form, except when the tincture is used. The dose is from grs. iv. to xj. given three or four times a day.

PILULÆ SUBCARBONATIS SODÆ, Edin. *Pills of Subcarbonate of Soda.*

"Take of Exsiccated Subcarbonate of Soda, *four parts;* Hard Soap, *three parts.* Beat into a mass with simple syrup."

This preparation was recommended by the late Dr. Beddoes; and has been found occasionally useful.

PILULÆ SULPHATIS FERRI COMPOSITÆ, Edin. *Compound Pills of Sulphate of Iron.*

"Take of Sulphate of Iron reduced to powder, *one ounce;* Extract of Chamomile flowers, *one ounce and a half;* Oil of Peppermint, *a drachm.* Beat into a mass with simple syrup."

This is a useful tonic pill, and may be given with advantage in dyspepsia and other affections in which steel is indicated. A five grain pill will contain two grains and a half of the Sulphate of Iron.

TROCHISCI.

TROCHES.

THESE are little cakes or tablets composed of powders combined with sugar and mucilage. They are hard and dry, but readily dissolve in the mouth, for which purpose they are chiefly intended; and, therefore, such remedies only as are designed to produce a local effect are given in this form. They are of little importance as remedies; and the preparation of them ought to be left entirely to the confectioner. They should be altogether rejected from the Edinburgh Pharmacopœia, as has been done by the London and the Dublin Colleges.

TROCHISCI CARBONATIS CALCIS, Edin. *Troches of Carbonate of Lime.*

"Take of Prepared Carbonate of Lime, *four ounces;* Acacia Gum, *an ounce;* Nutmegs, *one drachm;* Refined Sugar, *six ounces.* Rub them to powder, and form them by means of water into a mass fit for making troches."

"These troches are intended as antacids; but in the state of the stomach when it requires the use of these remedies, the effect of the carbonate of lime is counteracted by the sugar."

TROCHISCI CARBONATIS MAGNESIÆ, Edin. *Troches of Carbonate of Magnesia.*

"Take of Carbonate of Magnesia, *six ounces;* Refined Sugar, *three ounces;* Nutmegs, *a scruple.* Beat them into

powder and form them into troches with mucilage of Tragacanth."

These are used in the same cases as the former; and are more serviceable when the bowels are confined.

TROCHISCI GLYCYRRHIZÆ GLABRÆ, Edin. *Troches of Liquorice.*

"Take of Extract of Liquorice, Gum Arabic, of each, *one part;* Refined Sugar, *two parts;* Boiling Water, *a sufficient quantity.* Dissolve and strain, then evaporate the solution, by a gentle heat, to a proper consistence for forming troches."

These troches are demulcent, and from the viscid nature of the extract of liquorice are well adapted for allaying the tickling irritation which induces coughing; but they are not more useful than the simple extract of liquorice refined by straining and inspissation, such as is found in the shops under the name of refined liquorice.

TROCHISCI GLYCYRRHIZÆ CUM OPIO, Edin. *Liquorice Troches with Opium.*

"Take of Opium, *two drachms;* Tincture of Balsam of Tolu, *half an ounce;* Simple Syrup, *eight ounces;* Extract of Liquorice, softened by hot water, Gum Arabic in powder, of each, *five ounces.* First rub the Opium well with the Tincture; then add gradually the Syrup and the Extract; afterwards sprinkle in the powdered Gum Arabic; lastly, dry the mass, and form it into troches, each weighing ten grains."

These troches are used for the same purposes as the former; and from the opium they contain are more efficacious in allaying tickling cough. Six troches contain one grain of opium; and from six to ten may be taken in twenty-four hours.

TROCHISCI GUMMOSI, Edin. *Gum Troches.*

"Take of Gum Arabic, *four parts;* Starch, *one part;* Refined Sugar, *twelve parts.* Rub the whole to powder, and form it into a mass with Rose Water fit for forming troches."

These troches are simple demulcents, and answer sufficiently well for allaying the tickling irritation of the fauces which excites coughing.

TROCHISCI NITRATIS POTASSÆ, Edin. *Troches of Nitrate of Potass.*

"Take of Nitrate of Potass, *one part;* Refined Sugar, *three parts.* Beat them to powder, and form them into a mass fit for forming troches by means of mucilage of Tragacanth."

These troches afford an agreeable form of taking Nitre in the dry state; and are useful for cooling the mouth in salivations, and in stopping the progress of inflammatory sore throat, when taken at its commencement. They may also be used as a general refrigerant in fevers, diluting largely during their use. The dose is one or two taken every second or third hour.

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