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Carrie W., Fort Worth: "Can you give me a receipt for removing freckles?"

We have been asked¹ that question about a hundred times, and as public journalists, we felt that it would never do to display ignorance regarding the character and habits of the freckle. So we gave one remedy after another—a new one every time—until we went through our family medicine book, taking receipts as they came. Our experiments have been very exhaustive—to the patient. Sometimes we tried kidney wort; to another anxious inquirer we recommended what our medicine book said would eradicate dandruff from the scalp, and, in another desperate case, we prescribed a remedy that had testimonials certifying² that it would draw the core out of a soft corn; but none of our patients ever wrote back and told us that they had suffered with freckles for fourteen years, but that, thanks to one application of our wonderful remedy, they were now able to walk without assistance, etc., etc. So we presume our remedies were not quite successful, and in future our medical practice will be confined to answering questions regarding the removal of warts and superfluous hair. We have concluded that freckles that