

Many similar and answerable modes may be adopted, as are in general, but not retaining the medicinal virtues as the above.

An excellent salve may be made from the leaves of pear tree, for closing the lips of fresh wounds.

A poultice made of the leaves of quinces heals the sore breasts of women.

The cotton or down of quinces boiled, heals old sores.

BOTANY OR PHYTOLOGY.

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RUE (*Ruta Graveolens*).—An evergreen shrubby plant, about 3 feet high, blossom greenish yellow, calyx with five divisions, petals concave, entire; capsule lobed, leaves doubly divided, little leaves, or leaflets egg-oblong. It is easily propagated by cuttings. It is an healthy medicinal herb and very useful, though some have said not. It provoketh urine, is an antidote against poison, is good for coughs and hardness of breathing. This boiled into a strong decoction and the joints bathed therewith, removes pain therein and strengthens them. The distilled water thereof diluted with spring water and dropped in the eyes, removeth the dimness of eyesight if caused through colds and other outward causes. The rue tea drank moderately easeth the obstruction of the liver, reins and bladder. Class 10, page 41.

HOARHOUND or **HORCHOUND** so well known. Virtues page 74, class 14, page 42.

TANSY (*Tanacetum vulgare*).—A perennial about 2 feet high, blossom yellow, compound calyx, form of half globe tiled, florets of the circumference, three cleft; the seed vessels crowned with a membranous margin, leaves double, many cleft, cut and saw toothed; the whole plant smelling strong. A decoction of this herb drank strengtheneth the reins and kidneys, remedies the stoppings of urine, expelleth wind, and is good for stone in the reins (of men especially), the tansy tea or the