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- for Black drops - or

Acetum Opii -

Citrate of Morphine

Take - Gum Opii - 4.9

Crystals of Cit. Acid 2.9

grind well together in $\frac{1}{2}$ p wood
or glass mortar - add one pint
of boiling water; mix intimately;
macerate 24 hrs - filter -

- dose - one half or one
third as much as of the
Saturated Tinct of Opi -

Potatoe Paint

R. Take of Potatoes - 1^{lb}
skinned & well washed

Boil them in 3 or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ of
boiling water & then pass
them thro' a hair sieve -

to this add 2^{lbs} of good chalk
pulverized, previously mixed
up with 4^{lbs} of water & then
stir the whole together -

This mixture will form
a pencil of blue capable of

securing any sort of color
on coal. brush. etc. etc. for
writing, drawing, etc. (see p. 11)

1825. Oct^r 30th

Administered half
drop of Croton oil, &
into a pill with the cream
of bread to Mr. Russell. at
15^m past 12 o'clock. W - in 30. or
40 minutes. made him very sick
at the stomach & continued
so for 3 or 4 hours. when
it operated as physic. & gave
him much relief -

1825. Oct^r 19th - Gave half
than $\frac{1}{6}$ th of a drop of Croton oil
to Mr. Jones, on board the Canal
Boat - in 3 hours it obtained
a smart evacuation, followed
by 3 or 4 more in the course
of an hour or two -

1825. Oct^r 19th. Gave my
little daughter, Sarah, $\frac{3}{4}$ ^m
oil, less than $\frac{1}{8}$ of drop of the