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This long-term project looks to include scholars, students and the general public in the preservation, transcription and analysis of recipes written in English from circa 1550-1800.

The ultimate goal is an accessible and searchable corpus of recipe books currently in manuscript.
EMROC Founding Members

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Academic Library Connections

• Wellcome Library
  First to provide page images of recipe books for transcription

• Folger Shakespeare Library
  Provider of manuscripts and new interface for transcription

EMROC transcriptions adhere to Folger standards for transcription and are TEI compliant.
Contributors to EMROC efforts
crowdsourcing, n.

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Pronunciation: Brit. /ˈkraud,sɔːsɪŋ/, U.S. /ˈkroud,sɔr(ə)sɪŋ/

Etymology: < crowd n.⁳ + sourcing n. at source v.¹ Derivatives, after outsourcing n. Compare...

The practice of obtaining information or services by soliciting input from a large number of people, typically via the Internet and often without offering compensation. Also attrib.

2006 J. Howe in Wired June 179/1 The rise of crowdsourcing... Smart companies in industries as disparate as pharmaceuticals and television discover ways to tap the latent talent of the crowd... It's not outsourcing; it's crowdsourcing.
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Fanshawe, Wellcome MS 7113, 1675-1707
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“A Water Comparable to Gold”
Wellcome MS 4054, 1690-1710
“The Gention Water in comparable good”
Elizabeth Okeover, Wellcome MS 3712, 1675-1725
The Gention Water in comparable good

Take six Quarts of White-wine, steep in it one pound of Gention. Centory tops half a pound; Comon Dock roots scraped & sliced a qt of a pound; of Rubarb thin sliced one ounce; y. Gention must be thin sliced, & y. Centory cut small put all these into y. White, wine to steep in a larg earthen pot close tied up for 4 Days, stirring it once a day, let it stand warme but not to hot, y. Still it in an ordinary Still w. a slow fire, past down y. Still to keep in y. strength, & let it drop till it begins to come slower & so mingle till your Hurst & last together.

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Recipes

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A Water comparable to Gold.

La: Butler:

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Take a gallon of white Wine, 8 ounces of Gentian, and 24 Gun-

ces of Centaury, stamp them together, putt the Wine to them & put

them soak together 6 dayes, then distill them in an ordinary Still,

& keep the water in a close Vessell, when you use it take 2 or 3

Spoonfulls morning & evening.

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It separates &c; puttes away watry Humors, of the Spleene, it purgeth the

Belly also, it purgeth all Collier &c; corrupt Blood, it healeth all...
The following recipe is:

A Mortar, and mingle them with the herbs, and put in a Mortar, and mingle them with the herbs, and put in glasses well closed putting a please in the glass.

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all together in an Earthen pott, with as much as will cover them all. Let them stand often for heating, then distill it in a
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Carlyon, - (1). A book of such medicines as have been approved by the special practice of Mrs. Carlyon.: p. 201

A Medicine for gunshot wounds:

First if you can by any means get out the shott, but whether you can or not: dress it in this manner. Take a pinto of Venice turpentine, as much as a pottle of Lysnede, a quarter of an ounce of Yardgrease beaten into fine powder. Let these boil together in a sauce, then strain them and put it up close. Use it thus, warme it and dry your lyntyte in it, and so apply it to the wound and besides poure some of it warmed into the wound.

For the stinging of an Edder or Snake:

Take a good quantity of St. John's vovorte.
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