



## PARKINSON'S DISEASE NEWS

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### EARTHWORMS AND OIL OF WINGED ANTS FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Nicholas Culpeper (1616-1654) was an English botanist, herbalist, physician and astrologer. He published books, *The English Physitian* (1652) and *the Complete Herbal* (1653). *The Complete Herbal* contains both pharmaceutical and herbal knowledge.



Among the recommendations in *Complete Herbal*, he suggests sage for "sinews, troubled with palsy and cramp". For centuries prior to this, Sage had also been recommended for tremor in the hands. Amongst other plant remedies Culpepper suggested for palsy and trembling were bilberries, briony (called "English mandrake"), and mistletoe. In the 1696 edition of his *Pharmacopoeia Londinensis*, a variety of substances were claimed to be useful in the treatment of "palsies", the "dead palsy", and "tremblings". These included "oil of winged ants" and preparations including earthworms.

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