

ing of gastric catarrh, and in alcohol it acted almost as a specific. Also proved useful in controlling the vomiting of pregnancy.

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