

God's Gifts

"How good is God! Oh, that we could recognize it!
Let us search for the little herbs, which announce
themselves by the smelling bottles attached to them
by the Creator, the aromatic wholesome scent; and
let us, when gathering them, glorify with filial
gratitude our infinitely loving Father, who is in
Heaven."

Father Sebastian Kneipp

Kneipp, S., (1896). The Kneipp Cure. The Kneipp Cure Publishing Company, New York, p. 150.

Kneipp's Herbals

- No proprietary secrets
 - "Among all the things which I abhor and hate, the proprietary drugs, the trading with remedies which are kept as a secret by their inventors."

Kneipp, 1896, 148

- All from God's gardens
- Herbs were free for the picking
- Kneipp wanted the poor to have access to healing herbs

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Kneipp's Triple Aim

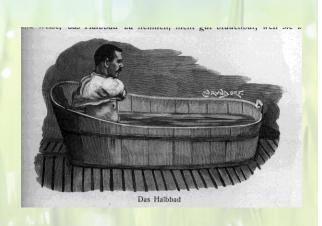
Cold water applications and herbs have the aim:

- 1. To dissolve waste products or morbid matter
- 2. To evacuate the morbid matter
- 3. To strengthen the body.



Water vs Herbs

- Used herbs when patients had "unconquerable fear of water"
- Herbs did not equal the efficacy of water applications
- Herbs chosen by Kneipp had same therapeutic goals as hydrotherapy



Interior and Exterior Cures

• Interior: herbal remedies

• Exterior: hydrotherapy

Both work harmoniously

Golden Rule: Use the gentlest application

Kneipp listed 60 substances in his Apotheca

- Extracts
- Teas
- Powders
- Oils

7 Tinctures, Extracts

- Arnica
- Bilberry
- Gentian
- Juniper berries
- Rosemary
- Chicory
- Wormwood

36 Teas

 althea, oak bark, bogbean, brier, blackthorn blossoms, chamomile, centaury, coltsfoot, elder, nettle, yarrow, cowslip, dwarf elder, eyebright, juniper berries, lime tree blossoms, lungwort, mallow, mistletoe, mullein, mint, ribwort (plantain), rosemary, rue, sage, St. John's wort, shavegrass (Equisetum), silverweed, strawberry, succory or chicory, sweet woodruff, Kneipp Tonic Laxative, valerian, violet, wild angelica, and wormwood.

17 Powders

- Alum, aloe, coltsfoot, dwarf elder, eyebright, fennel, fenugreek, linseed, mint, sage, sandal, valerian, wormwood, and wild angelica.
- Others: bone-dust, chalk, coal dust.

11 Oils

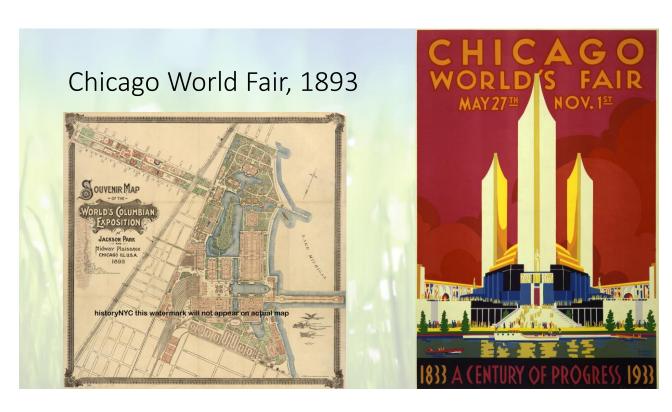
- Anise, camphor, fennel, juniper berry, rue.
- Others: almond oil, oil of cloves, cod liver, lavender, salad oil and secretive oil.





