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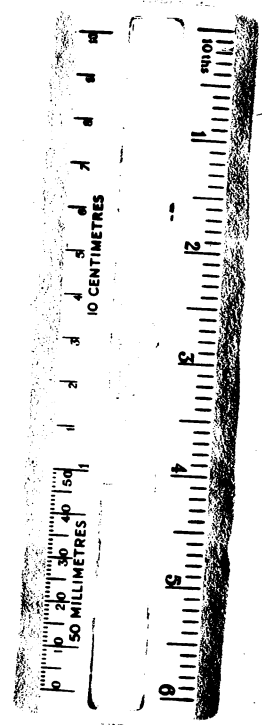
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which is not now in use. The preparation of this Powder is like the former. The principal use of cold Diamargaritum is to strength'n the Noble-parts, restore their languishing force, to cure fainting and Swouning-fits, in Fevers, and other Diseases: It is giv'n to Asthmatic, and Consumptive persons, and to those that are wasted and brought low by long sickness. The Dose and manner of using, are the same with other Cordial-powders, which I have already set down.

Pulvis Laxificans.

- Rx. *Semina Ceymi Caryophyllati,*
- Ceyci,*
- Zedoaria,*
- Santal Citrini,*
- Caryophyllorum,*
- Corticis exterioris Citri sicci,*
- Galanga,*
- Mace,*
- Diuis Moschate,*
- Staracis Calamita, an.* ʒij.ß.
- Rafsa Eboris,*
- Semina Anisi,*
- Thymi,*
- Epithymi,*
- Margaritarum Orientalium preparat,*
- Offis e corde cervi, an.* ʒj.
- Ambra-Grise,*
- Moschi Orientalis,*
- Foliorum Auri et*
- Argenti, an.* ʒj.

Make a Powder according to Art.

Imports not to know the Name of the Inventor of this Powder, the Receipt whereof agrees indifferently well in most Dispensatories. You may follow this which I have here set down; the Preparation being the same with the former. You must know, that though the Leaves of Gold and Silver may contribute some vertue to this, and other compositions, yet they are here chiefly us'd for Ornament. For which reason they are not usually pulveriz'd and jumb'd with other Ingredients, but cut in little distinct bits, for beauty's sake, as Pills, and Cordial-Opiates are wrapt up in them to take away the ill taste.

This Powder is highly esteem'd to correct the cold and moist temperature of the Stomach and Liver, to help Digestion, and restore the Appetite. It is also very proper against Weakness, and Palpitations of the Heart, to restore a good habit of Body, and to bring a good colour into the Face, to keep the Breath sweet, restore decay'd Strength, and dissipate Melancholy that proceeds from an Internal or no real cause. The Dose is the same with the preceding Powders.

Pulvis Diatrion Santalon.

- Rx. *Santal Citrini,*
- Albi, et*
- Rubri,*
- Semina Violarum,*
- Rosorum Rubrarum Exungulatarum,*
- Rapontiaci,*
- Rafsa Eboris,*
- Succis Glycyrrhizæ, an.* ʒij.
- Gummi Tragacanthæ, et*
- Arabici,*

A Powder creating Cheerfulness.

- Rx. Seeds of Clove-Basil,
- Saffron,
- Zedoary, or Set-wall,
- Yellow-Saunders,
- Cloves,
- Outward peel of Citron, dry,
- Galanga,
- Mace,
- Nutmeg,
- Calamite Storax, an. ʒij.ß.
- Shavings of Ivory,
- Annise-seed,
- Thyme,
- Dodder of Thyme,
- Oriental Pearls prepar'd,
- Deer's Heart-bone, an. ʒj.
- Ambergrise,
- Oriental Musk,
- Leaves of Gold, and
- Silver, an. ʒj.

Make a Powder according to Art.

Powder of the three Saunders.

