

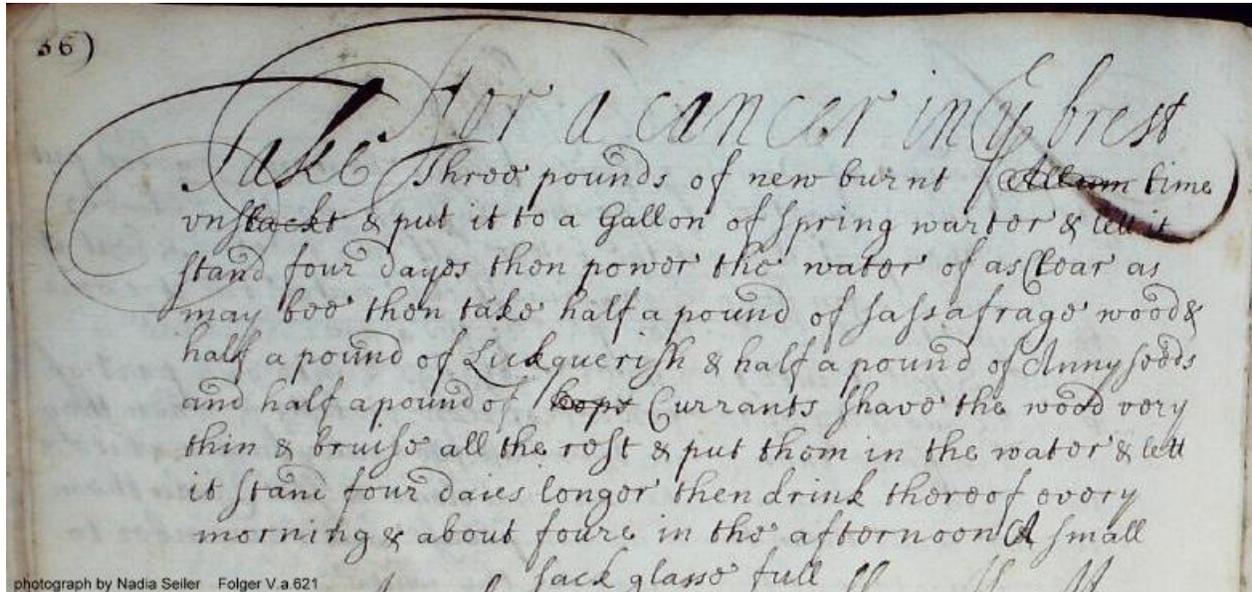
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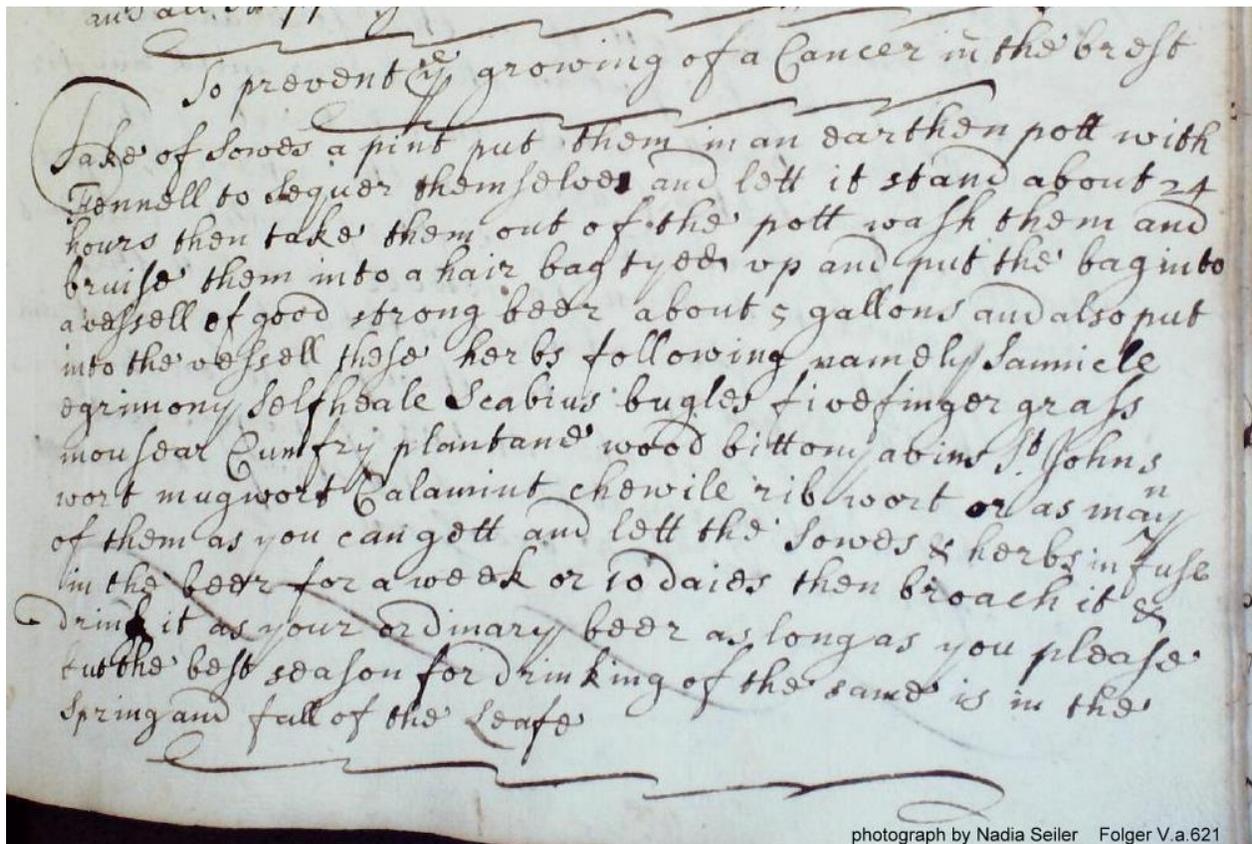
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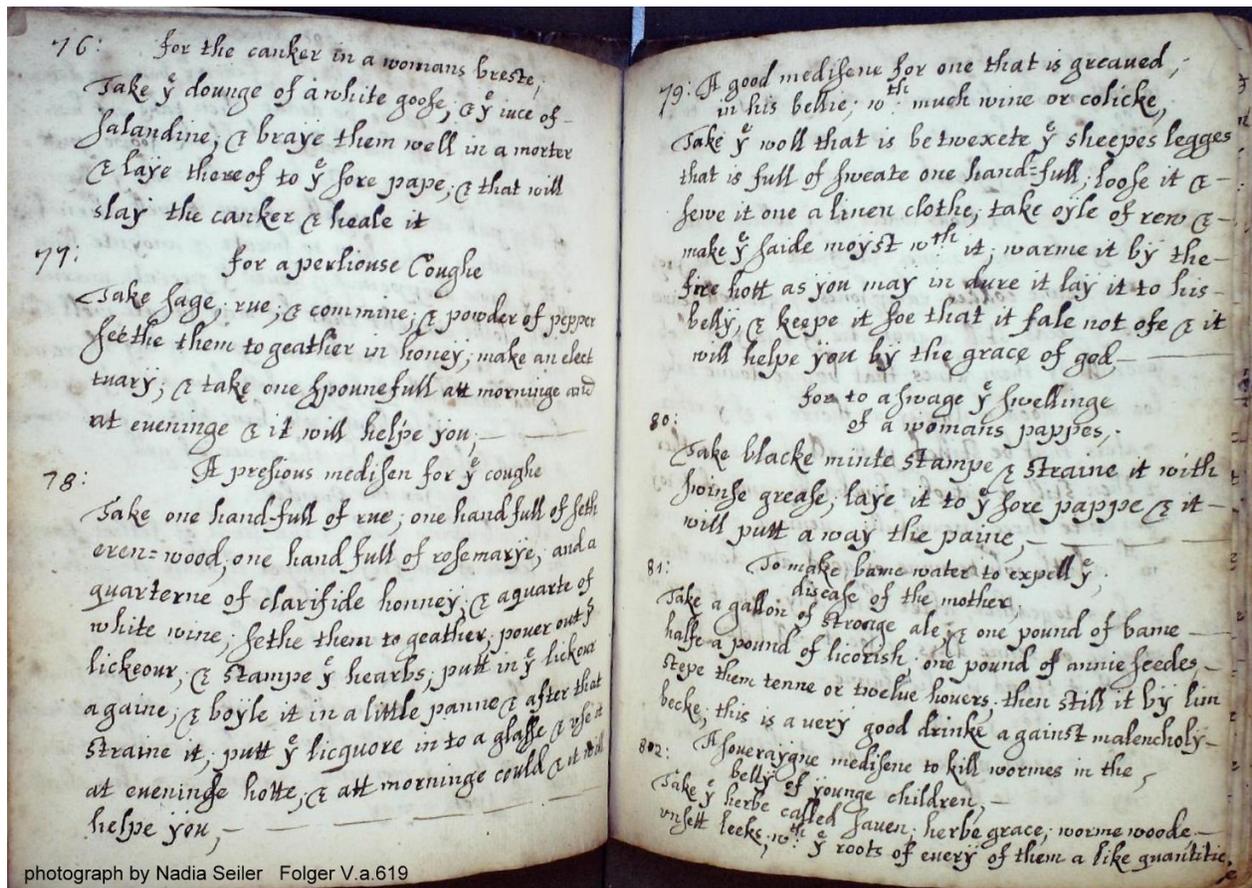


