

CONTRACTIONS EMPLOYED IN THIS WORK.

I have used but few contractions in the formulæ, and other parts of the book, as they are apt to lead to mistake. The following are the chief:

- L. London Pharmacopœia, 1824.
- E. Edinburgh Pharmacopœia.
- D. Dublin Pharmacopœia.
- P. Paris Codex.
- L. E. D. P. London, Edinburgh, Dublin, and Paris.
- O. Old name.
- V. Vulgar name.
- Linn. Linnæus.
- Spec. Grav. Specific Gravity.
- q. s. *Quantum sufficiat*, that is "enough."
- Gr. Grain.
- ℥ Scruple.
- ʒ Drachm.
- ℥ Ounce.
- ℔ Pound.
- ℥ Pint.
- Cong. Gallon.
- ℥ Minim, a measured drop.
- ss. *Semisse*, half, as gr. ss. "half a grain."
- j One, as ℥j, "one minim," or drop.

I have not inserted the f. for *fluid* before the ounce and drachm measures; because, although it is a decided improvement, it is not recognized in Scotland, and might tend to puzzle those who have not been educated in the London School, while its insertion in one place, and not in another, would have injured the uniformity of the formulæ.

COMMON CONTRACTIONS IN MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS.

- Λ A A. *Ana*, of each ingredient.
- ABDOM. *Abdomen*, the belly.
- ABS. FEB. *Absente febre*, in the absence of the fever.
- ACET. *Acetas*, *acetate*.

- ACID. Acidum, *acid*.
 AD 2 VICES. Ad duas vices, *at twice taking*.
 AD DEF. ANIMI. Ad defectionem animi, *to fainting*.
 AD GR. ACID. Ad gratam aciditatem, *to an agreeable sourness*.
 AD LIB. Ad libitum, *at pleasure*.
 AD RECID. PRÆC. Ad recidivum præcavendum, *to prevent a relapse*.
 ADD. Adde, or addantur, *add, or let, or may be added; addendus, to be added; addendo, by adding*.
 ADMOV. Admove, *apply; admoveantur, let there be applied*.
 ADJAC. Adjacens, *adjacent*.
 ADST. FEBRE. Abstante febre, *when the fever is on*.
 AGGRED. FEBRE. Aggrediente febre, *while the fever is coming on*.
 ADV. Adversum, *against*.
 ALB. Albus, *white*.
 ALIQUANT. Aliquantillum, *a very little*.
 ALTERN. HOR. Alternis horis, *every other hour*.
 ALVO ADST. Alvo adstrictâ, *when the belly is bound*.
 AMP. Amplus, *large*.
 ANODYN. Anodynus, *anodyne*.
 APERT. Apertus, *clear, &c*.
 APPLIC. Applicæ, *apply; appliceter, let there be applied*.
 AQ. Aqua, *water*.
 AQ. BULL. Aqua bulliens, *boiling water*.
 AQ. FERV. Aqua fervens, *hot water*.
 AQ. DEST. Aqua distillata, *distilled water*.
 AQ. FONT. Aqua fontana, *spring water*.
 AR. Aromaticus, *aromatic*.
 BALN. TEP. Balneum tepidum, *warm bath*.
 BALS. Balsamum, *a balsam*.
 BIS IND. Bis Indies, *twice a day*.
 BB. BBDS. Barbadosis, *Barbadoes*.
 BULL. Bulliat, or bulliant, *boil*.
 C. C. Cucurbitula cruenta, *a cupping glass*.
 C. M. Cras mane, *to-morrow morning*.
 C. V. Cras vespere, *to-morrow evening*.
 C. N. Cras nocte, *to-morrow night*.
 CÆRUL. Cæruleus, *blue*.
 CALEFACT. Calefactus, *heated*.
 CAP. Cape, capiat, *take*.
 CARB. Carbonas, *carbonate*.
 CAT. Cataplasma, *cataplasm*.
 CATH. Catharticus, *cathartic*.
 CAUL. Caulis, *stalk*.

