CHAP. VI.

Of EMPLASTERS.

I. * *Diachylon Odoratum*, Perfumed Diachylon.

Bate.] ℞ *Emplastrum Diachylon simplex* ℔iij. *Pouder of Florentine Orice roots* ℥iij. *Oil of Rhodium* ʒſs. *Musk gr. iij. mix and make an Emplaster*, S. A.

Salmon.] § 1. It is anodyn, and resolves and discusses Tumors, and also of an Emollient Nature, softning and ripening such as will come to Supuration.

§ 2. The Orrice-root and Oil of Rhodium are added, only to make it smell a little the better.

§ 3. It also digests gently, cleanses and conglutinates new Wounds; and is good for a Pain or Swelling in Womens Breasts.

II. * *Diapalma Odorata*, Perfumed Diapalma.

Bate.] ℞ *Emplastrum Diapalma (made with* Unguentum & Oleum Rosatum, *in the place of Hogs-Lard and Oil Olive)* ℔iij. *melt it, and add Chymical Oil of Rhodium* ʒij. *mix them*, S. A.

Salmon.] § 1. It is of a cooling, drying, astringent Nature; eases Pain, and strengthens weak Parts, and stops Defluxions of Humors.

§ 2. It is also often spread upon Leather, and applied to Womens Breasts to dry up the Milk.

§ 3. Applied for a constancy to an old running Sore or Ulcer in the Legs, it is possibly one of the best things in the World, and has sometimes performed a cure of that kind, when most other things have been used, and have failed.

III. * *Emplastrum Adhæsivum*, A sticking Emplaster.

Bate.] ℞ *Diachylon simplex, Diapalma, A.* ℔j. *Burgundy Pitch, Sarcocolla, A.* ℥iv. *vel q. s. mix them* S. A. It serves for keeping Issues open, and freeing them from Inflamation.

Salmon.] § 1. Besides which, *I* know it by Experience to be one of the best Emplasters in the World against the Gout, in what part of the Body soever.

§ 2. It sticks well, eases Pain proceeding from a cold Cause, cleanses and heals Wounds and Ulcers, *&c.*

IV. * *Emplastrum Burgundicum*, Burgundy Pitch Emplaster.

Bate.] ℞ *Burgundy Pitch* ℔j. *Pouder of Cloves* ℥x. *Chymical Oil of Pepper* ʒiij. *mix them*, S. A. It is of singular use against the Head-Ach, Ophthalmy, Catarrhs, Vapors, *&c.* being applied to the Shoulders, and Nape of the Neck.

Salmon.] § 1. It sticks well, and draws strongly, and therefore is a good thing for the Diversion of Humors falling upon any Part.

§ 2. It is a Specifick against the Gout, being prudently applied, Universals being used before-hand.

§ 3.

§ 3. It is good against Wounds of the Nerves, but ought not to be applied to any depending Part.

V. *Emplastrum Camphoratum*, The Camphorated Emplaster.

Bate.] ℞ *Camphire ℥iss. Balsam de Tolu ℥j. Galbanum strained ℥vj. mix them.* It is of use in the Suffocation of the Womb, Vertigo, *&c.* being applied to the Navel; and has the Vertues of the *Emplastrum Diagalbani.*

Salmon.] § 1. Besides the Vertues ascribed to it by our Author, it is a singular discussive, and cures a Gout proceeding from a cold Cause.

§ 2. It is a good Vulnerary, and of excellent use in Wounds of the Nerves, Pains, Aches, and Weaknesses; applied over the Regions of the Stomach and Belly, it prevails against the Cholick.

VI. *Emplastrum Catarrhale*, An Emplaster against Catarrhs.

Bate.] ℞ *Taccamahacca, Caranna, A. ℥iss. Emplastrum de Betonica ℥iij. Amber in Pouder ℥j. Cloves ℥ss. Sassafras Bark, Winter Cinnamon, A. ʒij. Balsam de Peru, q. s. mix and make a Mass.* It is to be applied to the Head, being first shaved.

