



CLEMENT FLYNN INTERVIEW

At Yuma, Colo., I got a receipt for a medicine which I have made and sold 45 years in Colorado and Nebraska. The receipt is 105 years old now. I call it the Great Remedy. It contains Garden Sage, Lobelia, Gum of [Myrl?] and Peppermint. A chemist at Topeka, Kansas, analyzed it. He said it was as good as any medicine in the world. It cures anything. Pains, Colds, Coughs, Pneumonia, Rhumatism, Arthritis, Burns, etc. When you don't feel well just take a teaspoonful twice a day and it do the work. ...

This is the label on the bottle: "THE GREAT REMEDY" C. Flynn, Yuma, Colorado Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 2437. Contains no Opium or Morphine and less than 12% Alcohol.

For Neuralgia and Toothache, use if warm, bathe the face and the gums until pain is gone.

For Earache use if warm, moisten a piece of cotton with the remedy, place it on ear and pain stops.

Burns will not blister if you apply cloths instantly and keep them wet with the remedy.

For coughs, mix the remedy with an equal amount of molasses, boil it, and take a teaspoonful every half hour. For Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Palpitation of the Heart, take one tablespoonful morning and night until relieved. For Nervous and Sick Headache, bathe the head and temples with the remedy and take a teaspoonful diluted with two of water internally.

For Fever of all kinds, bathe the head and chest and lay on cloths with remedy warm. For Cancer keep the parts cold by the frequent application of the remedy. For Corns, Bunions, Chilblains, Frosted Feet, rub on with hand. For Sour Stomach, Indigestion, Heart Burn, take a tablespoonful night and morning for several days.

For Ulcerated Eyes, with four parts of water use it in the eyes several times daily. For Flesh Wounds, Burns, Cuts and Bruises, wash the wound with the remedy several times a day, applying bandages wet with it till well. For Piles, Dilute it with an equal amount of water and saturate a piece of cotton and apply to parts frequently. For Catarrh, Hay Fever and Colds, snuff up the nostrils every morning four times with water. For Rheumatism, bathe the parts frequently with the remedy hot and pour a tablespoonful of the remedy into a tumbler of hot water sweetened with sugar and take, repeat this dose every three hours until you are relieved.

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