

Transcript of recipe from the register of baptisms, burials and marriages 1556-1800, Parish of St Peter Ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy (Warwickshire County Record Office DR 25/1, p83)

Dr Mead's Specifick ag^t. the Bite of a
Mad Dog registred for the Service of the Parish
by the Order of the Reverend Mr Hammond Rector

1735

Let the Patient be blooded at y^e Arm to nine or ten ounces
Take of the Herb call'd in Latin Lichen cinereus terrestris
in English Ashcoloured ground Liverwort, clean'd, dry'd, &
powdered. ^ half an ounce ^ of Black Pepper powder'd two Drachms.
Mix these well together and divide y^e Powder into four
Doses, one of which must be taken every morning fasting
for four mornings successively in half a pint of Cow's
milk warm _ After these four Doses are taken the Pa
tient must go into the cold Bath, or a cold spring or River
every Morning fasting, for a month, he must be dip
ped all over, but not stay in (with his Head above
Water) longer yⁿ half a Minute if the Water be very
cold: After this he must go in three times a week
for a fortnight longer_____

This Liverwort is a com[m]on Herb & grows generally
in sandy and barren Soils. The right Time to gather
it is in y^e Month of October or November _____

PLEASE DO NOT TRY THIS RECIPE AT HOME!