Salmon.] § 1. Applied also to the Stomach, it comforts it, and discusses Wind; and over the Region of the Belly; it eases the Pains of the Cholick.

§ 2. Applied to the Joints, it strengthens them; and to the Soles of the Feet, it abates the heat of Fevers, and causes Rest.

VII. * *Emplastrum Diagalbani*, Emplaster of Galbanum.

Bate.] ℞ *Galbanum prepared with Vinegar ℥xij. Wax ℥viij. Turpentine ℥v. mix them*, S. A. It digests, softens, and resolves Tophs, Nodes, Scrophulas, and other hard Tumors, and eases their Pain. It takes away Warts on the Hands, and Corns on the Feet, and strengthens the Nerves and Womb.

Salmon.] § 1. *I* have known it successfully applied to Womens Breasts, which have been very hard and painful, and much swoln; wherein it presently gave ease, and totally discust the Tumor.

§ 2. Applied upon the upper Region of the Belly, about the Navel, it is said to prevent Abortion, and to cause the Woman to go out her whole time.

VIII. *Emplastrum Diasulphuris Rulandi, Rulandus* his Diasulphur Emplaster.

Bate.] ℞ *Balsam of Sulphur ℥iij. Wax ℥ss. Colophony ʒiij. being melted, add the best Myrrh in fine Pouder ℥iiiss. and boil*, S. A. It infallibly cures all sorts of Ulcers and Wounds whatsoever.

Salmon.] § 1. It is as good a Vulnerary as a Man shall usually meet with, it cleanses, conglutinates, dries, and heals to admiration.

§ 2. Spread upon Leather, and applied to the Joints in Arthritick Pains, it gives ease, and removes them: And applied to a weak Back, it comforts and strengthens the Part.

IX.

IX. *Emplastrum Epispasticum*, A Blistring Emplaster.

Bate.] ℞ *Burgundy Pitch ℥xviij. Oil-Olive ℥ss. being melted add Cantharides in Pouder ℥iv. Seeds of Bishops-weed in Pouder ʒij. mix and make a Mass, that may stick firmly.*

Salmon] § 1. You must spread it upon a Leather, and let it lie twelve or fourteen hours more or less, according to the nature of the part, and thickness of the Skin.

§ 2. Being taken off, apply over the place either Melilot Emplaster, or Cole-wort Leaves, the smooth side next the Skin, dressing it at first twice a day.

§ 3. Many times an ill Symptom falls out in applying of this Emplaster, which is a strange Pain, Heat and Sharpness in making of Urine, and sometimes their Effects are such, as to cause pissing Blood, for all which, *I* would not have the Patient to be out of Heart since it is nothing but what is usual.

§ 4. The Remedy of this is, to drink liberally Barley-water, (made of that called French Barley) casting away the first Water, and using the second; to this *I* usually add an equal, and sometimes a double quantity of Milk, which *I* a little sweeten with trebble refined Sugar: This liberally drank, quickly takes off the Pain.

X. * *Emplastrum Febrifugum*, An Emplaster against Fevers or Agues.

Bate.] ℞ *Mastich in Pouder ʒvj. Aloes ʒij. fine Bole ʒiij. Euphorbium, Saphisacre, Bay-berries, Fenugreek, Venice-glass, A. ʒij. Pitch like Soot of Wood, Bay Salt, A ʒiss. Turpentine ℥ij. vel q. s. mix and make a Mass of Emplaister, S. A.* It oftentimes cures Tertians, and sometimes Quartans, being applied to the Wrists three or four hours before the accession of the Fit.

Salmon.] § 1. You may apply it so many hours before the coming of the Fit; but you must also keep it on after it, as long as it will stick, and then renew it again.

