

**DR. OLIVER'S BILL, 1738.****How our Ancestors were Cured—or Killed.**

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**I** HAVE in my possession a very interesting document in the form of a doctor's bill of the early part of the 18th century, from which one can obtain a picture of the country-doctor of the period and of the medicines, many of them strange to us, with which he either cured or killed his patients. What we don't know is what was the matter with the patient, at least, those of us who are not expert in pathology, so we must be content with merely considering the queerness of the remedies.

The patient's troubles began on November 4th, 1734, on which date the bill commences with a "pint of pectoral purging apozem" which cost 3s. 6d. and contained several doses. This is followed by a "glass of oil of almonds and syrup of violets"; and during the month we get "green liquorice and anisseed," a pound of hartshorn and, finally, on the 28th, "a cooling electuary," which, we may well suppose, was by that time much needed.

On December 1st the doctor seems to have paid his first visit, for he puts down "A journey, 5s." After this remedies are poured in in increasing variety such as "a bottle of salvolatile; 12 cordial powders; a pint of strengthening apozem; bazilicon, and flowers of sulphur and antimony." This needs interpretation and we must consult the dictionary. An apozem, it tells us, is an infusion and decoction. A basilicon must be something regal, and the dictionary describes it as an "ointment possessing sovereign virtues."

After the next visit, a fortnight later, other members of the family came in for a share of this medicinal cataract, for we find "a pott of unguent for y<sup>e</sup> childe," "a cholick julep for Mrs. G.," followed by a "purging potion." But the chief patient is not neglected and got his usual apozems and cordial powders, plus an "anodyne haustus," which the Latin dictionary says is another name for a drink. Also, strange to say, the doctor supplies 2 oz. of tobacco, presumably by way of encouragement, for the sum of 5d. We are now in February 1735, and during that month, and March, April and May, the poor patient is plied with the old above-named remedies, and some new ones such as "a pectoral linctus," "oil of turpentine" and many repetitions of "asthmatic draughts."

In March a son of the family gets his dose in the form of a "febrifick tincture for William," and, in May, "y<sup>e</sup> girl" receives the same, and Miss H. has two doses of "guilt pills." This is interesting for we see that the gilding of the pill was an actual fact, and not a mere figure of speech.

In July the visits become more frequent, and on the 11th of that month the doctor chronicles "a journey all night, was called out of my bed between 11 and 12" and he charged 10s. 6d. for it. The patient seems to have had a relapse, for he gets a daily visit for some time and the doctor now produces his most potent charm in the form of "two Bezoartick powders." This is rather a stumper, but the dictionary, rather to one's surprise, rises to the occasion and tells us that bezoar is "a stony concretion found in the stomachs of goats, antelopes, etc., formerly esteemed as an antidote to all poisons." After administering 35 of these powders in nine days, at a cost of 28s. 3d. in all, the doctor, or perhaps the patient, decides that the charm is not working and they are discontinued : and we get many doses of a "pearl cordial" and once a "cordial julep." A julep, it should be noted, is described as a "pleasant liquid medicine in which other nauseous medicines are taken." Our doctor has still shot in his locker, which he now produces in the form of "a large viscatory and mellilott," calling the British flora to his aid. Mellilot, we know, as a pleasant plant which smells of new-mown hay, but viscatory is not even to be found among the four hundred thousand-odd words of the Oxford English Dictionary. There is, however, a kindred word "inviscation" which means making viscid, and that must be the function of a viscatory ; but what portion of the patient was to be made viscid we don't know, unless we get a hint from another remedy supplied about the same time, *viz.*, "6 issue-pease." Our monumental dictionary does not fail us now, for it describes an issue-pea as "a pea or other small globular body placed in a surgical issue to keep up irritation" and a 17th century writer is quoted who states that a small piece of ivy-root was used for this purpose. So we may conjecture that the poor gentleman had a sore that would not heal.