- Rx. Saunders Yellow,
- White, and
- Red,
- Seeds of Violets,
- Red Roles cleans'd, an. ʒij.ß.
- Ponic Rhubarb,
- Shavings of Ivory,
- Juice of Lichorice, an. ʒij.
- Gum Tragacanth, and
- Arabic,

Semina

- Semina Endivie,*
- Portulacæ, &*
- Melons excorticati, an.* ʒj.
- Seeds of Endive,
- Purslain,
- Melons husk'd, an. ʒj.

Make a Powder according to Art.

They that desire to make the Powder more red, beginning with the Saunders, must moisten them with Rose-water, and beat them a long time, and moisten them often, till they are sufficiently colour'd, and when they are dry, add the other Ingredients, and perfect the Powder, which must be sifted through a fine silk sierce.

I am of opinion that the Amydon, or flower of pounded Wheat, together with some part of the Seeds were with judgement left out; for besides that the Amydon signifies nothing, the excess of Seeds might cause putrefaction in the powder.

This powder is highly commended against Diseases that proceed from weakness, or ill habit of the Liver; to temper the heat of the Entrails, to digest and discuss matters gather'd together at the end of Agues. It is also very proper in faintings of the Heart, Jaundies, and Ptsicks. It is giv'n inwardly in Potions, Opiates, and Electuaries, and outwardly apply'd in Epithems, Frontals, and Liniments.

Pulvis Pannonicus.

- Rx. *Boli Armena, &*
- Terra Lemnia, an.* ʒij.ß.
- Margaritarum Orientalium,*
- Lapidum Hyacinthorum,*
- Smaragdorum,*
- Saphyrorum, et*
- Rubinarum, et*
- Coralli Albi, et*
- Rubri, preparatorum,*
- Radicum Tormentille,*
- Doronici, et*
- DiLamni Albi,*
- Santal Citrini,*
- Rafsa Unicornis, et*
- Eboris, an.* ʒj.ß.
- Corticis Citri exterioris sicci, et*
- Semina Acetose, an.* ʒij.
- Cinnamomi acutissimi*
- Caryophyllorum et*
- Croci, an.* ʒj.
- Folia Auri purissimi,*
- Nº. xxxv.

The Hungarian Powder.

- Rx. Bole Armonack, &
- Lennian Earth, an. ʒij.ß.
- Eastern Pearls,
- Stones, Jacinths,
- Smaragds,
- Saphyrs, and
- Rubies,
- White-Coral, &
- Red prepar'd,
- Roots of Tormentil,
- Doronicon or Wolfs-bane, and
- White Dittany,
- Yellow Saunders,
- Shavings of Unicorns-horn, and
- Ivory, an. ʒj.ß.
- Dry outmost Citron-rind, and
- Seed of Sorrel, an. ʒij.
- Biting Cinamon,
- ʒj.
- Cloves, and
- Saffron, an. ʒj.ß.
- Leaves of purest Gold, Nº. xxxv.

Rasp the Unicorns-horn, and Ivory, beat the Pearls, Stones, as also the Coral, and Bole-Armonac in a Mortar, then grind them upon a Porphyrie-stone, till the Powder is not to be felt, moistning them now and then with Rose-water: make them into Trochiskes and let them dry in the shade. Beat the Unicorns-horn and Ivory, in a great Brazen-Mortar, with the Saunders and the Roots; then put in the Cinamon, dry Citron-Peel, and then the Cloves, and Sorrel-seed, and sift them through a silken sierce. Dry the Saffron and beat it apart; then having mix'd all the Powders with the Stones, Corals, Bole-Armonac, and Terra-Sigillata, cut the Leaves of Gold in small bits. Mix an ounce and a half of this Powder with twelve ounces of fine Sugar dissolv'd in Rose-water, and you may boyl it up to the consistence of a solid Electuary, and make it into Tablets.