§ 2. But if you will believe the Tradition, as soon as you take it off, you are to cast it into a River or Brook, which has a Stream, that it may be carried away therewith, and from thence forth, they say, the Ague shall never return any more.

XI. *Emplastrum Hæmorrhoidale*, An Emplaster against the Piles.

Bate.] ℞ *Litharge of Silver ℔j. Hogs Grease ℥j. vel q. s. beat them well together, so as to make a Mass of a fit hardness or stiffness for an Emplaister; which may also be made into Suppositories, S. A. as need shall require.*

Salmon.] § 1. Being applied to the Joints in the Gout, it eases the Pain, and is good to dry up an old Sore or running Ulcer.

§ 2. Applied to the Back, it strengthens it, and eases the Pain thereof, tho' of long standing; in a Suppository it eases the Pain of the Hæmorrhoides.

XII.

XII. * *Emplastrum Laterale*, An Emplaster for the Side.

Bate.] ℞ *Flowers of Sulphur* ℥v. *Roots of Florentine Orrice* ℥ij. *Cloves* ℥ſs. *Cumin* ℥iſs. *being all in Powder, add Ship Pitch, Burgundy Pitch, A.* ℥iv. *Turpentine* ℥iij. *Chymical Oil of Cataways and Rhodium, A.* ℈iv. *mix them,* S. A. It does much good in Pleuritick pains, Phlebotomy being premiſed.

Salmon.] § 1. It is alſo good againſt Puſtules, Botches, Boils, and other breakings out in the Skin, it draws them, and brings them out.

§ 2. Applied to any place where there is Pain, it eaſes it after a ſingular manner, diſcuſſing the Morbiſick matter which cauſes it.

XIII. * *Emplastrum Mammillare*, An Emplaſter for Womens Breaſts.

Bate.] ℞ *Sperma Cœti* ℥j. *white Wax* ℥ii. *Galbanum prepared with Vinegar* ℥ſs. *Oil of Elder, q. s.* It has no equal in all Scrophulous Tumors, Oedema's, and Hardneſſes of the Breaſts, curdled Milk, *&c.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is good againſt a Scirrhous, or any hard Tumor in Womens Breaſts, occaſioned thro' a Blow, Cold taken, or Milk curdled therein.

§ 2. Applied to a white Swelling in the Knee, called an *Oedema*, it diſcuſſes or diſſolves it, eaſes the Pain thereof, if any, and ſtrengthens it: And indeed it is good againſt any hard Tumor in what part of the Body ſoever.

XIV. * *Emplastrum Nuchale*, An Emplaſter for the Nape of the Neck.

Bate.] ℞ *Gum Elemi, Turpentine, A.* ℥ſs. *Olibanum, Maſtich, Gum Tragacanth, A.* ℥iij. *fine Bole* ℥iſs. *Seeds of Bleaworr, Myrtles, Balauſtians, A.* ℥j. *Euphorbium* ℈j. *Amber* ℥ij. *Burgundy Pitch* ℥viij. *Caranna* ℥x. *Oil of Cloves, Balſam of Peru, A. gut.* vj. *mix and make a Maſs,* S. A. Applyed behind the Ears it takes away the Tooth-ach: Applied to the Nape of the Neck, it helps Opthalmies, Defluxions into the Eyes, *&c.*

Salmon.] § 1. It was invented for the ſtopping of Catarrhs, or Defluxions of Rheum upon any part.

§ 2. Spread it upon Leather, and apply it as long as it will ſtick, then renewing it; It is alſo good againſt Pains and Aches from a cold Cauſe, in what part of the Body ſoever.

§ 3. Applied to the places afflicted with Arthritick pains or the Sciatica; it gives preſent relief, Univerſals being before-hand exhibited.

XV. *Emplastrum Opiatum*, An Opiate Emplaſter.

Bate.] ℞ *Diachilon magnum* ℥iv. *Quick ſilver* ℥ij. *Opium* ℥ſs. *mix them,* S. A. It wonderfully conduces to the eaſing of Arthritick and Venereal pains.