- CAUST. Causticus, *caustic*.
 COCH. AMP. Cochleare amplum, *a large spoonful*.
 COCH. INF. Cochleare infantis, *a child's spoonful*.
 COCH. MAGN. Cochleare magnum, *a large spoonful*.
 COCH. MED. Cochleare medium. *See COCH. MOD.*
 COCH. MOD. Cochleare modicum, *a dessert spoonful*.
 COCH. PARV. Cochleare parvum, *a tea spoonful*.
 COL. Colatus, *strained*.
 COLET. Coletur, *let it be strained*.
 COLENT. Colentur, *let them be strained*.
 COMP. Compositus, *compound*.
 CONT. REM. Continuantur remedia, *let the medicines be continued*.
 CONF. Confectio, *confection*.
 CONS. Conserva, *conserve*.
 COP. Copiosus, *plenteous*.
 COQ. Coque, *boil*; coquantur, *let be boiled*.
 CRAST. Crastinus, *to-morrow*.
 CUJ. Cujus, *of which*.
 CUCURB. CRUENT. Cucurbitula cruenta. *See C. C.*
 CUJUSL. Cujuslibet, *of any*.
 CYATH. Cyathus, *in a cup*.
 CYATH. THEÆ. Cyathus theæ, *in a cup of tea*.
 DEBIT. Debitus, *proper*.
 DEB. SPISS. Debita spissitudo, *a proper consistence*.
 DEAUR. PIL. Deaurentur pilulæ, *let the pills be gilded*.
 DECOQ. Decoque, *boil*.
 DECUB. Decubitus, *lying down*.
 DE D. IN D. De die in diem, *from day to day*.
 DEGLUT. Deglutietur, *let it be swallowed*.
 DEJ. ALVI. Dejectiones alvi, *stools*.
 DET. Detur, *let it be given*.
 DETERS. Detersus, *cleansed*.
 DETONS. Detonsus, *shaven*.
 DETRAH. Detrahetur, *let it be drawn*.
 DEVOR. Devoratur, *let it be swallowed*.
 DEXT. Dexter, *right*.
 DEXT. LAT. Dextra lateralis, *right side*.
 DIEB. ALT. Diebus alternis, *every other day*.
 DIEB. TERT. Diebus tertius, *every third day*.
 DILUC. Diluculo, *at break of day*.
 DIM. Dimidium, *one half*.
 DIR. PROP. Directione propria, *with a proper direction*.
 DIUTURN. Diuturnus, *long continued*.

- DONEC ALV. BIS DEJ. Donec alvus bis dejiat, *until two stools have been obtained.*
- DONEC ALV. SOL. FUER. Donec alvus soluta fuerit, *until a stool has been obtained.*
- DULC. Dulcis, *sweet.*
- EFFERV. Effervescencia, *effervescence.*
- EJUSD. Ejusdem, *of the same.*
- ELECT. Electuarium, *electuary.*
- EMP. Emplastrum, *a plaster.*
- ENEM. Enema, *a glyster; enemata, glysters.*
- EVOM. Evomere, *to vomit.*
- EXHIB. Exhibetur, *let there be exhibited.*
- EX. or EXT. Extractum, *extract.*
- EX. SUP. ALUT. Extende super alutam, *spread upon leather.*
- EXTRAH. Extrahetur, *let there be extracted.*
- F. FAC, make; f. ft. fiat, *let there be made.*
- F. CER. Fiat ceratum, *let an ointment be made.*
- F. CAT. Fiat cataplasma, *let a cataplasm or poultice be made.*
- F. CONF. Fiat confectio, *let a confection be made.*
- F. ELECT. Fiat electuarium, *let an electuary be made.*
- F. EMULS. Fiat emulsio, *let an emulsion be made.*
- F. GARG. Fiat gargarisma, *let a gargle be made.*
- F. HAUST. or F. H. Fiat haustus, *let a draught be made.*
- F. LOT. Fiat lotio, *let a lotion be made.*
- F. LIN. Fiat linimentum, *let a liniment be made.*
- F. PIL. Fiat pilula, *let a pill be made; fiant pilulæ, let pills be made.*
- F. PULV. Fiat pulvis, *let a powder be made; fiant pulveres, let powders be made.*
- F. UNG. Fiat unguentum, *let an ointment be made.*
- FEB. DER. Febre durante, *during the fever.*
- F. VENÆS. Fiat venæsectio, *bleed.*
- FEM. INTERN. Femoribus internis, *to the inner part of the thighs.*
- FIST. ARM. Fistula armata, *the enema apparatus.*
- FL. Fluidus, *liquid.*
- FONTIC. Fonticulus, *an issue.*
- FOT. FOCUS, *a fomentation.*
- FRIGID. Frigidus, *cold.*
- FT. Fiat, or fiant, *let there be made.*
- G. G. G. Gummi guttæ gambiæ, *gamboge.*
- GARG. Gargarisma, *gargle.*
- GEL. Gelatinâ, *in jelly.*
- GEL. QUAV. Gelatinâ quâvis, *in any kind of jelly.*
- GR. Granum, *a grain; grana, grains.*

