

Doron Medicum (1683) p.302 **The preparation of *Our Family Pills*, which is two-fold, viz. either with or without Aloes.** 1. *Pilulae-familias nostrae cum Aloë*: Our Family Pills with Aloes. Rx *The Angelical Pills of Grulingius, or fine Aloes twice prepared with Juyce of Violets and inspissated to the thickness of an Extract*, {ounce} viij: *Resinous Scammony* {ounce} jv: *Resin of Jallap* {ounce} iij: *Guta Gamba extractum benedictum* (in our *Pharm. Lond. lib. 4. cap. 8 sect. 32.*) A. {ounce} ij *Tartar Vitriolate, Elaterium, A.* {ounce} j ss: *Extract of Saffron, Pouder of Cloves, Mace, Nutmegs, Castoreum A.* {ounce} j: *Oyl of Rosemary, or of Cloves* {ounce} ss: *mix them; and with Syrupus de spina Cervina q.s. make a mass of Pills.* The posthumous 1724 edition of Quincy's *Dispensatory* also includes (p469) a recipe for the 'Family Pill': 'These we give in compliance to such who have been brought into an opinion of them by the commendation given them by their pretended author Salmon. They make a good purge enough in many chronic cases and work with briskness'. (Cf. p.335 for *Gutta Vitae* 'the medicine which Salmon made so much noise with. It is an excellent medicine in proper hands'.)