solely to the great efficacy of that valuable restorative. He therefore thinks it cannot be too generally known.

*Extract of a Letter from Mr. JOSEPH MORRIS, of Chesbrough, dated May 11, 1801.  
To Dr. Solomon, Liverpool.*

It is with great pleasure I acquaint you that a gentleman in this neighbourhood has found wonderful relief by taking your noble Cordial Balm of Gilead. He was troubled with a violent cough, which deprived him of his rest at night, continually spitting up a blackish substance, from which your medicine has completely recovered him. Several other persons have received great benefit who do not chuse to have their names mentioned, but to whom any respectable enquirer will be referred, by

Your humble servant, JOSEPH MORRIS.

*To Dr. SOLOMON, Liverpool.*

Dear Sir,

*Bristol, Dec. 15, 1799.*

It would be injustice to the afflicted as well as yourself, were I not to declare that I am restored from a state of deplorable debility, weakness, and the horrid train of symptoms attendant on a nervous complaint of long standing, by the Cordial Balm of Gilead. My complaint so emaciated me as to be almost incapable of performing the duty in which I have been engaged, (as Mate in the Trelawney, from this port to Jamaica, for six voyages), at sea or at home. But happily I can now declare, that that valuable medicine of yours has restored my health, and invigorated my constitution, which had previously been impaired by great exertion and heat of climate. I can further assure you, that my wife has taken the Cordial Balm of Gilead for a complaint in the stomach, attended with a variety of distressing and alarming symptoms of debility, with success; being now, thank God, perfectly free therefrom. Should this letter be deemed proper for publication, you certainly have my permission.

I am, dear Sir, your obedient servant, SAMUEL LOVELL.

*Witness*---W. Pine and Son, Wine-street.

*Extract of a Letter from on board his Majesty's ship Ville de Paris,*

Dear Sir,

*To Dr. Solomon, Liverpool.*

Inclosed is an order on the post-master of Liverpool for 5l. please to send another box of the Cordial Balm of Gilead, the former has done miracles:---I am considerably better, and would no doubt have been quite cured had I made use of the whole, but as



one of our men was in a deep decline, and not expected to live many days, I spared him one of the bottles, and he is now perfectly recovered to a good state of health. Your excellent medicine is the praise of the whole ship's company. I beg you will send the box as soon as possible to  
Your obedient servant,  
JAMES WARD.

Persons in the country requiring the Doctor's opinion relative to inveterate cases, are to enclose his usual fee of a GUINEA, in a letter, with the state of their case. Such letter should (for safety) be thus directed—"Money-letter; Dr. Solomon, Solomon's Place, Brownlow-street, Liverpool; paid double postage."

Letters may be ordered to be addressed for X.Z. or A.B. at the Post-Office, till called for, which secures the most inviolable secrecy.

### A SAVING OF ONE POUND SIX SHILLINGS :

N.B. The Cordial Balm of Gilead is sold in bottles, price Half-a-Guinea each; there are also boxes, price 5l. containing equal to twelve bottles at 10s. 6d. by which the patient saves 1l. 6s. which can be had by remitting a Five Pound Bank Note.

## A DESCRIPTION OF THE BALM OF GILEAD,

AND ITS REMARKABLE PROPERTIES,

BY PROFESSOR WILDENOW, OF BERLIN.

Vide Medical and Physical Journal,

BY DRS. BRADLEY AND WILlich,

For March, 1799.

**T**HE Balm of Mecca, or as it was called by the Ancients, Balm of Gilead, is one of the most celebrated medicines which have long been, and are still employed by the physicians of the East. It has preserved its reputation from a period prior to the birth of Christ,\* even to the present day, and is considered by the Turks, and other Oriental nations, as one of the most efficacious and universal medical remedies. To whatever circumstance it may be ascribed; whether from the adulterations to which it is exposed in passing through so many mercenary hands before it can arrive on our shores, or from the monopolising spirit of the Eastern despots, who carry on a profitable traffic with this highly-esteemed Balm, it is but rarely imported into Europe. It is sent from Mecca, now its native soil, to the great Princes and Sovereigns of Europe, as a scarce and valuable present from the Grand Seignior.