- GTT. Gutta, *a drop*; guttæ, *drops*.
 GUTT. QUIBUSD. Guttis quibusdam, *with a few drops*.
 HAR. PIL. SUM. iij. Harum pilularum sumantur tres, *let three of these pills be taken*.
 HAUST. Haustus, *a draught*.
 H. D. or HOR. DECUB. Hora decubitus, *at bed-time*.
 H. S. or HOR. SOM. Horâ Somni, *at bed-time; just before going to bed*.
 HOR. UN SPATIO. Horæ unius spatio, *in the space of an hour*.
 HEBDOM. Hebdomada, *a week*.
 HESTERN. Hesternus, *of yesterday*.
 HIRUD. Hirudo, *a leech*; hirudines, *leeches*.
 HOR. INTERM. Horis intermediis, *at intermediate hours*.
 IN PULM. In pulmento, *in gruel*.
 INF. Infusum, *infusion*.
 INJECT. Injectio, *injection*.
 INJ. ENEM. Injiciatur enema, *let a glyster be given*.
 LB. Libra, *a pint, or pound*.
 LAT. DOL. Lateri dolenti, *to the afflicted side*.
 LOT. Lotio, *lotion*.
 M. Misce, *mix*; mensura, *by measure*; manipulus, *a handful*.
 MAG. Magnus, *large*.
 MANE PR. Mane primo, *very early in the morning*.
 MEDIOC. Mediocris, *middle-sized*.
 MEDIET. Medietas, *half*.
 MIN. Minimum, *the 60th part of a drachm measure, called a minim*.
 MIST. Mistura, *a mixture*.
 MITT. Mitte, *send*; mittatur, *or mittantur, let there be sent*.
 MITT. SANG. Mittatur sanguis, *let blood be taken away*.
 MOD. PRÆSC. Modo præscripto, *in the manner directed*.
 MOR. SOL. More solito, *in the usual manner*.
 NARTHEC. Narthecium, *a gallipot*.
 N. Nocte, *at night*.
 NE TR. s. NUM. Ne tradas sine nummo, *do not deliver it without being paid; a caution to the shopman*.
 N. M. Nux Moschata, *a nutmeg*.
 O. Octarius, *a pint*.
 O. BID. Omni biduo, *every two days*.
 O. BIH. Omni bihorio, *every two hours*.
 O. H. Omni hora, *every hour*.
 O. M. Omni mane, *every morning*.
 O. N. Omni nocte, *every night*.
 O. QUADR. HOR. Cnni quadrante horæ, *every quarter of an hour*.

- O. O. O. Oleum olivæ optimum, *best olive oil*.
 O. ALT. HOR. Omnibus alternis horis, *every other hour*.
 OL. Oleum, *oil*.
 Oz. An ounce.
 P. Pulvis, *powder*; pilula, *pill*; pondere, *by weight*.
 P. Æ. Partes æquales, *equal parts*.
 P. D. Pharmacopœia Dublinensis.
 P. E. Pharmacopœia Edinensis.
 P. L. Pharmacopœia Londinensis.
 P. U. S. Pharmacopœia of the United States.
 PART. ÆQUAL. Partes æquales, *equal parts*.
 PART. AFF. Parti affectæ, *to the part affected*.
 PART. DOLENT. Parti dolenti, *to the part in pain*.
 P. R. N. Pro re nata, *according as circumstances may require*.
 P. RAT. ÆT. Pro ratione ætatis, *according to the age of the patient*.
 PARACENT. ABD. Paracentesis abdominis, *tapping*.
 PART. VIC. Partitis vicibus, *in divided doses*.
 PARV. Parvus, *small*.
 PECT. Pectus, *the breast*.
 PER. OP. EMET. Peracta operatione emetici, *when the operation of the emetic is finished*.
 PIL. Pilula, *a pill*.
 PLEN. RIV. Pleno rivo, *in a full stream*.
 POST SING. SED. LIQ. Post singulas sedes liquidas, *after every loose stool*.
 PP., PPT., or PREP. Preparata, *prepared*.
 PRO POT. COM. OR, PRO POT. ORD. Pro potu commune, *or ordinario, for a common drink*.
 PROX. LUC. Proximâ luce, *the next day*.
 PULV. Pulvis, *powder*; pulveres, *powders*.
 PUG. Pugillus, *a pinch between the finger and thumb*.
 Q. P. Quantum placet, *as much as you please*.
 Q. Q. H. or QUAQ. QUAT. HOR. Quâque quatuor horâ, *every fourth hour*.
 Q. S. Quantum sufficiat, *as much as is sufficient*.
 QUADRIHOR. Quadrihoris, *every four hours*.
 QUADRUPL. Quadruplicato, *four times as much*.
 QUAMP. Quamprimum, *immediately*.
 QUAQ. OR QUISQ. Quaque, *or quisque, every one*.
 QUART. Quartus, *fourth*.
 QUINQ. Quinque, *five*.
 QUOR. Quorum, *of which*.
 R. Recipe, *take*; but originally it was this sign $\mathcal{R}$, the old invocation to Jupiter for his blessing upon the formula.

