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> despite experimental tendencies among some apothecaries, they generally adhered to traditional humoral practices and imported

materia medica from Spain rather than adopt native plants or exploit the region's rich mineral resources. This adherence was not due to state regulation, but reflected the entrenchment of humoral beliefs in popular thought and their promotion by the Church and Inquisition.