Unicorns-horn is reckon'd among the number of Medicaments, which being but a part of a mixt body, bears the Name of the whole; so that when the Unicorn is only set down, the Horn is only prescrib'd. This Creature is by the Greeks called *Movæsser*, by the Latins, *Unicornis*. Writers vary very much about the description of this Animal. The most part make it in the body to resemble a Horse, and that he has one horn wreath'd like a Periwinkle-shell, sometimes longer, sometimes shorter, fix'd at the upper part of the fore-part of the Head; straight and pointed at the end. However, none

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of them affirm that they have seen the Creature which they describe, nor do they say where he is bred. And therefore some question whether the Unicorn spoken of in the old Testament, were a Beast like that which our Naturalists have describ'd under the shape of a Horse, and whether it did not mean the Rhinoceros, by that which our Interpreters call a Unicorn, though the straight and twisted shape, and white colour which the Naturalists attribute to the Unicorn's-horn, is nothing agreeable to that of the Rhinoceros, which is not twisted, but crooked from the bottom, with the end turn'd upward; and besides is of a brown colour. But among all these contents of Natural Philosophers, my thoughts are that there is no such Unicorn in the World as they have describ'd; but that this white, hard, heavy, twisted horn, hollow within, and from one to two ells long, which we use in Physic, is the horn of a great Fish which is found in *Greenland*, which the Islanders call *Narnall*. This horn serves him as a defence against other Fish, and to kill the greater Whales, of which he is so fearless, that he will endeavour sometimes with a great impetuosity, to bore a hole in a great ship. The horns of this great Fish were formerly very rare, and the Fish that bare them very little known. But the frequent fishing in those Seas, have rendered them less rare in *England*, *Holland*, *Germany*, *Denmark*, and other places; and without seeking any farther, I have one by me at this present, longer and bigger then that in the Treasury of *St. Dennis*.

The rarity of this Horn was the reason that it was so much esteem'd in former times, and that they attributed such extraordinary virtues to it, as well in resisting poyson, as against the Small-pox, Meales, and all Epidemic Distempers. Inasmuch, that we see in the Cabinets of great Persons long pieces of this horn adorn'd and enchas'd in Gold, as being still esteem'd a most precious rarity, and of an inexhaustible vertue, that imparts it self without wait to all Liqueurs wherein it is infus'd, like *Regulus* or Glafs of Antimony. But though the volatile salt with which this horn abounds, may produce the effects expected from it; yet the vertue once imparted to any Liquor by the horn is lost for ever to that part; as it happens to Harts-horn or Ivory, whose parts are much of the same nature with this Unicorn's-horn, which being boyl'd or infus'd loose all their vertue.

Doronicum is a Plant which many of the Ancients describ'd under the name of *Aconitum Pardalianche*, *Plantaginis folio*, the Leaves being like Plantain, but yellower. The Flowers are like those of the Corn-Marigold. The Root here prescrib'd is knotty and bearded, of a sweetish taste, and viscid substance. It kills Leopards, Wolves, and Dogs, and the most part of four-footed Beasts, though it is not hurtful to Man, but rather a great Antidote against Poysons.

This Powder is very much us'd in the North-parts, especially in *Germany*, where it is us'd in Malignant Fevers, and all Epidemic Distempers, and against all sorts of Poysons. It prevails wonderfully against the Small-pox, for it expels the malignity forth, and strength'ns the Noble-parts. They usually dissolve it in some Cordial-water, sweeten'd with Syrup of Gillow-flowers, Lemons or Granates, and take it fasting from half a scruple to half a dram. The Tablets tak'n one in a morning fasting, produce almost the same effect against Pestilential-Air.

Pulvis Antiepilepticus, D. D.
D'AQUIN.

℞. *Radix Peonia maris*, in eunte
vere, & decrefcente Luna col-
lecta, &
Semis ejusdem,
Radix Dillamni albi,
Visci Quercini,
Rajura Crani Hominis violenta morte
perempti,
Unicornis,
Eboris,
Ungula Alcis, an. ʒij.

An Antiepileptic Powder by Monsieur
D'AQUIN.

℞. Roots of Male-Piony gather'd at the
beginning of the Spring, in the de-
crease of the Moon, and
Seed of the same,
Roots of white-Dittany,
Milletce,
Shavings of a Man's Skull that dy'd a
violent death,
Of Unicorn's horn,
Of Ivory, ʒi.
Hoof of an Elke, an. ʒi.

