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PREFACE

THE object sought in the compilation of "Secret Nostrums and Systems" has been the collection of such formulæ of secret remedies and methods as have been recently published in medical and pharmaceutical journals, and their preservation in a form convenient for reference.

The only changes made have been the adoption of the abbreviations oz., dr., etc., in place of the usual signs. In republishing these analyses, we do not guarantee their exactness; we can only give our authority.

Several formulas of preparations that are not strictly proprietary have been included, because it has seemed proper to enlighten our readers in regard to them.

While expressing our obligations to all sources from which we quote, we are especially indebted to the following journals:

The *New Idea*, the organ of the firm of Frederick Stearns & Co., of Detroit. This house, in addition to the good work done in the exposure of the character of secret compounds, has introduced a line of non-secret remedies for popular use. These preparations are as excellent as they are attractive.

The *Medical World*, of Philadelphia, one of the brightest and most practical of our medical journals, as the character of our extracts from its pages show.

The *Western Druggist*, of Chicago. This is a live monthly, an implacable foe to humbugs of all kinds, and quite as useful to the physician as to the pharmacist.

Much of our material in regard to the schemes and practices of rectal specialists, has been taken from Professor Andrews's *Rectal and Anal Surgery*, published by W. T. Keener, Chicago. In addition to the information given by it respecting the methods of irregulars, the best that is known in regard to the proper and successful treatment of these diseases is also fully presented.

December 5, 1889.

PREFACE TO FIFTH EDITION.

THE gratifying reception accorded this little book by the profession throughout the country has prompted the compiler, in preparing a fifth edition, to enlarge and revise it.

In this revision, the formulæ of certain preparations, contained in previous editions, which are intended for physicians' use only, have been omitted, as hardly coming within the intended scope of the work.

February 15, 1894.

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ALBADERMINE.

Under the title Albadermine, a foreign surgeon has devised a method of treatment for the removal of "tan" and the milder variety of "freckles," which is as follows:

SOLUTION A.

Take of—

Potass. iodid.	2 dr.
Iodini pur.	6 gr.
Glycerine	3 dr.
Infus. rosæ	4 oz.

Dissolve the iodide of potassium in a small quantity of the infusion and a dram of the glycerine; with this fluid moisten the iodine in a glass mortar and rub it down, gradually adding more liquid until complete solution has been obtained; then stir in the remainder of the ingredients, and bottle the mixture.

SOLUTION B.

Take of—

Sodii hyposulph. (Thiosulphate) . . .	1½ oz.
Aqua rosæ	1 pint.

Dissolve and filter.

With a small camel's hair pencil or piece of fine sponge apply a little of "Albadermine A" to the tanned or freckled surface, until a slight but tolerably uniform brownish-yellow skin has been produced. At the expiration of fifteen or twenty minutes moisten a piece of cambric, lint, or soft rag with "B," and lay it upon the affected part, removing, squeezing away the liquid, soaking it afresh, and again applying until the iodide stain has disappeared. Repeat the entire process thrice daily, but diminish the frequency of the application if tenderness be produced. In the course of from three or four days to as many weeks the freckles will either have disappeared entirely or their intensity will be greatly diminished. "Summer freckles" yield very speedily to this treatment.

ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM.

Kilner gives the following formula, said to resemble very closely:

Take of—

Tinct. sanguinaria.....	8 oz.
Tinct. lobelia	8 oz.
Tinct. opium	4 oz.
Tinct. capsicum.....	1½ oz.
Essence sassafras	1 oz.
Essence anise.....	1 oz.
New Orleans molasses	½ gal.

Bring the syrup to a boil, and add cautiously the other ingredients.

ALLEN'S WORLD'S HAIR RESTORER.

This hair restorer may be prepared according to the following formula:

Take of—

Sulphur	6 parts.
Acetate of lead.....	8 parts.
Glycerine	100 parts.
Water, flavored	200 parts.

Dissolve the acetate of lead in the water, then add the glycerine and sulphur. Any aromatic water may be used for making the restorer.—*American Pharmacist.*

ANTI-CONSTIPATION PAD.

Take of—

Mandrake root.....	3 oz.
Aloes, powdered	½ oz.
Ext. colocynth, comp., powdered..	½ oz.
Croton oil	1 dr.
Oil of sassafras.....	1 dr.
Black-root	½ oz.
Ladies' slipper.....	½ oz.

Mix. Wear pad directly below pit of stomach.

ARABIAN BALSAM.

A good formula for Arabian Balsam is as follows:

Take of—

Oleum gossypium	15 oz.
Oleum origani	1 oz.
Oleum terebinth.....	4 dr.

Mix. —*S. W. Rogers, Harwich, Mass.*