

Spirits (Spirits of Wine, Angelica Spirits, Cane Spirits)

1739 February 13 (Tuesday). Dr. Convers, by Dr. Gotts message to him as he was at Sudbury, came up to visit my wife. Afterwards came Dr. Gott. They find her very low, her Blood exceeding Weak, her swelling in her Legg increased and advanc'd into her Body, her Urine has been to a great Degree Supprest'd ever since this Second Legg was Seiz'd with the Pain. Her medicines are Chalbiats mix'd with Castor, and Ocul. Cancror with Sal. Nitr. Her bathing with spirits of wine continued but her Pultis ceases, her Teas of Horse Radish, Fennel and Parseley Roots, and we now lay on a Blister. P.M. Mr. Beeman again bountifully visits and Cousin Winchester here.

1764 November 5 (Monday). Visit Joseph Joslin who is ill again and is now at Mr. Daniel Warrin, and proceed thence to Southborough. Find Mr. Smith there. Angelica spirits from Plymouth are come. We divide the Keg but have short of 6 Quarts apiece. Returned at Eve. Moses Smith brings a Barrell of Cyder from his Brother Ezekiels.

1765 May 31 (Friday). We Broke fast at the Alms House -- and were going to Mr. *Holbrooks* (where my Mare was kept) to mount, when Mr. *Surcomb* came, and engaged us to return to his House. We were obliged (irresistably) to go -- but it was not to our Loss. He and his Wife loaded us with presents -- Tea, Bread, Wine, Cane Spirits, Bear -- to carry home with us. May God reward such Kindness and Bounty!