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| <i>Margaritarum Orientalium</i> , | | Oriental Pearls, | |
| <i>Lapidum Hyacinthinorum</i> , | | Jacinth-Stone, and | |
| <i>Coralli Rub. præparatorum an-</i> | ʒß. | Red Coral prepar'd, an. | ʒß. |
| <i>Semis Ocyini Caryophyllati</i> , | | Seeds of Clove-Basil, | |
| <i>Florum Tilia</i> , | | Flowers of Tylet, | |
| <i>Betonica</i> , | | Betony, | |
| <i>Lillii Convallium</i> , an. | ʒij. | Lilly Convally, an. | ʒij. |
| <i>Ambræ-Griseæ</i> , | ʒß. | Amber-grife, | ʒß. |
| <i>Orientalis Moschi</i> , | Gr.ʒj. | Oriental Musk, | Gr. vj. |
| <i>Folia Auri purissimi</i> , | Nº. xv. | Leaves of finest Gold, | Nº. xv. |

Procure the Ingredients true, take only the end, or tip of the Elk's-Horn, and rasp it, and prepare the Powder as before.

The Elke by the Latins call'd *Alce*, is a Creature that breeds in the Woods of the Northern Countries, particularly in *Norway*, as big as a large Horse, of a fallow colour, and somewhat shap'd like a Hart, but bigger and fuller-body'd. He has a Leg long and slender, and a foot cloven like the Hart; but his Horns are flat and broad, like those of a fallow-Deer's, and hairy toward the lower end. Some Natural Philosophers report this Beast to be so swift, that it were impossible to take them, did nor they that hunt them observe the time, when they are troubled with the falling-sickness, which oft-times happens, and then take them before they have strength enough to put their left foot in their Ears. For if they give them time, they immediately recover, rise, and run for their lives. Which is the reason that the Elk's-Hoof is said to have power alone to cure the Epilepsie, being either tak'n inwardly, or hung about the Neck of the Patient.

Children born in the Southern Countries are more subject to Epilepsies, then those that are born in the Northern Climates; and more subject to Worms, which oft-times cause their Epilepsie. These Epileptic Powders are of great use, both for little and great. They prevail greatly against the Apoplexy, Palsie, and all Diseases proceeding from abundance or over-flowing of humours in the Brain. The same Dose as of other Cordial Powders is usually given in Cephalic Waters. They may be also mix'd with Opates, Tablets, or other Remedies.

Pulvis contra Rabiem.

℞. *Foliorum Ruta*,
Verbena,
Salvia Minoris,
Plantaginis,
Polypodii,
Absinthii Vulgaris,
Mentha,
Arthemisia,
Melissophylli,
Betonica,
Hyperici,
Centauri Minoris, an. partes æ-
quales.

A Powder against Dog-madness.

℞. Leaves of Rue,
Vervain,
Lesser Sage,
Plantain,
Polipody,
Vulgar Wormwood,
Mint,
Mugwort,
Balm,
Betony,
St. John's-wort,
Lesser Centaury, an. equal
parts.

Gather all these Herbs about the Full of the Moon in June, when every one of them flourishes in its greatest vertue, and in fair Weather, make them up into little bundles, bind them about with Paper, and hang them in the Air out of the Sun to dry. When they are quite dry, beat them in a large Brazen Mortar, and sift the Powder through a silken sieve.

This Powder was invented by Monsieur *Pirou*, and the Receipt is in a Treatise of the biting of a Mad-dog, writ'n by Monsieur *Palmerius*, a Physician of *Paris*, who affirms that he has often try'd it, and seen the wonderful effects of it, and that they that us'd it, had been cur'd of the * Fear of Water, so that they never had the Distemper; and that they that had it, had been freed from it by taking this Powder, provided they had

Hydrophobia, a Di-
stemper occasion'd
by the biting of a
mad-dog.