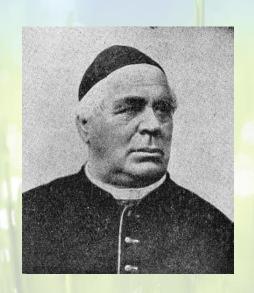
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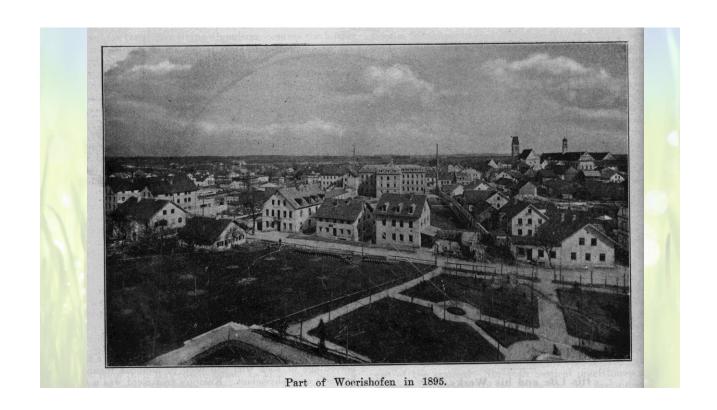




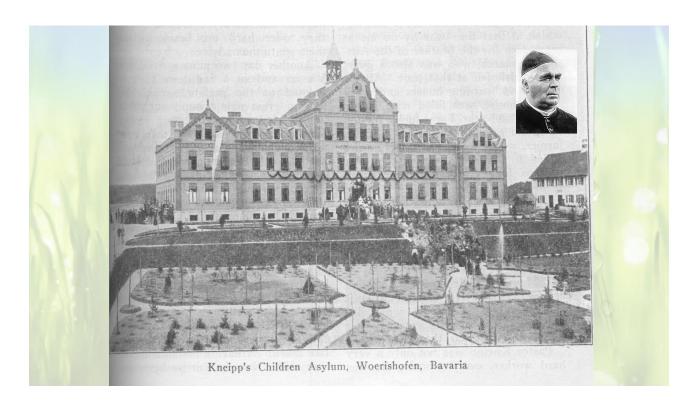
Lust returns to Germany

- Father Sebastian Kneipp (1821-1897)
- Restores health and returns to America
- New path, new vision









Kneipp Products in NYC

Die Pfarrer Sebastian Kneipp Medicine Comp.,

No. 10 Astor Place, New York,



If die einzige vom Msgr. Kneipp autorisite Niederlage sämmtlicher Pfarrer Kneipp's Heilmittel in Amerika. Alle vom herrn Präsaten über seine Heilmethode publicirten und allein ächten Bücher sind dorf stets zu haben. Den "Kractischen Begweiser" zur "Heilmethode" siesern wir auf Anfrage durch die Post gratis.

Solche, die darauf resteltiren eine Agentur für den Bertauf der Kneippichen Heilmittel und der Bücher zu übernehmen, wollen sich gefälligft ichriftlich an uns wenden wegen aller Einzelheiten.

Die Pfarrer Seb. Knelpp Medicine Go., 10 Astor Pl., New York.

- 1897: the official Kneipp distributer
- The Pfarrer Sebastian Kneipp Medicine Company, 10 Astor Place, New York City
- 1896?: Lust begins selling Kneipp products and herbs

Amerikanischen Kneipp Blätter

- 1896, first issue
- 1897: German with a few articles translated into English on Kneipp water cure

