

nitrate of bismuth, and pepsine, five grains each, to allay nausea. In giving an antidote, never wait for it to dissolve. Just stir it up in any mild fluid at hand, except oil, and let it be swallowed immediately.

*Poisoning by swallowing powdered Cantharides (Spanish Flies).—*Used for blistering and also as a medicine to be taken internally. When a poisonous dose has been swallowed give immediately large draughts of sweet oil, sugar and water, milk, or flannel tea, and call a physician.

Poisoning by the common Poison Vine (Ivy or Oak), Sassafras, and other poisonous plants, causes red blotches and burning on the skin, with great itching and burning. When the skin is not seriously affected it may be bathed freely with spirits of wine or extract of the yew or witch hazel; but, in severe cases, the liquor of the sub-acetate of lead—one part to three parts of rose-water—should be applied every hour or two, allowing the solution to dry on the skin. It is also recommended to apply cloths soaked in a solution of soda—a tablespoonful of soda to a teacupful of hot water; also, to dust with magnesia or ordinary toilet powder. Persons working where ivy grows may sometimes prevent its poisonous effects by anointing the hands and face with olive oil.

Poisoned Meats.—Tainted meats, and the flesh of diseased animals when used for food, produce the same symptoms as irritant poisons. Drink freely of warm water until vomiting occurs, and take a full dose of Strong's Cathartic Pills. The patient's strength must be sustained by stimulants. Place over the bowels a mustard poultice, or hot flannel sprinkled with turpentine. If the pain is severe, take fifteen to twenty-five drops of laudanum, every hour, until relieved.

Potash and other Alkalies.—The powerful caustic effects produced, on the skin, by Potash, Quick-lime, and Caustic Ammonia, may be relieved by applying lemon juice or weak vinegar.

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