

**Cerevisia anglicana, or, English herb diet-drink : discovered by Joshua Webster, M.D / Edwd. Slee & Co.**

**Contributors**

Slee & Co.

**Publication/Creation**

Lee, London : Edward Slee & Co., [1878?]

**Persistent URL**

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/kt3tqw5j>

**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](mailto:library@wellcomecollection.org)  
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

*"A genuine and well-proved Herbal Medicine."*

---

# CEREVISIA ANGLICANA;

OR,

## ENGLISH HERB DIET-DRINK,

DISCOVERED BY

JOSHUA WEBSTER, M.D.,

The Celebrated Botanist, Inventor of Dr. James's Powders, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London; and highly approved of and mentioned in the Works of the eminent ABERNETHY; also by VAN BUCHELL and other Medical Practitioners.

Dr. JOSHUA WEBSTER was called in and consulted in the last illness of His Majesty GEORGE II. He most beneficially prescribed the *Cerevisia Anglicana*, or *English Diet-Drink*, during an extensive practice, for 50 years (living to the advanced age of 95), and finally communicated the recipe to the present Proprietors, E. SLEE and Co., who prepare the Medicine with the utmost care, and from the purest ingredients that can be obtained.

---

This old established Herbal Medicine stands unrivalled as a  
SURE PURIFIER OF THE BLOOD, AND INVALUABLE AS A POWERFUL  
RESTORATIVE.

Amongst its many patrons are families of high standing, who, having proof of its medicinal efficacy, have spontaneously given their testimony and reference, confirming beyond doubt how highly successful it has proved in cases of ERUPTIONS, SKIN DISEASES, AND SCROFULA,—INDIGESTION,—GENERAL AND NERVOUS DEBILITY,—INCIPIENT CONSUMPTION,—BRONCHITIS, INFLUENZA, AND ASTHMA,—RHEUMATIC AFFECTIONS,—LIVER COMPLAINTS,—AND ALMOST A SPECIFIC IN REMOVING THE BAD EFFECTS OF MERCURIALS.

A Pamphlet, containing many remarkable cases of cure, published by distinct permission, can be obtained through the post.

The Proprietors of this valuable and universal Medicine, after a fair trial of its remedial virtues, during which its general curative properties have been well tested by a large circle, confidently offer the benefits to be derived from so important a discovery.

The *Cerevisia Anglicana*, or *English Diet-Drink*, when taken for Eruptions and in cases arising from impurity of the blood, may at first appear to aggravate; but this circumstance, instead of creating disquietude, should be considered as the surest indication of a permanent cure.

Sold in octagon square-shaped bottles, impressed, "Dr. Joshua Webster's *Cerevisia Anglicana*;" duplex, "Prepared only by EDWD. SLEE & Co., London," with Crest and Motto, "*Vincit amor patrie*," and the signature on the Label and Government Stamp, at 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors (classified in Vendors' Lists as Webster's Diet-Drink).

The Medicine is forwarded in a plain and secure package, free to any address, on receipt of Post Office Order or Stamps, by the Proprietors,

EDWD. SLEE & CO.,

LEE PLACE, LEE, LONDON, S.E.



## THE FOLLOWING ARE FROM AMONGST THE MANY TESTIMONIALS.

*Testimonial for the Cerevisia.*

"A lady who has patronized Dr. Webster's Cerevisia for nearly twenty years, and expended large sums annually in the distribution of it, can bear ample testimony to its value. Her attention has been particularly given to scrofula cases, where by perseverance it has thoroughly purified the blood of that direful disorder—indeed, in no one instance has she been unsuccessful. (Reference allowed.)

"Nov. 6, 1877."

"Giltspur Street, City, E.C.

"GENTLEMEN,—Being fully convinced that your most valuable medicine needs only to be known to be universally used, I enclose my case. I had a violent attack of gout and rheumatism, and for want of sleep was almost worn out; I was recommended your Diet-Drink, and after taking it, found myself so much better, that I resolved to persevere in its use. I am now fast gaining my strength, and my general health is so much improved that I now entertain a confident hope of complete recovery.