The odour of this Balm, in its original state, resembles a compound of rosemary and sage, partaking also in a slight degree of the nature of turpentine; besides which, it partially emits the flavour of lemons and mace.

The taste of this Balm is bitter, astringent and acrid. Among the eastern nations it has long been a favorite and popular remedy taken internally, in cases of diseased intestines, ulcers of the lungs, liver and kidney; and in general it is reputed an excellent diaphoretic and alexipharmic medicine. To persons who have swallowed poison, or have unfortunately been bit by serpents, scorpions, or other venomous animals, it is administered internally, as well as applied externally to the injured part. The modern Egyptians make daily use of it during the ravage of the plague, in order to prevent or repel that destructive malady. It is further believed, that the Egyptian women possess the wonderful art of rendering themselves fruitful, either by the internal use of this Balm, or by perfuming and smocking their bodies with it. The beauty of the skin is also said to be not a little improved by the use of it, and the ladies of the Seraglio anoint their

\* The place where it formerly grew was Gilead, in Judea, more than 1200 years before Christ, or 1000 years before the Queen of Saba came to Jerusalem; and nothing is more certain, than that the Balsam Tree had been transplanted from Abyssinia to India, and become an article of commerce there; and the place from which it originally was brought, through length of time, combined with other reasons, came to be forgotten. This is however contrary to the authority of Josephus, the Jewish historian, who says, that a tree of this Balm was brought to Jerusalem by the Queen of Saba, and given among other presents to Solomon, who, as we know from Scripture, was very studious of all sorts of plants, and skillful in the description and distinction of them. Here it seems to have been cultivated, and to have thence so, that the place of its origin, came to be forgotten.

When Sultan Selim made the conquest of Egypt and Arabia, in 1516, three pounds was then the tribute ordered to be sent to Constantinople yearly; and this proportion is kept up to this day. One pound is due to the Governor of Cairo; one pound to the Emir Hadje, who conducts the pilgrims to Mecca; half a pound to the Basha of Damascus; and several other smaller quantities to other officers; after which the remainder is sold or farmed out to some merchants.-----Bruce's Travels, vol. 4.

bodies with it after tepid bathing. Throughout the East the Balm of Mecca is to this day considered as a sovereign remedy against all diseases; and such is the unalterable veneration the Orientals entertain for it, that every part of this tree is in some form or other converted to medical purposes; for besides the Balsam or Balm, its fruit is employed under the name of Carpobalsamum, and the wood, stalk or trunk, under that of Xylobalsamum.

"The ancient Oriental Physicians made use only of the Balm that spontaneously dropped from the tree, or which exuded after incision; at present, however, there are three different methods of obtaining it, each of which furnishes a distinct species of the Balm. The first mode of collecting it is that pursued by the ancients, or by incision, which produces by far the most valuable Balm; and its consumption is chiefly confined to the principal and richest families of Mecca and Constantinople. The second mode of producing the Balm depends upon boiling the branches and leaves; this sort is perfectly pellucid, and emits an agreeable fragrance; the Turkish ladies apply it externally to beautify their skin, and make their hair grow; this is the kind which the Grand Seignior sometimes sends as a present to other Princes, and which is occasionally vended in the shops, as a rare and costly article. The last, and a very inferior species of the Balm, is obtained by a repeated and stronger decoction of the leaves and branches; in this state it becomes much thicker but less fragrant, and is transported into Europe by the caravans, under the different names of Balm of Mecca, Gilead, Judea, or Opobalsamum, signifying the juice of the tree. This kind is not much valued in the East, and is used only by the lower classes of people.