Salmon.] § 1. Beſides which, it is a moſt excellent thing againſt all Rheumatick pains proceeding from Wind, and Cold, and Sharpneſs of fermenting Humors. It diſſolves Gums, Nodes, and Tophs, and eaſes Nocturnal pains of the French-Pox.

§ 2.

§ 2. Applied to the Reins, it gives ease in their Pains, tho' proceeding from the Stone; and strengthens a weak Back.

XVI. * *Emplastrum Paralyticum*, An Emplaster against the Palsie.

Bate.] *Pouder of Earth-worms ℥iv. Calamus Aromaticus ℥iss. Galangal ʒvj. Honey, q. s. mix and make an Emplaster.* It has no second in the Palsie, being applied to the parts affected.

Salmon.] § 1. Before the Application of this Emplaster, you ought to anoint the Paralytick parts, and all along the Back-bone, twice a day with the Oil of Amber before a good Fire, rubbing it well in for above half an hour, for at least three or four days, or longer, according to the continuance of the Disease.

§ 2. This done, you may apply the Emplaster over all the parts affected, renewing it every other day.

§ 3. And while this is a doing, let the Patient take every Morning and Evening the following Draught. ℞ *Black Cherry-water, ℥vj. Powers of Rosemary, Lavender, Limons, Ana. gut. 20. Syrup of Citron-peels ℥ss. mix them.*

XVII. *Emplastrum Podagricum*, An Emplaster against the Gout.

Bate.] ℞ *Opium, Venice Soap,* A. ℥ss. *Emplastrum Diachalciteos, ℥ij. mix them,* S. A.

Salmon.] § 1. It is a Specifick for the Gout (Universals being premised) but it will give ease in any other pain whatsoever.

§ 2. Before the Application of it, let the places pained be well bathed with the following Mixture. ℞ *Tincture of Opium made with S. V. ℥iss. Camphire in small bits ʒiij. mix and dissolve.*

XVIII. *Emplastrum Saturninum*, An Emplaster of Saturn, or White Lead.

Bate.] ℞ *White Lead ℥iv. white Chalk ℥ss. Myrrh ʒij. an Amalgama (of Quick-silver, p. ij. with Lead, p. j.) ʒvj. old Lard, q. s. to make it into an Emplaster of a stiff consistency in a cold Mortar.* It cures callous and malign Ulcers, yea, the most rebellious with one only Application, washing them first (if they be foul) with the Water of the Solution of *Lapis Salutis*; immediately applying to the Ulcer this Emplaster, spread thick upon Leather; and (if need be) holding it on with a Plaister of *Diachalciteos* put over it, and binding it sufficiently fast with a Woolen Rouler; this Application is not to be removed before fifteen days is past.

Salmon.] § 1. Besides the Vertues here assigned to it, it is a singular thing against all Venereal pains whatsoever, whether in the Joints or Shin-bones.

§ 2. It is also good against Venereal Nodes, Gums and Tophs, and all sorts of Scrophulous or Strumatick Tumors or Swellings whatsoever, and is especially commended against an *Oedema* in the Knee.

§ 3. You may spread it on Leather, and renew it every second day, or third, at fartherest, bathing with the Mixture in the former Section every time, before

before you apply the Emplaster.

XIX. * *Emplastrum Scorbuticum*, An Emplaster against the Scurvy.

Bate.] ℞ *Flowers of Hypericon: Leaves of Mouse-Ears, Pauls Betony, Sea Scurvy-grass, A. M. ij. Wormwood, M. j. Oil of Roses ℥vj. boil till the Herbs are crisp, and press out, to which add Deers Suet, Wax, Honey of Roses, A. ℥iiss. Wheat Flower ℥j. mix them, S. A.* It is good against Scorbutick Ulcers, and Breakings out.