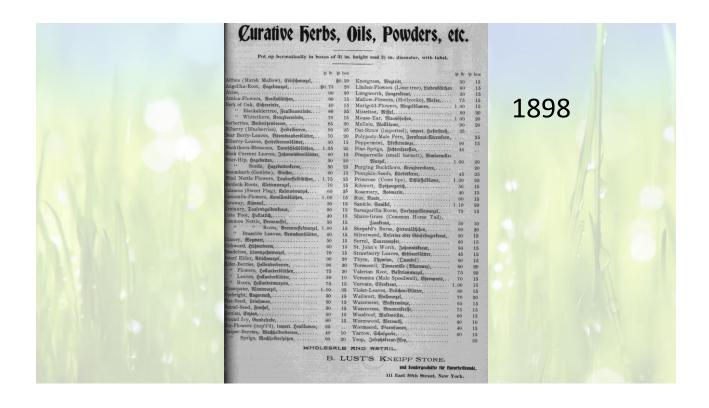




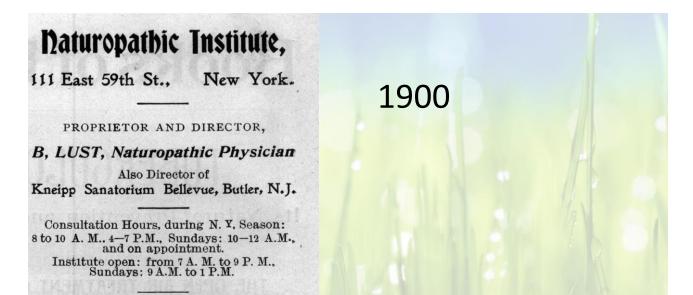








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Elder (Sambucus nigra)

- Leaves: blood purifier
 - one cup of tea before breakfast, cleans whole body
- Flowers: induces perspiration and breaks up a cold
- Roots: edema, most powerful
- Berries: esteemed blood purification



Spring Cleanse

- 6 8 leaves cut into pieces
- Boiled for 10 minutes
- Purifies blood
- One cup before breakfast
- Flowers work too!!!!



Elder flowers

- Eat them!!!!
- Diaphoretic, gentle stimulant
- Cold diffusion: diuretic, alterative, cooling
- Liver disease, erysipelas
- Infusion: maiden hair [Adiantum capillusveneris] and
- Beech drops [Orobanche virginiana]

Lust, B. (1911). Naturopath advocate offers elder blossoms as blood purifier. *The Naturopath and Herald of Health*, XVI (7), 443.

Young, M.G. (1917). Elder. Herald of Health and Naturopath, XXII (3), 169-170.

Elder bark

- Inner green bark is cathartic
- Infusion or wine, ½ 1 oz. moderate purge
- Large doses, vomiting
- Small doses: promotes all fluid secretions
- Dropsy, Scarlet fever, febrile conditions
- Epilepsy
- Scrap grey bark from branches 1-2 years old
- Steep 2 oz. in 5 oz. of cold or hot water

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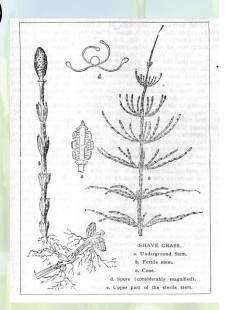
Elder Root

- Prevention of incipient edema/dropsy
- "Elder root, prepared in the form of tea is recognized as the most powerful medicament in dropsy known in the Kneipp pharmacopeia."
 Benedict Lust, 1907, 199

Lust, B. (1907). Medicinal virtues of the common elder. The Naturopath and Herald of Health, VIII (7), 199.

Shavegrass (Equisetum arvense)

- Pewter cleaner
- Old injuries
- Putrid wounds
- Gangrenous ulcers [Aloe powder]
- Washes away, dissolves unhealthy tissue
- Daily ablution with tea cleanses wounds



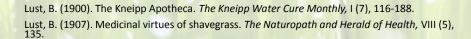
Purgative

- Not for chronic constipation
- Contraindicated for diarrhea



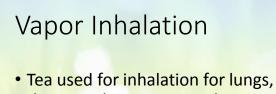
Hemostatic

- Shavegrass stops blood vomiting
- [Watermint prepared in vinegar]
- Violent nasal bleeding
- Profuse menses
- Formula: mistletoe, and shavegrass, equal parts
- Shepherds purse