The flood of remedies continues through August : "guilt pills," more basilicon, "ye diuretic bolus," and cordial julep. Less formidable items are "orange chips," "citron candied," "a box of digestive" and a "bottle of syrup of cloves" and one strange entry, "an ivory pipe arm'd," which cost only 7d. The previous entry of tobacco inclines us to wonder if this was a pipe for smoking, but ivory is surely a strange material of which to make it.

We are now nearly at the end of the account, which among more entries of "anodyne pills guilt," "stomach drops," contains "camomile flowers" and "populeum ointment and pott," which the dictionary tells us is made from the buds of the black poplar tree. Then, whether because of, or in spite of, this perfectly fearsome category of remedies, contemporary history tells us the poor gentleman died, and there was owing to the doctor £26. 7s. 2d.

It happened then, as sometimes happens now, after he was no more required the doctor was forgotten. He got 10 guineas in a year's time and the rest in two years and a half.

## MR. OLIVER'S BILL.

APRIL 3RD, 1738.

Walter Godfrey Esq.

|       |      |                                               |   |   |        |
|-------|------|-----------------------------------------------|---|---|--------|
|       |      | Remains due on the last account -             | - | - | 06 02. |
| 1734, |      |                                               |   |   |        |
| Nov.  | 4th  | A pint pectoral purging Apozem, several doses | - | - | 03 06. |
|       |      | A gl. of oil of Almonds & syrup of violets    | - | - | 01 07. |
|       |      | Jordan Almonds, oz. 4                         | - | - | 00 05. |
|       | 7th  | Pearl barley, oz. 4                           | - | - | 00 03. |
|       |      | green liquorice & Anisseed                    | - | - | 00 03. |
|       | 11th | A pott of ointment, oz. 2                     | - | - | 00 05. |
|       | 15th | Pearl barley, oz. 4                           | - | - | 00 03. |
|       | 20   | A pound of hartshorn                          | - | - | 02 00. |
|       |      | a pound of sago                               | - | - | 02 04. |
|       |      | stick liquorice                               | - | - | 00 04. |
|       |      | juice of liquorice, oz. 4                     | - | - | 00 08. |
|       |      | linseed                                       | - | - | 00 03. |
|       |      | lb. $\frac{1}{2}$ of pearl barley             | - | - | 00 06. |
|       | 28th | A pint of purging pectoral Decoction, 4 doses | - | - | 04 00. |
|       |      | A Cooling Electuary                           | - | - | 02 00. |
| Dec.  | 1st  | A Journey                                     | - | - | 05 00. |
|       |      | A bottle of Sal volatile                      | - | - | 01 00. |
|       | 2nd  | 12 paprs of Cordial powders                   | - | - | 05 00. |
|       |      | A pint of strengthening Apozem                | - | - | 03 04. |
|       | 3rd  | $\frac{1}{2}$ a pd of Hartshorn               | - | - | 01 00. |
|       | 5th  | $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of pearl barley             | - | - | 00 06. |
|       | 7th  | basilicon                                     | - | - | 00 02. |
|       | 9    | flowrs of sulphur & Antimony, oz. 1           | - | - | 00 05. |
|       |      | The pint of strength Apozem                   | - | - | 03 04. |
|       | 10   | The XII cordial powders                       | - | - | 05 00. |
|       | 15   | The XII powders repeated                      | - | - | 05 00. |
|       |      | The pint str. Apozem                          | - | - | 03 04. |
|       |      | A Journey                                     | - | - | 05 00. |
|       |      | A pott of ungt for y <sup>e</sup> childe      | - | - | 00 06. |
|       |      | $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of almond powder             | - | - | 00 03. |
|       |      | The XII Cordial powders                       | - | - | 05 00. |
|       |      | A pint str. Apozem                            | - | - | 03 04. |
|       |      | Six strength powders                          | - | - | 03 00. |
|       |      | An Anodyne Haustus                            | - | - | 05 00. |
|       |      | More of y <sup>e</sup> same                   | - | - | 02 00. |
|       |      | A journey to her                              | - | - | 05 00. |
|       |      | For three oranges                             | - | - | 00 03. |
|       |      | A cholick julep for Mrs. G.                   | - | - | 03 04. |
|       |      | $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Pearl barley             | - | - | 00 06. |
|       |      | Pearl barley, oz. 4                           | - | - | 00 03. |
|       |      | The XII Cordial powders                       | - | - | 05 00. |
|       |      | The pint str. Apozem                          | - | - | 03 04. |
|       |      | A bottle of y <sup>e</sup> best oil           | - | - | 02 06. |
|       |      | The pint str. Apozem                          | - | - | 03 04. |
|       |      | A purging potion for Mrs. G.                  | - | - | 02 00. |
|       |      | The pint str. Apozem                          | - | - | 03 04. |
|       |      | Y <sup>e</sup> XII Cordial powders            | - | - | 05 00. |

