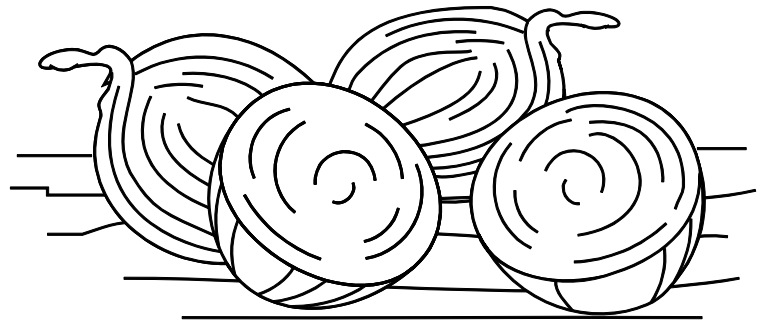


A CURE FOR PLAGUE SICKNESS

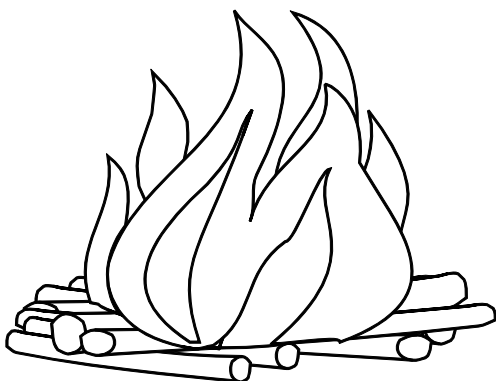
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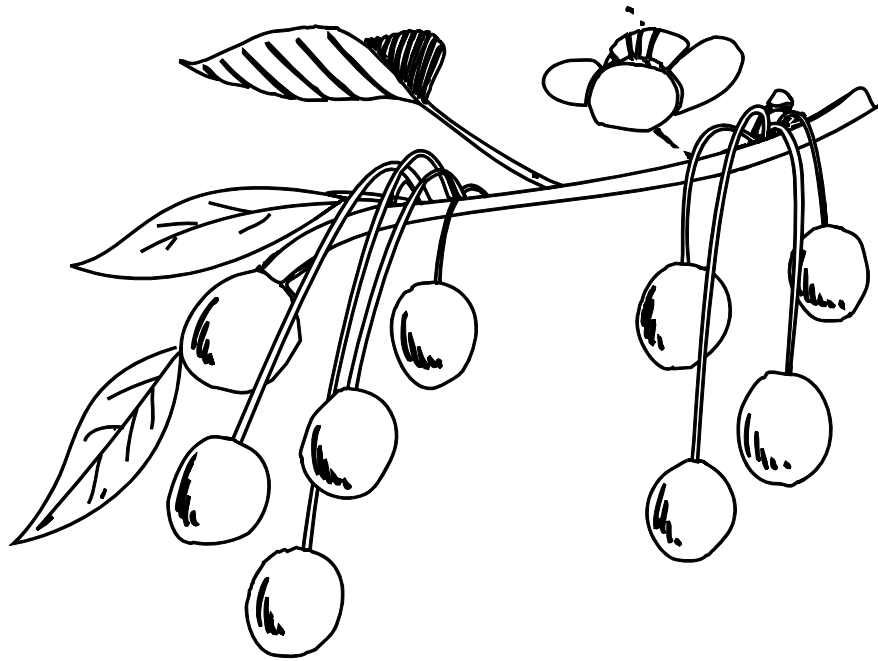
Take a great Onion, hollow it, put in a fig, rue cut small and a dram of Venice treacle; put it close stuffed in wet paper, and roast it in the embers; apply it hot under the tumour; lay three or four, one after the other; let it lie three hours.

The College of Physicians.



All should studiously avoid dancing, running, leaping about, lechery and baths.

The Plague Approved Physician.

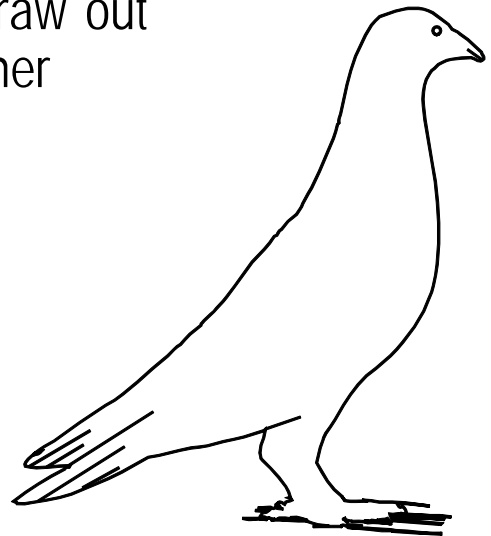


Plague To Preserve from:

Take Barberries, when they are ripe, steep them in warm Water that the Husks, or outward Skin may come off; then dry them that they may be beaten to Powder with a little salt, and when you find yourself somewhat discomposed by the effects of ill Airs, hot or feverish, mix this Powder with strong Vinegar, about two drams, in half a quarter of a pint, and drink it up warm, and keep your self warm also, that you may sweat upon it, but if you find yourself under such apprehensions, shivering with Cold, you must take the Powder in strong Wine.