Salmon.] § 1. It eases also Scorbutick pains in what part of the Body soever, being applied.

§ 2. You may spread it upon thick Cloth or Leather, and renew it every other day, made up into a Suppository it gives ease in the Piles.

XX. * *Emplastrum Smecticum*, The Cleansing Emplaster.

Bate.] ℞ *Red Lead ℔iss. Oil ℔ij. white Soap ℥iv. Wax ℥ij. boil them. S. A.* It cleanses and resolves, eases the Pains of the Back and Joints, dissipates Contusions, alleviates the Pains of the Gout, and prevents Abortion, being timely applied to the Back and Navel, and kept continually on.

Salmon.] § 1. It is a Specifick against the Gout, and all sorts of Arthritick pains, so that no plaister is more famed for that purpose that *I* know of.

§ 2. Spread it on Cloth or Leather, and apply it, and renew it again, when it will stick no longer.

XXI. * *Emplastrum Soleare*, An Emplaster for the Feet.

Bate.] ℞ *Sheeps Suet ℥iv. Ship-Pitch, Rosin, A. ℥viij. Frankincense ℥xij. Saffron in Pouder, ℥ss. Cloves, Mace, A. ʒvj. Cumin-seed ℥iss. Labdanum ʒvj. mix them, S. A.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is applied to the Soles of the Feet against Coughs and Colds in Children, and such elder Persons, who cannot be easily prevailed upon to take Physick.

§ 2. Applied in violent Burning and malign Fevers, it is said to draw away the Heat, and give rest.

XXII. *Emplastrum Spasmicum*, An Emplaster against Crampsand and Convulsions.

Bate.] ℞ *Ship Pitch ℥iv. Castor, Oil of Costus, A. ℥j. mix and make a Mass.* The Title shews the Vertues.

Salmon.] § 1. Before you apply this Emplaster to the part or parts affected, they ought to be Morning and Night anointed with the Oil of Amber, well chafed in, and that for three or four days together; which done, this Emplaster may be applied.

§ 2. Spread it on Cloth or Leather, and renew it when it begins to leave sticking.

§ 3. It is an excellent thing against all Pains and Aches, Gouts, and Rheumatick Distempers proceeding from a cold cause.

XXIII.

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XXIII. * *Emplastrum ad Strumas*, An Emplastera gainst the King's-Evil.

Bate.] ℞ *Emplastrum è Cicuta cum Ammoniaco ℥iv. Gum Edemi ℥ss. Mercury precipitate ʒx. mix them.* It heals Scrophula's and Struma's, vulgarly the King's-Evil.

Salmon.] § 1. It is applied to hard and painful Swellings in Womens Breasts, (whether occasioned thro' Blows, or curdled Milk, or a Cold, which the Vulgar call an Ague in the Breast) with admirable Success: It eases the Pain, softens, and discusses or dissolves the Tumor.

§ 2. Spread it on Cloth or Leather, and apply it, renewing it every third or fourth day, and continue the Application till the Tumor or Swelling is wholly vanished.

XXIV. * *Emplastrum Synanchicum*, An Emplaster against the Quinsey.

Bate.] ℞ *White Dogs Turd in Pouder ℥vj. Crude Honey ℥viij. Wheat-flower ℥iiss. Wax ℥iv. Oil of Roses ℥vj. vel q. s. mix and make an Emplaster*, S. A. It is applied to the Jugular, and parts of the Neck below the Ears, where the Pain is.

Salmon.] § 1. It ought to be made large, and to be applied over the whole Throat, from Ear to Ear, and renewed once a day.

§ 2. Mean Season, while this is applying outwardly the Sick ought to take Spirit of *Sal-Armoniack* inwardly, *gut.* 20. *ad* 30. in four or five Ounces of Milk-water, or black Cherry-water.