"It appears from the most authentic ancient writings, that the Balm of Gilead was an important article of commerce several centuries before the christian era. Bruce, the Abyssinian traveller, has pointed out the native soil of this Balm, being the same as that of the Myrte, behind Azab, along the coast of Arabia, and extending to the straits of Babelmandel. Anciently it was believed that Egypt, Palestine, and Arabia, produced this Balsamic Tree; but, however that might be in former times, it is certain that now it is only cultivated artificially in those countries, that it does not thrive so well there as other indigenous plants, and that the inhabitants are obliged to import annually a fresh stock of young trees, to supply the place of the decayed ones.

"Ancient writers have related many marvellous things as connected with the history of this tree. Some asserted that vipers were continually breeding under its shade; according to others, it possessed such a degree of antipathy to iron, that it sensibly trembled, on the smallest particle of iron entering into contact with it; and that on this account, any incisions made in its rind must be performed with ivory, glass, or some other hard substance. Mr. Bruce, however, was an eye-witness to this incision being made with an axe, without any trembling on the part of the tree; and it is also probable that similar operations have been always made with the same instrument. Other writers have maintained, that persons who anoint their bodies with this Balm, have a peculiar claim to never-fading beauty, and to perpetual youth".

## THE DIPLOMA,

*Or Testimonial of the Degree of Doctor of Physic, granted to SAMUEL SOLOMON, at the Mareschal College and University, Aberdeen.*

*(Translated from the Latin Copy, viz.)*

*To all and singular persons, to whose knowledge this privilege of the Degree of Doctor of Physic, by us granted, may come—We the Doctors, Masters of Arts, and Professors in Mareschal College and University of Aberdeen, send greeting:*

*WHEREAS it has been an ancient and laudable custom, that those who have applied themselves to learning, with much labour and assiduous study, should be honoured with some singular mark of distinction, as a testimony of their successful perseverance, and a reward for their extraordinary merit, that the rising generation may be incited by such examples to pursue the arduous but glorious career of erudition and virtue:—For which reason, we hereby do signify to all persons whatever, that the learned gentleman, Samuel Solomon, Esq. having studied and practised for many years, and thereby acquired a proficiency in the salutary art of Medicine, that we have found him well deserving of the highest honours we can confer upon him.*

Therefore, We, the aforesaid Doctors, Masters of Arts and Professors, with the unanimous consent of the Rector and Principal of the said University, do declare and appoint the above Samuel Solomon, Doctor of Physic, with full Licence and Authority for exercising his Profession, delivering Lectures, teaching and explaining the Art of Physic, in every part of the World—And, We also confer upon him by virtue of this public instrument, all the Privileges, Immunities, and Honours annexed to that Degree, in their utmost Extent, according to the Form, Spirit, and intention of the statutes of this College and University.

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“ Like the baseless fabric of a vision,  
“ They leave but a wreck behind”.

Nisbet on the Scrofula.

TRUE it is, the pneumatic system, as well as antimony and mercury, the principal medicines used for the scrofula, even when successful, as it is called, leave the poor patient a shattered and emaciated object—not so the ANTI-IMPETIGINES, which for its mildness of operation and certainty of success, without injuring in the smallest degree the human frame, but on the contrary restoring it to health and vigour, after all the ancient and modern medicaments and applications could be of no benefit, although tried by one physician, and tried again by another, and so on, till the unhappy patient is brought near his *quietus est*. Then it is that this noble remedy, so justly called ANTI-IMPETIGINES, displays its superior powers in rousing the *vis vitæ*, and assisting nature to expel the noxious obstructions to recovery, whether produced by scrofula, scurvy, or lues, or occasioned by the very medicines applied for their removal, as mercury, antimony, or aqua-fortis, all which, though the cried-up *nostrums* of the day, and used by many physicians called EMINENT, frequently leave such diseases as are found too deep rooted for common skill to remove, aided by all the materia medica, or the new-fangled philosophy of the day.