REMEDIES FOR THE PLAGUE

If there do a blotch appear; take a pigeon and pluck the feathers off her tail, very bare, and set her tail to the sore, and she will draw out the venom till she die; then take another and set her likewise, continuing so till all the venom be drawn out, which you will see by the pigeons, for they will all die with the venom as long as there is any in: also a chicken or a hen is very good.



The Plague Approved Physician.

True repentance is the best antidote, and pardon of sin the best cordial.

John Allin.

I laid a great Mastiff Puppy Dog upon her breast two or three hours together, and made her drink Dill, Penny-royal, Fennel and Aniseed Water, for she was a fat woman and could bear it.

Wm. Boghurst. Apothecary.

PLAGUE-SICKNESS

Take Water of Scabious, Endive, Rue, and red Roses, of each four ounces; white Dittany, Tormentile, white Coral, Gentian, and bole Armoniack, with Terra figillata; reduce those that are to be powdered separately: Infuse them in the Water in a glass Vessel, and drink about an ounce at a time pretty warm, keep the body warm after it,

Or

Take a Viol or some other Glass and fill it to the third part with Venice-Treacle, the other third part with Brandy or Spirit of Wine: mix these well together by shaking, and take Morning and Evening, half an ounce in two ounces of Mint, Rue or Balm-water.

But of all others in this contagious Distemper, this occurs as a very much approved Remedy, viz.

Take Walnuts when the green Husk is on them, and before the shell is hardened underneath; put them, when bruised into White-wine eight Days: Then with some Balm, Rue, and Tops of Feverfew, and Wormwood a little bruised, put them into an Alembick, and distil them; then when you drink an ounce and a half of the Water, which you may do Morning, Noon, and Night, put in some perfumed Comfits, and stir them well about until they are dissolved.

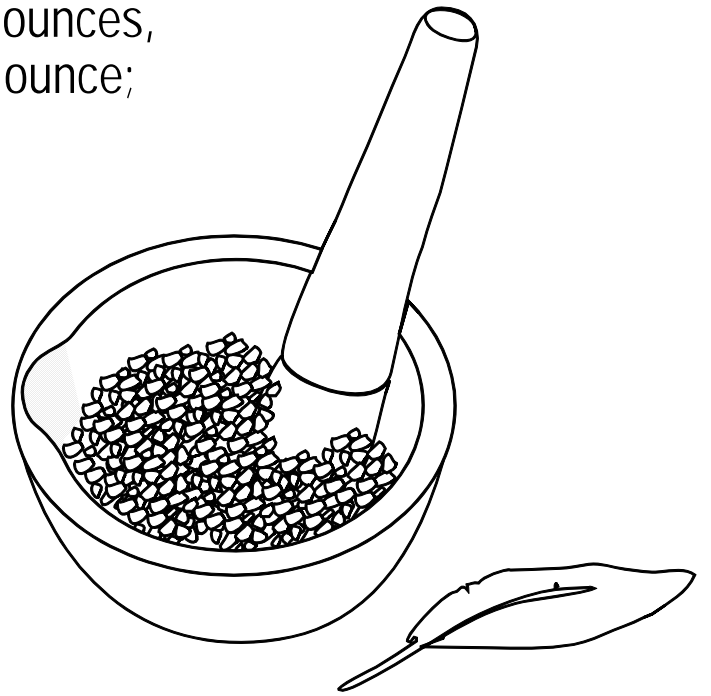
PLAGUE-SORE:

To Break, take Bay-salt, Rye Meal, and the Yolks of Eggs as many as will make them into a Paste; then spread it on a piece of Leather and apply it to the Sore or Carbuncle and it will draw the Poison to the centre, so that the Sore will ripen; and being broke the Infection will come away: to expedite the Cure of which when it is broke, put the rump of a live Chicken to the Mouth of the Sore, so that its vent may be placed upon it, and it will draw the Infection into the Body of the Chicken, insomuch that in a short time it will die, and so will one or two more if the Infection be great: but when they cease to do so, it is a sign that the Poison is exhausted, and the Party in a very fair way of recovering Health.



MORE PLAGUE MEDICINES

The best pills generally under heaven - take the best yellow aloes, two ounces, myrrh and saffron, of each one ounce; beat them together in a mortar a good while. Put in a little sweet wine, then roll it up and of this make five pills... Take on a day next your heart, a scruple more and it will expulse the pestilence that day.



A most excellent drink against the plague - take three gills of the best Malmsey; boil it till one pint be boiled away; put thereto long pepper, ginger and nutmegs beaten.. let all these boil together. Put in one ounce of Mithridatum and two ounces of Venice Treacle and a quarter pint of aqua vitae. Take morning and evening one spoonful. There never was man, woman or child that this drink deceived.

Take a live frog and lay the belly of it next the plague sore; if the patient will escape the frog will burst in one hour; then lay on another; and this you do till no more burst, for they do draw forth the venom. If none of the frogs do burst the party will not escape. This hath been frequently tried. Some say a dried toad will do it better.