XXV. *Emplastrum Tibiale*, An Emplaster for the Shin-bones.

Bate.] ℞ *Mercury ℥ij. dissolve it in A. F. ℥ij. add to it Hogs Grease ℥iv. boil them in an Earthen Vessel, continually stirring it with an Iron Rod or Spatula, till it comes to the consistency of a soft Emplaster, by the exhaling of the Humidity; then add yellow Wax ℥j. Pouder of Mastich and Olibanum*, A. *ʒiij. mix and make a Mass*, S. A. It is profitable in the French-Pox, for Nodes, Gums, Tophs, *&c.*

Salmon.] § 1. It is of use for such as have got Nocturnal Pains, and are troubled with Nodes, Gums, *&c.* on their Shin-bones, to be applied and renewed every fourth day.

§ 2. But while this is a doing, it will be good for the Patient to take inwardly some few Doses of the Prince's Pouder, the Preparation of which we have taught in the aforegoing part of this Book.

XXVI. * *Emplastrum Vermifugum*, An Emplaster to kill Worms.

Bate.] ℞ *Aloes in Pouder ℥j. Colocynthis, Myrrh*, A. *ʒiij. Savin, Rue, Wormwood, Tansie, Wallnut-Tree Leaves, Bryony-root*, A. *ʒij. Wax, Rosin*, A. *℥iv. Oil of Rue ℥ij. mix and make a Mass*, S. A. Being applied to the Navel, it kills Worms, and brings them forth.

Salmon.] § 1. Spread it upon a round piece of Cloth or Leather

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ther, about seven or eight Inches in Diameter, and apply it, laying the Center of it over the Navel.

§ 2. But before you apply it, bath the Belly well with this Mixture. ℞ *Strong Decoction of Colocynthis* ℥iv. *with which mix Ox-Gall* ℥iss. *and therein dissolve Aloes in Powder* ℥ss. *adding at last Spirit of Wine* ℥j.

XXVII. † *Emplastrum de Minio Compositum*, An Emplaster of Red-Lead Compound.

Bate.] ℞ *Red Lead half a Pound, Oil-Olive* ℔j. *mix and boil to blackness, continually stirring it, adding Colophony* ℔ss. *It is also made with Linseed-Oil.*

Salmon.] § 1. This is the vulgar Gout Plaster, and an Emplaster for all sorts of Aches and Pains in what part of the Body soever, and a good one it is, and tho' simple, not to be despised.

§ 2. In making of it, beware you boil it not too much, lest it be hard and brittle, and so not be apt to stick, which it ought to do, and let it be rather of the Body of a *Cerate* than of an *Emplaster*.

§ 3. Spread it on Cloth, and apply it to the parts afflicted, letting it lie on as long as it will stick, and then renew it, which repeat as long as there is occasion or need.

XXVIII. † *Emplastrum de Minio Compositum aliud*; Another Emplaster of Red Lead Compound.

℞ *Minium or Red Lead* ℥iij. *Oil-Olive* ℥vj. *mix, boil, and add Vermilion* ℥j. *mix them well.*

Salmon.] § 1. The Vertues of this are the same with the former, and to be made, used and applied in the same manner; but the Vermillion may be added towards the end of the boiling.

§ 2. It is more powerful than the former to all Intentions, and more dissolutive, by reason of the Vermilion.

One Emplaster added by the Translator.

XXIX. *Emplastrum Febrifugum magnum*, The great Febrifuge Emplaster.

Salmon.] § 1. ℞ *Frankincense* ℥xiv. *Oil-Olive* ℥j. *vel q. s. Cinnabar* ℥ij. *melt and make an Emplaster that may stick.*

§ 2. Spread it upon an Oval piece of Leather about eight Inches long and five Inches broad, and apply it to the Pit of the Stomach, letting it lie on as long as it will stick; then renew it once more if you see occasion.

§ 3. It cures all sorts of Agues, whether Quotidian, Tertian, or Quartan without any other help, and that mostly at one Application, in an hundred Examples together, it has not failed of one.

CHAP.

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