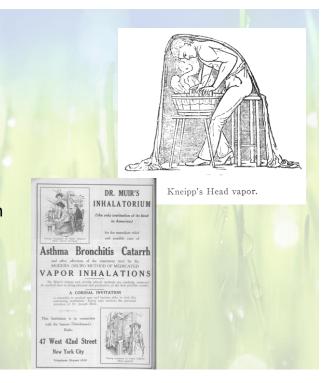








- throat and mucous membranes of the nose Relieves head colds, catarrh
- Beautifies the complexion and skin



Kidney, Bladder

- Tea: urination problems and kidney stones, pain
- Excellent as diuretic but Dwarf Elder root is supreme
- Stones: steam bath prepared with shavegrass



Nettle (Urtica dioica)

Dry Leaf

- loosens phlegm in chest and lungs
- Cleanses stomach
- Invigorates kidneys

Roots are superior

• First stage edema



Fresh Nettle

- Eat like cooked spinach
- Bad blood
- Fresh for rheumatism



Luxuriant Hair

- Balding, falling hair, dandruff
- Father Kneipp's Nettle Hair Water and Nettle Hair Oil
- Whole plant boiled in 1 part vinegar and 2 parts water
- Preserved in cologne
- Better recipe
 - equal parts of burdock root
 - blind nettle leaves [Lamium album]



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Ribwort or Plantain (Plantago lanceolata)

- Wounds, excellent band aid
- Prevents scars
- Hemostatic



Tuberculosis, First Stage

Tea made of equal parts

- Plantain
- Lungwort
- Removes all slimy pulmonary obstructions
- Cures first stage
- Infallible cough remedy
- or Asarum [wild ginger]



Plantain Synede

- Chopped plantain leaves
- Synede herbs
- Ground raw peanuts
- Drizzle with honey or lemon and/or oil



No Kneipp Apotheca is without dried violet leaves

- Handful of violet leaves boiled in half pint water
- Children coughs: 2-3 spoonfuls every 2 3 hours
- Violet roots: whooping cough
- Roots must be crushed before boiling



Violet Compresses

- Headaches: violet leaves decoction in compress
- Throat compress for sore throats
- Gout: crushed leaves boiled in vinegar
- Cooling: crushed leaves in compress

Fenugreek

- As a tea, remarkable cooling herb
- Gargle for throat complaints
- 1 tsp dissolved in 1 cup water
- Gargle every hour
- Excellent for children's sore throats



Poultice

- Seeds pulverized: tea and poultice
- Poultice:
 - Make a paste with warm water
 - Softens and dissolves tumours
 - Wounds, prevents putrid outcomes
 - · Prevents blood poisoning
 - · Ulcers, drawing

Kneipp's Beloved Knotgrass

- Reduces the size of kidney and bladder stones
- Hot, hot tea for colic
- Safe, effective for dysentery;
 stops diarrhea instantly
 - Knotgrass cooked in equal parts of red wine and water
- Food poisoning
- Liver diseases



- External wash for ulcers
- Gastral ulcers

Angelica, No More Indigestion

- Excellent for indigestion
- Indiscretionary eating
- Root cleanses stomach, expels all impure matter
- Dissolves accumulated gases, flatulence
- Antidote to food poisoning, decayed food



Indigestion and more

- All kinds of congestion, throat, whole body
- Headaches caused by indigestion
- Root regulates blood circulation
- As a powder, excellent on food

Peppermint and Watermint

- One cup of tea every morning strengthens digestion
- A pinch of powder in food or water
- Peppermint made with vinegar: blood vomiting
- Protracted illness
- Palpitations
- Nausea and vomiting



Constipation

- Centaury tea dissolves all hard and effete matter in bowels
 - Constipation in sedentary people
 - Mixed with wormwood and St Johns wort for children as vermifuge
- St Johns Wort: constipation with mucous obstructions in lungs
- Wormwood: disordered bowels and strengthens stomach

Stomach Pain

- Rue tea or tincture
- Arnica Compress
- Violent stomach cramps
- Whole plant boiled in vinegar and water