- RAS. *Rasus, scraped, rasped.*
 RECIP. *Recipietur, let there be taken.*
 RED. IN PULV. *Redactus in pulverem, powdered.*
 REDIG. IN PULV. *Redigatur in pulverem, let it be reduced to powder.*
 REG. HEB. *Regio hepatis, region of the liver.*
 REG. UMB. *Regio umbilici, region of the navel.*
 REPET. *Repetatur, or Repetantur, let it or them be repeated.*
 S. A. *Secundum artem, according to art.*
 S. O. S. or SI. OP. SIT. *Si opus sit, if there be occasion.*
 SED. *Sedes, a stool.*
 SANG. *Sanguis, blood.*
 SCAP. *Scapula, the shoulder blade.*
 SCROB. CORD. *Scrobiculus cordis, the pit of the stomach.*
 SEMIDR. *Semidrachma, half a drachm.*
 SEMIH. *Semihora, half an hour.*
 SEPT. *Septimana, a week.*
 SEQ. *Sequens, following.*
 SEQ. LUCE. *Sequenti luce, the following day.*
 SESQUIH. *Sesquihora, an hour and a half.*
 SESUNC. *Sesuncia, an ounce and a half.*
 SETAC. *Setaceum, a seton; also, a sieve.*
 SI N. VAL. *Si non valeat, if it does not answer.*
 SI VIR. PERM. *Si vires permittant, if the strength will bear it.*
 SIC. *Siccus, dry.*
 SIGNAT. *Signatura, a label.*
 SIGN. N. PR. *Signetur nomine proprio, write on it the common name
(not the Latin name).*
 SIGN. *Singulorum, of each.*
 SINIST. *Sinister, left.*
 SOL. *Solutio, solution.*
 SOMN. *Somnus, sleep.*
 SP. *Spiritus, spirit.*
 S. S. S. *Stratum super stratum, layer upon layer.*
 STAT. *Statim, immediately.*
 ST. *Stet, let it stand.*
 SUB-ACET. *Sub-acetas, sub-acetate.*
 SUB-BOR. *Sub-boras, sub-borate.*
 SUB-CARB. *Sub-carbonas, sub-carbonate.*
 SUB-MUR. *Sub-murias, submuriate.*
 SUB-NIT. *Sub-nitras, subnitrate.*
 SUB-SULPH. *Sub-sulphas, sub-sulphate.*
 SUBTEP. *Subtepidus, lukewarm.*
 SUC. *Succus, juice.*

SUB FIN. COCT. Sub finem coctionis, *when the boiling is nearly finished.*

SUM. Sumere, *to take*; sumendus, *to be taken.*

SUM. TAL. Sumat talem, *let the patient take one like this.*

S. V. Spiritus vinosus, *common spirits.*

S. V. R. Spiritus vini rectificatus, *spirit of wine.*

S. V. T. Spiritus vini tenuior, *proof spirit.*

TEMP. DEXT. Tempori dextro, *to the right temple.*

TERT. Tertius, *third.*

TINCT. Tinctura, *tincture.*

T. O. Tinctura opii, *tincture of opium.*

T. O. C. Tinctura opii camphorata, *paregoric elixir.*

TROC. Trochiscus, *a trochisc, or lozenge.*

ULT. PRÆSCR. Ultimo prescriptus, *the last ordered.*

UMB. Umbilicus, *the navel.*

UNG. Unguentum, *ointment.*

USQ. UT LIQ. ANIM. Usque ut liquerit animus, *until fainting is produced.*

UTEND. Utendus, *to be used.*

V. O. S. Vitello ovi solutus, *dissolved in the yolk of an egg.*

V. S. Venæsectio, *bleeding.*

VENT. Ventriculus, *the stomach.*

VOM. URG. Vomitione urgente, *when the vomiting is troublesome.*

VIN. Vinum, *wine.*

Zz. Zingiber, *ginger.*