|      |     |                                                            |   |   |   |        |
|------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------|
| Jan. | 26  | An <sup>r</sup> purg : potion for Mrs. G.                  | - | - | - | 02 00. |
| Feb. | 7   | Tobacco oz. 4                                              | - | - | - | 00 05. |
|      |     | A pectoral Linctus                                         | - | - | - | 01 06. |
|      |     | A glass of Cordial Drops                                   | - | - | - | 01 00. |
|      | 12  | The XII Cordial powders                                    | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      | 16  | Ye pint str. Apozem                                        | - | - | - | 03 04. |
|      | 23  | A gl. of oil of Turpentine oz. 4                           | - | - | - | 00 04. |
|      | 28  | two Asthmatick Draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
| Mar. | 1st | A gl. of oil of Almonds & syr <sup>r</sup> of violets      | - | - | - | 01 02. |
|      | 5   | four Asth. draughts                                        | - | - | - | 04 00. |
|      | 6   | A febrifick Tinct <sup>r</sup> for him                     | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 7   | A pint pect. op : Apoz <sup>m</sup> for him, several doses | - | - | - | 02 04. |
|      | 8   | four Asthmatick Draughts                                   | - | - | - | 04 00. |
|      | 29  | A Journey                                                  | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      |     | A pectoral Linctus                                         | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      |     | A role of Issue plaister                                   | - | - | - | 00 09. |
|      | 30  | Ye XII Cordial powders                                     | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      |     | The pint str. Apozem                                       | - | - | - | 03 04. |
|      | 31  | ½lb. of Pearl barley                                       | - | - | - | 00 06. |
| Ap.  | 3rd | Two opening bolus's                                        | - | - | - | 01 06. |
|      | 5   | Ye pint str. Apozem                                        | - | - | - | 03 04. |
|      | 10  | Two Asthmatick Draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 11  | three more of ye same                                      | - | - | - | 03 00. |
|      | 20  | An Electuary                                               | - | - | - | 02 09. |
|      | 28  | A pint of strength Infusion                                | - | - | - | 03 04. |
|      |     | ½lb. of Pearl barley                                       | - | - | - | 00 06. |
|      |     | Two Asthmatick draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      |     | six more of the same                                       | - | - | - | 06 00. |
|      |     | A Journey                                                  | - | - | - | 05 00. |
| May  | 2   | two Asthmatick draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      |     | 3 opening bolus's                                          | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 5   | two Asthmatick draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 9   | two more of the same                                       | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 17  | A Journey                                                  | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      | 17  | Two Asthmatick draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 19  | hartshorn ½lb.                                             | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      | 24  | Two Asthmatick draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 26  | ye girl a febrifick Tincture                               | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      |     | Pearl barley                                               | - | - | - | 00 02. |
|      |     | Miss H. Two doses of guilt pills                           | - | - | - | 02 06. |
|      | 31  | Two Asth. draughts                                         | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      |     | A bottle of hungary water                                  | - | - | - | 00 10. |
| Jun  | 5   | A Journey                                                  | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      |     | Two Asthmatick draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 7   | A pint of Cordial Julep                                    | - | - | - | 03 06. |
|      | 9   | A box of Asthmatick pills                                  | - | - | - | 03 00. |
|      |     | A quart of strengthening Infusion                          | - | - | - | 04 06. |
|      |     | A glass of drops 1s. ; a box of op. pills 2s.              | - | - | - | 03 00. |
|      | 12  | A Journey                                                  | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      | 18  | Two Asthmatick draughts                                    | - | - | - | 02 00. |
|      | 25  | A box of basilicon                                         | - | - | - | 00 05. |
|      | 28  | Two Asth. draughts                                         | - | - | - | 02 00. |
| July | 2   | A Journey                                                  | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      |     | XII papers of febrifick powders                            | - | - | - | 04 00. |
|      |     | A quart emulsion                                           | - | - | - | 02 06. |
|      | 6   | The Emulsion repeated                                      | - | - | - | 02 06. |
|      |     | A Journey                                                  | - | - | - | 05 00. |
|      | 9   | ye XII febrifick powders                                   | - | - | - | 04 00. |