Chicory Fomentation

- Chicory fomentation made with the plant and flowers boiled and applied to stomach
- Peppermint & Watermint [Mentha aquatic]: 1st place for digestion;

Violent Abdominal Spasms

- With vomiting, and cold extremities:
- Formula: peppermint, water mint, anise seed, fennel
- First day of attack: chamomile tea and wash tid with warm water and vinegar
- 2nd day: wash with vinegar and water bid
- 3rd day: qd

Bilz, F. E. (1901). The Kneipp cure. The Kneipp Water Cure Monthly, II (8), 211-213.

Aloe

- Aloe powder boiled with a tsp honey thoroughly cleanses stomach
- Tea made with aloe, used as eyewash for sore eyes
- Aloe tea for putrid flesh, wounds
- Ulcers: powder
- Absorbs morbid matter

Stomach, Bowel Formula

- ½ tsp aloe
- 1 Tbsp elder flower
- 2 tsp fenugreek
- 1 tsp ground fennel seeds
- Make a pint of tea
- 2 day supply
- Improves digestion and produce a normal stool in 8 24 hours

Lust, B. (1918). Selected herbs. Herald of Health and Naturopath, XXIII (4), 379.





Kneipp Stomach Formula, Tonic Laxative

- 2 Tbsp fennel [pounded]
- 2 Tbsp crushed juniper berries
- 1 Tbsp fenugreek
- 1 Tbsp aloe powder

- 1 tsp makes 1 cup of tea
- Boiled for 15 minutes, taken at bedtime
- Tea works in 12 to 30 hours
- Strong px: 1 cup for 2 days
- Weak px: 4 6 Tbsp for 2-3 days

Diarrhea

- Chew dried bilberries
- Tea of elder berries for violent diarrhea
- Periwinkle tea

St Johns Wort

- Excellent liver herb [add Aloe to enhance]
- "Cleaning out the system", Constipation
- Stomach cramps
- Head complaints from phlegm
- Bedwetting, [yarrow]
- formula with wormwood + centaury
- Irregular menses



Kneipp Herbs for Impure Blood

- Borage
- Blackberry leaves
- Watercress
- Dandelion
- Elder leaves

Spring Cleanse

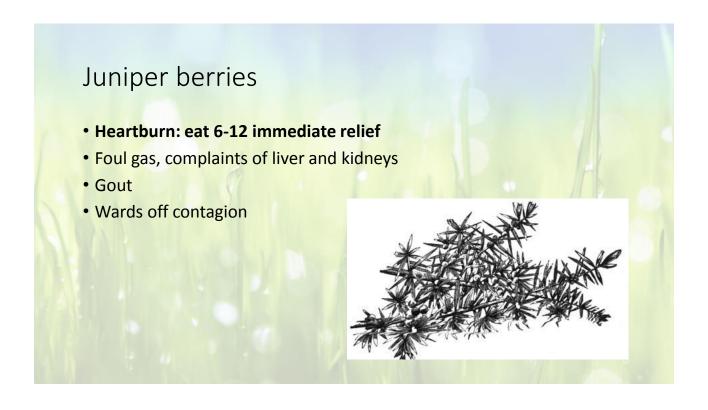
Choose 2 oz. of each:

- Cleanse liver: dandelion root / culver's root / yellow parilla
- Stimulant: cayenne / prickly ash bark / ginger
- Laxative: mandrake root / cascara bark / licorice root / senna leaves
- Cleanse mucous membrane: blue flag root / sassafras bark / stillingia / tag alder bark / sarsaparilla

- Boil in 3 quarts of water down to 3 pints
- Strain, and add 2 pounds of sugar
- 6 oz. alcohol preservative
- Dose before each meal

Young, M. G. (1916). Impure blood. Herald of Health and Naturopath, XXI (6), 398-402.

