

DUTCH DROPS

Arms



of

Tilly

Power and effect of the

MEDICAMENTUM GRATIA PROBATUM.

In Jesus Christ all treasures of healing are concealed / thus the gifts of the flesh; all strengths of Healings / and all wise treatments of the cautious Master of Healing is from Him / through Him / and by Him : To Him be the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

The Beginning

The long history of Haarlem Oil starts even before 1696. The inventor, Claes Tilly, was a literary scholar who knew the writings of the healers of long before his time.

Somebody once asked him: "Through what knowledge hast thou found so noble a medicine?"

His answer was:

"The first thing I noticed, was that the entire world was a Bethesda of bathwater in which many ill and sick people lived and also an army of healers to help the same. I saw a great division amongst them that were healing. What one held to be a remedy for living, the other was able to show it to be a remedy for death. This meant that in illness my body would be used as an arbiter for their dispute."

Thinking about all this he started to study the writings of the ancient healers. There too he found division about the remedies. Though there were writers who in all honesty and with love for the community meant well. So did he find amongst the Egyptians under King Ramses and also amongst the ancient Greeks, men who believed in and praised the healing power of Terebinth Oil. The Greek Philosopher Hippocrates of Kos, forefather of modern medicine, wrote an essay about it and used the remedy already 400 years B.C. Much later Paracelsus (1493-1541) took the remedy to heart and used it to treat "the Stone". However he took his findings with him to the grave.

With "the Stone", in that time, was meant all stones formed by the body, such as gallstones, kidney stones, bladder stones, but also smaller stones and grit, although not public enemy number one, still a frequently occurring ailment. It even occurred in very young children and the only way to get rid of the stones seemed to be through an operation. "the cutting out of the rock" at the carnival was a public entertainment of the first order.

Claes Tilly had his own ideas about that. He was a religious man and well versed in the Holy Scriptures. He believed that if God gave man a problem, He also provided a solution to the problem. In the case of a stone made by the body, if given the right remedy, the body should also be able to rid itself of that stone. His reasoning was based on, as he himself stated, "only on results, experiences and belief."

From investigations of others he knew that the stone through combustion changed into a dwindling oil and salt. It was also known that the stone existed of layers. He himself was convinced that the stone consisted of salt, sulphur and spirit. Many tests followed until..... Yes until his colleague tried out a remedy upon himself and subsequently died. This made Claes Tilly think. He himself describes it as follows:

"I looked over my storage shelves and asked each bottle in particular. "What power is in you, and what healing effect do you really have?" Since I didn't know and they didn't answer me, I threw them all away, except for the three of which I knew the powers first hand."

Now he deliberated over that which he really wanted: looking for a home remedy for his family. With the three remaining bottles he continued until after two years and multiple experiences he could say that his remedy, just as the stone existed of salt, sulphur and spirit, "melts the Stone and at the same time improves that which is wrong with our internal vaporization."

Tilly had stabilized the Terebinth Oil with an elementary substance, natural pure sulphur. This strengthened the properties of the oil and thus the product could be stored for unlimited time.

"The remedy heals a multitude of ailments and travels all joints for the improvement of fluid regulation."

Today we would say:

"Because the oil removes poisonous substances from our body, the body gets a chance to heal itself."

The first administration of the remedy

At that time the first customers were people who had given up all hope of being healed. As a last resort they were willing to try Claes Tilly's remedy. Of course we can't go into all details here, but a few we couldn't bear to withhold.

In those days there was a boy, named Adolf Jonkhout Cornelisz, who had suffered with stones since he was four years old. The stones had been removed many times and had left him with a gaping wound that caused him much pain. Many years went by and when he was twenty his misery peaked. A stone so large had formed in his body that the wound would have to be made bigger. At wits end the poor boy entrusted himself to Tilly who prescribed the Haarlem Oil; He was to take this every day for three weeks, then stop one week and start up again for three more weeks.

After that period of time he could relax a bit and the recommendation was to take 30 drops every other day. This reduced the pain and the stone such that after eight months it had disappeared completely. Treatment was continued to heal the wound, but at that time the remedy was used internally as well as externally.

Twelve years later this story was written down with the announcement that after the healing the boy still took 15 drops once a week, but never again had trouble with stones.

Mrs. Tilly, who herself had been healed after a serious injury of her knee, trusted the remedy completely, and how could she not. This is evident from a story about a five year old child, who had fallen and bruised his elbow so badly that he couldn't move or raise his arm.

Mrs. Tilly told the mother of the child to give him seven drops of the oil each day. And in a short time the child was free of pain and could use his arm freely again.

Mind you, this story confirms that we are not dealing with a placebo effect here, because a five year old child knows absolutely nothing about suggestive healing.

Although Claes Tilly explicitly states that Haarlem Oil does not work in all cases, he still provides many examples in the historic directions for use dated 1749.

This shows that it would be sensible to have the remedy at hand.

For gout and arthritis for instance one should keep the joints relatively warm, eat healthy foods and use the Haarlem Oil regularly.

Tilly described it as follows:

"There is a huge similarity between the stone and grit (smaller impurities) between the joints. First use a good perspiration remedy to rid the body of the largest proportion of poison and then take the Haarlem Oil as a counter measure to the poison."

Tilly often had good ideas. This is obvious from the fact that he with his finger dipped in the oil moistened the tear ducts in the corner of his eye and blinked until his eye teared. He did so three times a week. He determined after some time that he "could see better than 20 years ago"

He also determined that the whistling sound in the ear, caused by cold and also in "elderly weak people" could lead to deafness. To prevent this it was recommended not to expose the head to extreme cold.