For a cancer in *the* brest

Take Three pounds of new burnt ~~Alum~~ lime
vnslackt & put it to a Gallon of spring warter & lett it
stand four dayes then power the water of as Clear as
may bee then take half a pound of sassafrage wood &
half a pound of Lickquerish & half a pound of Annyseeds
and half a pound of hops Currants shave the wood very
thin & bruiſe all the rest & put them in the water & lett
it stand four daies longer then drink thereof every
morning & about foure in the afternoon A small
sack glasse full.



To prevent the growing of a Cancer in the brest
Take of Sowes a pint put them in an earthen pott with
Fennell to Sequer themselves and lett it stand about 24
hours then take them out of the pott wash them and
bruise them into a hair bag tyed vp and put the bag in
a vessel of good strong beer about 5 gallons and also put
into the vessel these herbs following namely Sannicle
egrimony Selfheale Seabius bugles fivefinger grass
mousear Cumfry plantane wood bittony avins St. Johns
wort mugwort Calamint chervile ribwort or as maⁿy
of them as you can gett and lett the sowes & herbs infuse
in the beer for a week or 10 daies then broach it &
drink it as your ordinary beer as long as you please
but the best season for drinking of the same is in the
spring and fall of the Leafe



76: for the canker in a womans breste
 Take the dounge of a white goose; & the iuce of
 Salandine; & braye them well in a mortar
 & laye thereof to the sore pape; & that will
 slay the canker & heale it

80: for to aswage the swellinge
 of a womans pappes

Take blacke minte stampe & straine it with
 swinse grease; lay it to the sore pape & it
 will putt a way the paine.