

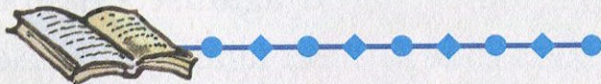
What happened when you got sick or were hurt?

Your mother, your big sister, or some other woman of the house took care of you. You were likely to get a home remedy. Here are a few that might have been tried on you:

To stop bleeding, apply a cobweb.

A toothache will disappear if three deep cuts are made in the northern side of a tree at sundown and blood from the tooth is transferred to the tree.

If you have a wart, rub it with a radish.



*Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.*

*So up Jack got and home did trot,
As fast as he could caper,
To old Dame Dob, who patched his nob
With vinegar and brown paper.*



If you didn't get better with such treatments, it was time to send for the doctor. For some ailments, you might be given a *vomit* or a *purge*. For another illness, you could have had a plaster put on your chest. The doctor might try to get your fever down by bleeding you. If you had a swelling, he might put a live leech on the wound to suck out the blood. All these measures were supposed to help your body heal.

There were several *apothecaries* in Williamsburg. An apothecary was a druggist-doctor. He made, imported, and sold medicines, in addition to treating sick patients.