

which is a good deal used in many parts of Germany. It is prepared by digesting with a gentle heat four parts of coarsely powdered cantharides, one part of concentrated pyroligneous acid, and sixteen parts of alcohol, filtering the mixture, and slowly evaporating the fluid. The product has the consistence of butter, and if smeared on a piece of paper and applied to the skin, will be found to raise a blister in a short time. The consistence of this preparation, and more especially the presence of the acetic acid, suffice to prevent the cantharidine from crystallizing, a result which always takes place with the ethereal extract, and constitutes a great objection to its use.—*Medical Times*, December 16, 1843.

The vesicatory plaster sold in this city at the Medical Hall, must be made of a preparation, similar to, if not identical with, the one here described. It seldom fails of producing vesication in four or five hours. [*Editors Montreal Medical Gazette.*]

ON THE PRESERVATION OF FERRUGINOUS PILLS.

BY M. SIMONIN, OF NANCY.

The following method is said to have the effect of preserving ferruginous pills in an unalterable state, and maintain their proper consistence, which is not obtained by the ordinary formula :

Take pure protosulphate of iron,
pure subcarbonate of potash, of each equal parts.

Reduce separately into a fine powder, then mix and triturate together until they begin to liquefy. Add a sufficient quantity of clarified honey to render the mixture completely liquid. Place the mortar on a very slow fire, and constantly triturate until the mass assumes a pilular consistence. Preserve in a pot or divide into pills.

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