|      |    |                                                                       |   |   |   |   |    |     |
|------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| July | 9  | The quart Emulsion                                                    | - | - | - | - | 02 | 06. |
|      | 11 | A Journey all night was call'd out of my bed between<br>11 & 12 [sic] | - | - | - | - | 10 | 06. |
|      |    | Two Bezoartick powders                                                | - | - | - | - | 01 | 06. |
|      | 12 | A Journey                                                             | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | 5 bezoartick powders                                                  | - | - | - | - | 03 | 09. |
|      |    | A Cordial Julep                                                       | - | - | - | - | 02 | 06. |
|      |    | A glass of sal volatile                                               | - | - | - | - | 00 | 06. |
|      |    | The quart Emulsion                                                    | - | - | - | - | 02 | 06. |
|      |    | A bottle of hungary water                                             | - | - | - | - | 00 | 10. |
|      | 13 | A Journey                                                             | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | Six bezoartick powders                                                | - | - | - | - | 04 | 06. |
|      |    | A Pearl Cordial                                                       | - | - | - | - | 02 | 03. |
|      |    | A bottle of sal volatile.                                             | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      |    | A glass of salts to smell to                                          | - | - | - | - | 00 | 08. |
|      |    | A pectoral Linctus                                                    | - | - | - | - | 02 | 00. |
|      | 14 | A Journey                                                             | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | pd. for a bladder                                                     | - | - | - | - | 00 | 01. |
|      |    | The Pearl Cordial again                                               | - | - | - | - | 02 | 03. |
|      |    | Two opening bolus's                                                   | - | - | - | - | 01 | 06. |
|      | 16 | A Journey                                                             | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | The Pearl Cordial                                                     | - | - | - | - | 02 | 03. |
|      |    | 4 Bezoartick powders                                                  | - | - | - | - | 03 | 00. |
|      |    | A glass of sal volatile                                               | - | - | - | - | 00 | 06. |
|      |    | Anr Journey                                                           | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | † a pd of sago                                                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 02. |
|      |    | A bottle of hungary water                                             | - | - | - | - | 00 | 10. |
|      | 17 | The Pearl Cordial                                                     | - | - | - | - | 02 | 03. |
|      |    | six Bezoartick powders                                                | - | - | - | - | 04 | 06. |
|      |    | The Pectoral Linctus                                                  | - | - | - | - | 02 | 00. |
|      |    | A glass of sal volatile                                               | - | - | - | - | 00 | 09. |
|      | 18 | A Journey                                                             | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | The Pearl Cordial                                                     | - | - | - | - | 02 | 03. |
|      |    | The Pectoral Linctus                                                  | - | - | - | - | 02 | 00. |
|      |    | A large bottle of Hung : water                                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      |    | A bottle of sal volatile                                              | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      | 19 | The Pearl Cordial                                                     | - | - | - | - | 02 | 03. |
|      |    | The vi Bezoartick powders                                             | - | - | - | - | 04 | 06. |
|      | 20 | A large bottle of Hung : water                                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      |    | A Journey                                                             | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      |    | ye vi Bezoartick powders                                              | - | - | - | - | 04 | 06. |
|      |    | The Pearl Cordial                                                     | - | - | - | - | 02 | 03. |
|      | 21 | An Asth mixture several doses                                         | - | - | - | - | 02 | 00. |
|      |    | An Anodyne mixtr several doses                                        | - | - | - | - | 02 | 00. |
|      |    | A dose of Anodyne purging pills                                       | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      |    | Anr Journey                                                           | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | ye Asthmatick mixture                                                 | - | - | - | - | 02 | 00. |
|      |    | double ye Anodyne mixture                                             | - | - | - | - | 04 | 00. |
|      | 22 | A Journey                                                             | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | double ye Asthmatick mixtr                                            | - | - | - | - | 04 | 00. |
|      |    | A large viscatory & Mellilott                                         | - | - | - | - | 00 | 11. |
|      |    | A large bottle of Hung : water                                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      | 23 | A dose of Anodyne purg : pills                                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      |    | A quart Diuretick Infusion                                            | - | - | - | - | 04 | 06. |
|      | 24 | A Journey                                                             | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|      |    | A bottle of spirit of lavender                                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|      |    | A bottle of Hungary water                                             | - | - | - | - | 00 | 10. |
|      | 25 | ye girl a purging powder                                              | - | - | - | - | 00 | 06. |

## PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS

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|        |     |                                                           |   |   |   |   |    |     |
|--------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| July   | 25  | An Electuary                                              | - | - | - | - | 02 | 06. |
|        | 29  | $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound of sago                             | - | - | - | - | 01 | 02. |
| August | 1   | A pint of Hungary wat <sup>r</sup> & bottle               | - | - | - | - | 02 | 08. |
|        | 3   | double ye Asthmatick mixt <sup>r</sup>                    | - | - | - | - | 04 | 00. |
|        |     | A large bottle of Hung : water                            | - | - | - | - | 00 | 10. |
|        |     | 6 issue pease                                             | - | - | - | - | 00 | 03. |
|        | 4   | A Journey                                                 | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|        | 6   | halfe a pound of sago                                     | - | - | - | - | 01 | 02. |
|        | 7   | A dose of Anodyne pills guilt                             | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        |     | A diuretick draught                                       | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        | 8   | basilicon 2 oz.                                           | - | - | - | - | 00 | 04. |
|        | 11  | A dose of purging pills guilt                             | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        |     | double ye Asth mixture                                    | - | - | - | - | 04 | 00. |
|        |     | A diuretick bolus                                         | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        |     | An ivory pipe Arm'd                                       | - | - | - | - | 00 | 07. |
|        |     | A pint of Cordial Julep                                   | - | - | - | - | 03 | 06. |
|        | 15  | double tye Asth mixture                                   | - | - | - | - | 04 | 00. |
|        |     | A dose of purg : pills guilt                              | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        |     | ye Diuretick bolus                                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        |     | pd for 4oz. of orange chips                               | - | - | - | - | 00 | 06. |
|        |     | Citron candied 4oz. cost                                  | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        | 17  | The Diuretick bolus                                       | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        | 18  | An <sup>r</sup> of ye same                                | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        |     | A Journey                                                 | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|        |     | A box of digestive                                        | - | - | - | - | 00 | 03. |
|        | 19  | A bottle of syrup of Cloves IX oz.                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 08. |
|        |     | A bottle of syrup of poppies X oz.                        | - | - | - | - | 01 | 10. |
|        |     | The diuretick bolus                                       | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        | 20  | The diuretick mixture several doses                       | - | - | - | - | 03 | 04. |
|        |     | 3 doses of Anod. purg : pills guilt                       | - | - | - | - | 03 | 00. |
|        |     | double ye Asth mixture                                    | - | - | - | - | 04 | 00. |
|        | 21  | A Journey                                                 | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|        | 22  | halfe a pound of sago                                     | - | - | - | - | 01 | 02. |
|        | 23  | A pott of ungt                                            | - | - | - | - | 00 | 06. |
|        | 25  | An <sup>r</sup> pott of ye same & Tow                     | - | - | - | - | 00 | 06. |
|        |     | A Journey                                                 | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
|        | 26  | 3 doses of Anod. open : pills guilt                       | - | - | - | - | 03 | 00. |
|        |     | 3 doses more of ye same                                   | - | - | - | - | 03 | 00. |
|        |     | The diuretick mixture again                               | - | - | - | - | 03 | 04. |
|        | 29  | The same repeated                                         | - | - | - | - | 03 | 04. |
|        | 30  | Ungt populneum 3oz. & pott                                | - | - | - | - | 00 | 07. |
|        |     | A Journey                                                 | - | - | - | - | 05 | 00. |
| D'ber  | 1st | A glass of stomach drops                                  | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        |     | A paper of strength Ingre <sup>ts</sup> for a fomentation | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        |     | A box of Anodyn pills guilt                               | - | - | - | - | 02 | 00. |
|        |     | Camomile flowers                                          | - | - | - | - | 00 | 02. |
|        |     | A bottle of Hungary water                                 | - | - | - | - | 01 | 00. |
|        | 5   | The Diuretick mixture                                     | - | - | - | - | 03 | 04. |
|        |     | halfe a pound of sago                                     | - | - | - | - | 01 | 02. |