Dr. John Hunter, and many other medical men, have certainly treated masterly on Venereal Complaints, yet they all follow the steps of their predecessors: *mercury! mercury* is still their grand climacteric! and which, notwithstanding all its alledged improvements and combinations, is mercury nevertheless!! It still then remains to apply a proper, safe, and effectual substitute for mercury. To discover it is needless—“there is nothing new under the Sun”. Happy for this country such a one has been long since used in an extensive private practice, and in a multiplicity of instances found to be a sovereign, a safe, a speedy, and effectual remedy for every species of venereal taint, from a gonorrhœa to a confirmed syphilis, as well as for all “disorders originating from a depraved

habit or affections of the skin". This medicine is known by the name of the ANTI-IMPETIGINES; a medicine long sought for, as the lamentable state in which the physical art stands at this day, with respect to the Venereal Disease, cannot be better described than it is in Dr. Bell's preface to his treatise. He says, that "although much information may be obtained from *two works* just published on this complaint, as well as *some other* recent ones, there is STILL much left for others to elucidate". He goes on, and says, "such is the effect of his EXPERIENCE and OBSERVATION, that *further advantages are daily accruing* from the labours of *individuals* IN THIS DISEASE, as well as almost every other". Here then is a confession from a candid, worthy, and respectable Surgeon, founded on "experience and observation," that "farther advantages are daily accruing from the labours of individuals";—if so, who can claim so great a portion of praise as Dr. Solomon, whose labours have been indefatigable, and who has, at a great expense, brought the Anti-Impetigines to perfection, and into universal use and request? In *venereal cases* it has not its equal for certainty, safety, and efficacy; *mercury* may, perhaps, be opposed against it, but the ANTI-IMPETIGINES enters the list willingly, for upon the wreck of this destructive mineral its fabric is erected, strong, firm, and lasting! Men of character, liberality, and education, possessing public confidence as clergymen of unsullied reputation, have recommended numerous objects of those cruel diseases, the scrofula, king's evil, scurvy, &c. to Dr. Solomon's care, to whom this wonderful remedy was applied with the most unbounded success, and those who were reduced to the very jaws of death by mercury and the venereal disease, have been snatched from destruction and restored to their relations and friends with renovated health and vigour, and those bones which were almost starting through the skin, are covered with flesh, firm and healthful! Such are the virtues of the Anti-Impetigines, and such are its wondrous effects on the human body!—the antidote to mercury, and the purifier of the blood and lymph.

The ANTI-IMPETIGINES is a medicine founded on a chemical and philosophical basis, warranted by "Cullen's Practice of Physic and Nosology"; and prepared by S. SOLOMON, Esq. M.D. Liverpool; who pledges himself to the public, that this medicine is perfectly innocent in its nature, safe in its application, and powerfully efficacious in every species of "Impetigines, or depraved habit, with affections of the skin". (Cullen's Practice of Physic, No. 1737). It is of the utmost importance to those afflicted with any of these direful diseases, to their friends and relatives, as well as to the rising generation, that such baneful complaints may be speedily removed, and the blood purified from every degree of miasma.

DR. SOLOMON, of Liverpool, having long devoted his studies to the certain cure of those disorders which arise from an impure and vitiated state of the blood and lymph, and having observed with deep regret, the numberless instances where patients have pined away a miserable existence without receiving the smallest benefit from any thing they could procure, notwithstanding the many pretended remedies which have been offered to the public as universal specifics for those complaints, has at length yielded to the pressing necessities of his fellow-creatures so deeply afflicted, and determined to publish to the world this medicine, as of the greatest national importance, and truly calculated to cleanse the blood from all foulness, counteract every morbid affection, and restore weak and emaciated constitutions, which date their origin from the above causes,

The king's evil, struma or scrofula, are hard, scirrhus, and often indolent tumours that affect the glands of the neck, under the chin, arm-pits, groin, hams, arms and wrists, and most commonly is seated in the neck and beneath the ears. To remove these obstinate symptoms, the whole materia medica has been tried, with very little success, and the unhappy sufferer left to drag out a miserable existence! Many are crawling along on crutches at this moment, whom the *Anti-Impetigines* would restore to health and vigour, if recourse were had to it....The directions given with each bottle are plain, and its application is attended with little or no trouble.

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