

ENTOMOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

Insects in Traditional Chinese Medicine. GENE KRITSKY, College of Mount St. Joseph, Mount St. Joseph, Ohio 45051.—China, during years of cultural isolation, developed a medical tradition that by western standards is unusual. In addition to the widely known acupuncture, some insects are highly regarded by the Chinese as being important ingredients in various medicinal concoctions. Cicadas, silkworms, blister beetles, cockroaches, and mantid ootheca are just a few examples of insects that can be obtained in traditional Chinese drugstores. Presented herein are several cases in which the use of insects in potions was prescribed to treat ailments such as typhus, ear infection, and migraine headaches.