26 07 02.

D'ber 20 1736. Rec<sup>d</sup> of Mr White ten guineas in part of the acct above.

SAM OLIVER.

Ap. 3 1738. Then rec<sup>d</sup> ye contents of this bill in full of all accts.

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## GLOSSARY.

|                 |   |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Apozem          | - | - | A decoction or infusion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Basilicon       | - | - | A name given to several ointments supposed to possess "sovereign" virtues.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Bezoar          | - | - | A counter-poison, or antidote, often "bezoar stone." The bezoar stone was a calculus or concretion found in the stomach of some animals, chiefly ruminants such as goats, chamois and others. It was "approved good against venome" in the 16th century and later. |
| Bolus           | - | - | A large round pill, often wrapped in gold.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Haustus         | - | - | This is merely a draught.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Hungary Water   | - | - | This was made of rosemary flowers infused in spirits of wine and distilled. It was first made for a Queen of Hungary.                                                                                                                                              |
| Issue pease     | - | - | A pea or other small globular body placed in a surgical issue to keep up irritation. A small piece of ivy root was used for this purpose.                                                                                                                          |
| Julep           | - | - | A sweet drink prepared in different ways, often used as a vehicle for medicine.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Linctus         | - | - | A medicine to be taken with a spoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Melilot         | - | - | A kind of sweet clover, formerly much used for making plasters and poultices.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Ungt. Populneum | - | - | An ointment made from a white crystalline substance obtained from aspen poplar.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Viscatory       | - | - | This word is not given in the O.E.D. It evidently describes some preparation which coagulates.                                                                                                                                                                     |