"Because Haarlem Oil has a warming effect on the body, many were comforted by dipping some cotton in the oil and put it in the ear, so as to moisten the inner ear.
Also a toothache could be helped by putting a soaked piece of cotton in the ear on the side of the toothache. At the same time one had to rub a little oil in the dip behind the ear.
However, if tooth decay had set in, it would be better to treat the tooth itself with the moistened cotton.

Headache could be prevented by just sniffing the little bottle of Haarlem Oil, or to do it the old way, and use the ancient snuff box which contained an oil soaked little sponge.
"The cause", as Tilly taught, "is usually not in the head, but in the intestines. The above treatment removes the air from the intestines."

If the back was strained due to a sudden movement or if someone had had a fright, Tilly prescribed 30-40 drops. In those days this was comparable to blood letting. It was thought that with the above events the blood was spoiled.

Scurvy, which in olden days often was attributed to a thickening and souring of the blood, but according to modern science has a different reason, shows bruising due to burst little blood vessels, while also suffering from listlessness and fatigue. These days it only occurs in adults who eat irregularly and not enough fruit and vegetables.
Here too, so we read, Haarlem Oil performs miracles.

Further it is used with great success for fluid retention, which causes the legs, face and stomach to swell.

Women with digestive problems, in which the waste material that otherwise would leave the body stayed in the blood, benefited from the blood purifying effect of Haarlem Oil.
Tilly tells a dramatic story about a woman who after three years of having been doctored on, had to give up her job because her legs were full of holes due to impure blood. She took the remedy for six weeks, which was sufficient to completely heal her legs. Sometimes however, it takes longer: up to six months.

So there's an endless list of applications. You'll be able to read more about that in the historical folder. Especially for those who don't run to the doctor for everything, it is a sovereign remedy.
So in those days it was used for gallstones, jaundice, insect bites, hemorrhoids, chilblained hands and feet, and skin splits.
Someone had severe palpitations. Without thinking he grabbed an oil soaked cloth and held it against his nose. The palpitations stopped, but started again if the cloth was removed. This happened a few times, until the man used the cloth for approximately one hour to sniff the oil. Only then the palpitations were gone.
Another man with burns on his limbs took a cloth with the oil and placed it on the wound. He kept the cloth moist with the oil continuously until the wound had healed. Tilly tells us that he had seen cases in which the healing process took only three to four hours, sometimes even less.

For most ailments one only took 15 drops every other day and to guarantee one's health, 15 drops once a week before bedtime; children should take less "as many drops as they are years old".

Tilly states in his "Power and effect of the Medicamentum Gratia Probatum"
"This medicine does not spoil even if it is fifty years old, provided it be closed."

The enormous spread of the Medicamentum Gratia Probatum

That the "Genuine Haarlem Oil" was an excellent home remedy, is proven by the enormous spreading of the mouth to mouth advertising. Missionaries, discoverers, and merchants took the product to places far across the border. Traders took the remedy with them on their travels to Petersburg and Riga and even in Smeerenburg, a small place in Spitsbergen, the "Original Haarlem Oil" was used by whale hunters. Witness to this are the empty bottles, which are still found there.
The North Sea fishermen and many other travelers couldn't do without it. After barely forty years the product was even known in China to Emperor Kang Hi, the first emperor of the Mandajou Dynasty.

Soon also in medical circles was spoken of the "Medicamentum".
Hermanus Boerhaven, still a very famous professor of Medicine in Leiden, even then commended the product in his practice as a "fluid removing medicine".

Claes Tilly obtained permission from the Mayor of the City Haarlem on February 26, 1696 to prepare and sell the "Medicamentum Gratia Probatum". However, no risks were taken. The City Government first obtained the advice of the Healing Masters of Haarlem and some seven civilians who had experienced the excellent effect of the remedy.

That this consent was not exaggerated was obvious when the successor of Claes Tilly, his relative C. de Koning Tilly was confronted with the first "imitations".
Over the years many people frequently tried to reproduce the remedy, however this only led to a consolidation of the strong fame of the "Genuine Haarlem Oil". In November 1749 the Government of the City Haarlem granted Mr. C. de Koning the sole manufacturing and sale rights of the "Genuine Haarlem Oil".

In later years, when guilds disappeared and the "free trade" began, many tried to reproduce the oil. However, the imitators were still punished and justice was done by the governments. Haarlem Oil "Medicamentum Gratia Probatum" is made in the same manner since 1696, according to the recipe of Claes Tilly, between the Hoogstraat and the Barnersteeg where the crest of Tilly hangs above the entrance.

Our Genuine Haarlem Oil is now strictly available in all specialty stores like drugstores, apothecaries and most health food stores, who if not in stock can order it from their wholesaler.

Except for the traditional droppers, to take "folkloristically" on a sugar cube, with honey, brandy or just pure on a (non silver) spoon (15-30 drops every other day), we offer our Genuine Haarlem Oil in these modern times especially in capsules, without the famous and characteristic odor or taste. They can be taken before bedtime and with a large sip of water (3-6 capsules every other day) for general depression, colds and intestinal disorder.
Because of the previously stated purifying effect, the specific distinction of our product, one need not be worried if this characteristic odor is observed by bowel movements.

For external treatment we can deliver Haarlem Oil ointment with canule, a.o. for the ease of application in problem areas, where otherwise liquid Haarlem Oil would be applied.

Finally: Claes Tilly spoke the following inimitable words: "My medicine is not good for those, who will not take it if it smells pleasant and lovely."

Especially: "Haarlem Oil" also known as "Dutch Drops" is no oil (in today's sense) and certainly no castor oil!!

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