Diabetes • Blueberry leaf tea: best remedy for diabetes • Tea of bilberry leaves



Kneipp Kidney and Bladder Formula

- 2 Tbsp pounded fennel
- 3 Tbsp crushed juniper berries
- 3 Tbsp dwarf elder root powder
- 1 Tbsp fenugreek
- 1 Tbsp aloe powder

- Tea will drive out morbid matter through the urine
- Relieves burning kidney and bladder pain
- First stage of edema [dropsy]
- Boil for 15 minutes
- Strong px: 1 cup at bed for 2 days
- Weak: divide dose into 3 parts

Lungs

- Lung catarrh: chickweed, basil
- Phlegm: coltsfoot or elecampane
- 1st stage TB: group ivy or lungwort + ribwort: removes obstructions
- Lung bleeding: shepherds purse tea hourly
- Whooping cough: violet tea or black current leaves

Cough Formula

- Nettle
- Plantain
- Violet
- Sage
- Knife point of powder in water

Teeth

- Sage cleans and purifies the breath
- Sage leaf powder in equal parts with linden wood charcoal powder
- Juniper berries chewed for teeth preservation





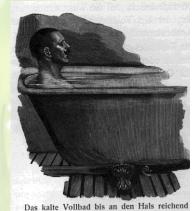




Oat Straw Baths

- Kidney stones: "There is nothing better than baths of oat straw."
 Kneipp, 1901, 75
- Excellent tea for lungs
- Boil oat straw one hour and add honey





Hay Flowers

- Hay flower baths: "dissolver of pernicious matter and exceedingly good for corpulent people." Sebastian Kneipp
- Any indication of blood poisoning: hay flower compress
- Abdominal spasms: warm compress; Friedrich Bilz, 1901, 211-213
- Frozen limbs
- Rheumatism, gout
- Scrofulous diseases
- Sepsis, serious inflammation



Hay Flower Wrap

- Useless unless scalded and applied hot
- Applied in thick layer
- Aids the resolution of inflammation
- Kneipp saved many lives

Hay Flower Vapor Bath

- Recommended for reproductive diseases
- Drawing and soothing

Gout Formula

- Juniper berry
- Dwarf elder
- Parsley
- Nettle root
- 4 6 Tbsp to one quart water
- Boil until ¾ remains

Gout Formula • Juniper berry • Shave grass • Knotgrass • Wormwood • Warm tea taken on empty stomach in morning and at night

Rheumatism

- Birch leaves tea [+ gout]
- Primrose: Rheumatism, chronic headache
- Mayweed external application



Ulcers and Skin

- Cleansing wounds: alum water [1 oz. to 66 oz. water]
- Agave water [1 oz. agave to 50 oz. water] decoction
- Promote healthy skin growth: sprinkle agave powder
- wrap carefully to prevent air
- Lime charcoal powder: suppurating wounds
- Acute sores with fever: coltsfoot leaves [alleviates pain]

Lust, B. (1902). Kneipp's popular healing remedies and their application. The Naturopath and Herald of Health, III (8), 348-349.

Menses

- Dysmenorrhea: silverweed tea, rue
- Irregular: marjoram tea: to regulate cycle, take 3 – 4 days before regulate time
- Yarrow and St Johns Wort: irregular menses
- Mayweed: emmenogogue







Louisa Lust

- Cites three reasons for using herbs
- 1. Dissolve morbid matter
- 2. Eliminate them
- 3. Strengthen the body

Lust, L. (1923). Herbs combined with Nature Cure. Naturopath, XXVIII (8), 370-371.



Her Pearls

- Kidney and Bladder: juniper and wormwood
- Chronic constipation: dandelion flower tea
- Tormentil, thistle, shavegrass: hemorrhages
- Ribwort [Plantain]: loosens phlegm
- Fenugreek: Diphtheria, sore throat, fever
- Raspberry leaves: diarrhea

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Conclusions

- Father Kneipp contributed common herbs
- The financial bedrock of Naturopathy