## ANALYSIS OF DOCTOR'S ACCOUNT, 1734/5.

| Date of first use |       | Remedies, Drugs, etc.                         | Number of further uses |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1734.             | Nov : | A pint pectoral purging Apozem, several doses | - 1                    |
|                   | Nov : | A gl. of oil of Almonds & syrup of violets    | - -                    |
|                   | Nov : | Jordan Almonds, oz. 4                         | - -                    |
|                   | Nov : | Pearl barley, oz. 4                           | - 6                    |
|                   | Nov : | green liquorice & Anisseed                    | - -                    |
|                   | Nov : | A pott of ointment, oz. 2                     | - -                    |
|                   | Nov : | A pound of hartshorn                          | - 2                    |
|                   | Nov : | a pound of sago                               | - 5                    |
|                   | Nov : | stick liquorice                               | - -                    |
|                   | Nov : | juice of liquorice, oz. 4                     | - -                    |
|                   | Nov : | linseed                                       | - -                    |
|                   | Nov : | A pint of pectoral decoction, 4 doses         | - -                    |
|                   | Nov : | A Cooling Electuary                           | - 2                    |
|                   | Dec : | A Journey                                     | - 25                   |
|                   | Dec : | A bottle of Sal volatile                      | - 5                    |
|                   | Dec : | 12 papsr of Cordial powders                   | - 5                    |
|                   | Dec : | A pint of strengthening Apozem                | - 8                    |
|                   | Dec : | basilicon                                     | - 2                    |
|                   | Dec : | flow <sup>rs</sup> of sulphur & Antimony      | - -                    |
|                   | Dec : | A pott of unguent for ye child                | - -                    |
|                   | Dec : | lb. of almond powder                          | - -                    |
|                   | Dec : | Six strength powders                          | - -                    |
|                   | Dec : | An Anodyne Haustus                            | - 1                    |

|       |       |                                                            |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| 1734. | Dec : | For three oranges                                          | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Dec : | A cholick julep for Mrs. G.                                | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Dec : | A bottle of ye best oil                                    | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Dec : | A purging potion for Mrs. G.                               | - | - | - | - | -  |
| 1735. | Feb : | Tobacco oz. 4                                              | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Feb : | A pectoral Linctus                                         | - | - | - | - | 4  |
|       | Feb : | A glass of Cordial Drops                                   | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Feb : | A gl. of oil of Turpentine oz. 4                           | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Feb : | two Asthmatick Draughts                                    | - | - | - | - | 22 |
|       | Mar : | A gl. of oil of Almonds & ayr of violets                   | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Mar : | A febrifick Tinct <sup>r</sup> for him                     | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Mar : | A role of Issue plaister                                   | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Apl : | Two opening bolus's                                        | - | - | - | - | 4  |
|       | Apl : | A pint strength Infusion                                   | - | - | - | - | 1  |
|       | May   | Miss H. Two doses of guilt pills                           | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | May   | A bottle of hungary water                                  | - | - | - | - | 9  |
|       | Jun : | A pint of Cordial Julep                                    | - | - | - | - | 2  |
|       | Jun : | A glass of drops ; a box of op. pills                      | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | July  | XII papers of febrifick powders                            | - | - | - | - | 1  |
|       | July  | A quart emulsion                                           | - | - | - | - | 3  |
|       | July  | Two Bezoartick powders                                     | - | - | - | - | 6  |
|       | July  | A glass of salts to smell to                               | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | July  | pd for a bladder                                           | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | July  | An Anodyne mixt <sup>r</sup> , several doses               | - | - | - | - | 1  |
|       | July  | A dose of Anodyne purging pills                            | - | - | - | - | 6  |
|       | July  | A large viscatory & Mellilott                              | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | July  | A quart Diuretick Infusion                                 | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | July  | A bottle of spirit of lavender                             | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | July  | y <sup>e</sup> girl a purging powder                       | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Aug : | 6 issue pease                                              | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Aug : | An ivory pipe Arm'd                                        | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Aug : | Citron candied 4oz. cost 1/-                               | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Aug : | A box of digestive                                         | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Aug : | A bottle of syrup of Cloves IX oz.                         | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Aug : | A bottle of syrup of poppies X oz.                         | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Aug : | A pott of ungt                                             | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Sep : | A glass of stomach drops                                   | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Sep : | A paper of strength Ingre <sup>d</sup> s for a fomentation | - | - | - | - | -  |
|       | Sep : | Camomile flowers                                           | - | - | - | - | -  |