"W. S."

"Cowley Hall, near Uxbridge, June 11th, 1868.

"DEAR SIRS,—Owing, as I do, under God's blessing, half a century of my existence to the Cerevisia, I should be ungrateful if I did not comply with your request and give you a brief statement of my case.

"When about eight years old, a swelling appeared on my left elbow; an abscess formed in my left armpit, and another in my right ear, and various other symptoms of scrofula manifested themselves. My parents had the best advice which Manchester, my native town, could afford, but without benefit: indeed, on the contrary, with decided aggravation. I was bled, blistered, and physicked; one medical gentleman (Mr., afterwards Dr. Barton) inserted an issue right over the elbow-joint, from the consequence of which I suffer to this day, as my arm is semi-stiff, so that I cannot perfectly straighten it nor touch my shoulder; and this gentleman subsequently told my mother that there was no cure but having my arm off, which might have caused my death. At this time, my father, who was for nearly forty years a minister in Manchester, was in London, where he providentially heard of the Cerevisia. He sent a supply down, and the result was my recovery; and that recovery was so rapid as to astonish all who knew me: my health was thoroughly re-established, and the physical effects of mal-treatment being all that remained. My father, after this, became a great advocate for the medicine; go where he would he spoke of it and recommended it. He gave away scores of bottles to the poor, and was well repaid for his benevolence, as he witnessed its invaluable effects. I could have no difficulty in supplying you with as many as would form a volume.—Yours truly,

"JOHN GADSBY,

"Author of 'Wanderings in the East.'"

"Lombard Street.

"SIR,—I beg you to communicate to the public the wonderful relief which myself and family have received from Webster's Diet-Drink.—My employment was to superintend Mr. Rothschild's bullion; whereby, from the heavy portorage, night air, and fatigue, my constitution became weakened and relaxed. In this state I remained three years, having the advice, first and last, of not less than fifteen physicians, who seemed to be unanimous that I could not survive. I continued to get worse, and was not expected to live. I sent for Mr. Cole, an attorney, to settle my affairs. He, in conversation, recommended Webster's Diet-Drink. The first dose relieved me; and I began gradually to amend. I was soon induced to leave my doctors altogether, and to have recourse solely to the Cerevisia, which in time, by perseverance, made a complete cure: and, since then, I have undergone much fatigue, without feeling any ill effects."

WHOOPING-COUGH.—*Case of Mrs. Cornell's Child.*

"Mrs. Cornell, of Devonshire Place, had a child of about two years of age, who had been for a long time exceedingly ill of the whooping-cough. The child's condition had become most deplorable, being covered all over with what is commonly called the purples, which the doctor considered as the sure sign of speedy dissolution. In this hopeless case, my wife recommended the Diet-Drink; and, to revive their hopes, told them of the recovery of our own children, after having been dangerously ill of the same complaint. In the course of three days the child had so far recovered as to be able to be taken out for the benefit of the air; and afterwards acquired health and strength so rapidly, that the cure was completed in six weeks, solely by the regular use of the Diet-Drink. "J. GRIMSHIRE, Kennington Oval."



Mr. J. W. Watkins, of 7, Dacre Street, Lee, Kent, writes:— "February 1st, 1881.

"I am anxious to inform you that I am quite restored to health by your invaluable medicine, the Cerevisia Anglicana. After being given up by the eminent medical men under whose care I was placed, and likewise the hospital, where I was discharged as incurable, and at my earnest desire to know, pronounced as suffering from chronic bronchitis; for months, after being advised to take the Cerevisia, for want of faith I did not, but perseverance with it alone has done wonders for me, and I now feel as well and strong as ever I did. You are at liberty to in any way use this letter, for it will afford me the greatest pleasure to recommend the Cerevisia as much as possible, for I feel no one should be without it."

