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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

This collection is a circa 1921 home remedies manual created by Samuel Hodgkins, a New York farmer. The manual contains recipes for making household items like paint and illness remedies for both humans and horses.

### Creator

Hodgkins, Samuel (New York)

### Extent

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# Biographical Note

Presumably, this manual was created by Samuel Hodgkins. Most likely, he was an aged farmer living in New York around the time the manual was written.

# Scope and Content

This collection consists of a small handwritten manual. It is bound in a single sheet of newspaper from New York that dates to 1921; the outer cover contains advertisements for an Arabian horse, insurance, and a "Young Ladies Academy" and the inside covers contain court notices. The manual cover's title is, "Samuel Hodgkins Receipts." In the inside covers, this name is written several times in a hand that looks the same as the one that penned the manual's contents.

The manual's contents include recipes for illness remedies as well as those for household goods: Illness remedies for humans include those for sore eyes, dysentery, itching, feet corn, jaundice, and rheumatism. One Indian cure for "fever and ague" instructs how to boil various types of bark into a tea. For horse illnesses, home cures for such ailments as ringbone, blind staggers, strains, and yellow water are given. Household good recipes listed in this manual include those for making green paint, wood stain, and cherry varnish.

# Keywords

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Home economics  
History of Food and Drink  
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