"Lant Street, Southwark, March, 1858.

"About seven years ago I was first attacked with a swelling in the side, attended with great pain and difficulty of breathing. It gradually increased, until I was compelled to become an inmate of an hospital, in which I remained some months. I did not receive any benefit. It was considered by the surgeons as cancer, and I was discharged as incurable. I was then under the care of some of the most eminent physicians, but gradually became more debilitated; and as all my friends thought I was rapidly hastening to the grave, I was induced, by the recommendation of a friend, to try your medicine, in October, 1856. Its first effects were discouraging, inasmuch as all the bad symptoms were aggravated; but I persevered, and, at the expiration of a month, I began to mend, and in a short time I lost all pain, and my strength returned; so much so, that I discontinued taking it, in consequence of which I had a relapse; but on resuming the use of the Cerevisia, I experienced similar good results, and am now in better health than I have been at any time for many years past.

"MARY ANN STOCK."

Miss Stock writes again as follows:—

"144, Beresford Street, S.E., Oct. 12th, 1877.

"MESSRS. SLEE AND CO.,—Forward me a bottle of the Cerevisia, having derived so much benefit from taking it so many years ago. I know its value as a strengthening and purifying medicine, and like to take some at the spring and fall of the year."

Mrs. Watts, of Bury Street, Edmonton, has much pleasure in bearing testimony to the Cerevisia Anglicana, in sickness and weakness of stomach, which she had experienced for a great number of years, but which has been greatly relieved by the use of that valuable Medicine; as well as to cases which have come under her own immediate knowledge, of Water-brash, Scrofula, and Consumption.

"GENTLEMEN,—I think it a duty on my part to make known the following facts as widely as practicable for the benefit of others who may suffer as I did.

"I am of sedentary habits, and fourteen years since had been confined by mental work to the desk for more than thirty years, getting, of course, but little relaxation and exercise. I had previously enjoyed good health, although never considered strong, being tall and remarkably slender. At this time a boil appeared on my arm, which my medical attendant (a skilful practitioner) said was of a carbuncular character. It caused much pain and inconvenience, because very large, and had a large tough core or substance in the centre, which ultimately was got out without recourse to the lancet, and I congratulated myself that the worst was over. However, very soon after I felt a sharp stinging pain on the outside of my thigh, and, a similar tumour appearing, had to undergo great pain and inconvenience again, lasting a long time. After this ended, I had another upon my upper lip, and one on the back of my neck. The usual treatment was resorted to both at home and at Margate, where I was under medical care, and taking tonics and extra nourishment as much as possible. Notwithstanding all this, I became dreadfully weak and exhausted; nothing the doctors prescribed did me good, and ultimately I suffered from five of these horrible torments, all discharging at once, and numerous smaller ones in various stages on different parts of my body.

"All this had been going on for upwards of two years, during which time my feet in the winter were as cold as ice, when my brother (who knew my strong prejudice against patent medicines) recommended the Cerevisia. As it was evident that medical treatment was ineffectual, I resolved to try it, and continued it night and morning for some time without faith, but my five large boils discharged and healed, and not one of the smaller ones progressed, but healed also.

"I am now so far converted as to have recourse to the medicine whenever I suffer from want of exercise and weak circulation, and do not shrink from the responsibility of heartily recommending it. I enclose my card, and would not object to be privately interviewed to confirm the above statement, if necessary.—Yours faithfully,

"H. B.

"August 6th, 1877."



22500632964



To Messrs. Slee and Co., Proprietors of Dr. Webster's Cerevisia Anglicana.

"75, Rose Hill Terrace, Brighton, July 30, 1877.

"GENTLEMEN,—I had been suffering with extreme inward weakness, no appetite, and an irritable eruption; sleepless nights. I was then employed at a good hotel in this town, and received every kind attention, with good medical advice; but nothing seemed to help me until I took three bottles of your invaluable medicine, by which I was perfectly restored to health. That was more than two years ago, and I am still in good health. "CHARLES EVANS."

"21, Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, July 28, 1877.

"GENTLEMEN,—Some few years ago I derived so much benefit from taking the Cerevisia when suffering from a fluctuating tumour, that I have great confidence in its efficacy, and feel much pleasure in recommending it. "E. NOAKES."

A Lady writes as follows:—

"Having suffered from quinsy and scarlet fever twelve months ago, and still feeling weak, I was advised to try the Cerevisia, from which I have derived great benefit. It has strengthened me, and renovated my health. I am very anxious for those suffering from similar complaints to try it, as I certainly believe it to be a most valuable medicine. "J. W."

"Beckley, Sept., 1877."

"South Street, Berkeley Square.

"SIRS,—It is with gratitude that I inform you of the powerful effects of the Cerevisia in restoring me to health, after an illness of nearly three years from excessive indigestion. After seeking the aid of several eminent men of the faculty, but finding no permanent relief, I was advised to try your Diet-Drink, for which I shall ever have to be thankful, for, after taking nine bottles, my health is nearly as good as ever. "WILLIAM OSMOND."

The Hon. D. G. HALLIBURTON has long used the Cerevisia, and expresses much reason to revere the name of Dr. Webster for the benefit derived.

The following Affidavit was made by Dr. Webster, A.D. 1799, before the Lord Mayor.

#### AFFIDAVIT BY DR. JOSHUA WEBSTER.

JOSHUA WEBSTER, M.D., and an old Member of the Corporation of Surgeons, London, maketh Oath, and saith, "That the Medicine by him named CEREVISIA ANGLICANA, or ENGLISH DIET-DRINK, is prepared from Vegetables possessing the most salubrious qualities, and was discovered by him after a long and laborious investigation of the Medicinal Properties of Herbs and Plants; and that the said CEREVISIA is the greatest Corrector and Purifier of the Blood, consequently the best Preservative of Health; and approaches the nearest to Dr. Boerhaave's Idea of 'AN UNIVERSAL REMEDY,' of any hitherto made public, as this Deponent has had ample testimony of, during *Fifty Years'* extensive Practice, in the course of which he successfully administered the said CEREVISIA to several Thousands.

"That the said Medicine has proved singularly efficacious in the following Disorders (amongst many others, which are enumerated in a Book, entitled '*A True and Brief Account of the Cerevisia*,' &c., published and signed by him): viz. in *Asthmas*, *Consumptions*, and their usual forerunners, *Coughs* and *Colds*; *Scurvy*, *Scrofula*, and all Diseases arising from *Impurities of the Blood*, &c., &c.; and that it specifically counteracts the deleterious Effects of *Mineral*, *Mercurial*, and *Metallic Poisons*.

"That the late Dr. B. FRANKLIN, of America, when in London (many years ago), being afflicted with an obstinate *Scorbutic Complaint*, which had long resisted the most approved means of treatment, was cured in about *two months*, by the use of the DIET-DRINK ONLY: which the Doctor afterwards tried in the *Yellow Fever* of America, and of the East and West Indies, and wrote an Account of its Success to his Friend, P. COLLISON, Esq., F.R.S., requesting the same might be communicated to this Deponent, and expressing a hope it would be made public at some future period.

"And this Deponent further saith, that, verily believing a general use of the said CEREVISIA will greatly lessen the melancholy List of Human Maladies; and considering that, at the age of *Ninety-three*, his own exertions cannot benefit Man to the extent of his wishes; he has communicated the Recipe to Messrs. E. SLEE and CO., and instructed them in the *true and peculiar process and mode of preparation*, believing that the said E. SLEE and CO. will assiduously endeavour to spread the knowledge of so valuable a Remedy (for the benefit of their fellow-Creatures) to every part of the World.

"Sworn at the Mansion-House of the City of London, "JOSHUA WEBSTER.

the 13th of Nov., 1799, before me, H. C. COMBE, Mayor.

"Witness, JAMES BENAMORE, M.D."