

rolled at the edges; whole plant fragrant. Lavender is of special use for pains of the head and brain that proceed from a cold cause, apoplexy, falling sickness, cramps, convulsions, palsies, and often faintings. It strengthens the stomach and frees the liver and spleen from obstructions, provokes the courses, &c. The flowers of lavender steeped in wine are efficacious in obstructions of urine, or for those troubled with the wind or cholic, if the place be bathed with it. A decoction made of the flowers of lavender, hoarhound, fennel and asparagus roots, and a little cinnamon is used to help the sickness and giddiness of the brain. To wash the mouth with the decoction of lavender is good for the toothache; two spoonsfull of the distilled water of the flowers taken helps them that have lost their voice; also tremblings and passions of the heart, and faintings and swoonings. It should not only be drank but applied to the temples and the nostrils also; but it should not be used over much, as it is not safe to use it when the body is replete with blood and humors, because of the hot and subtile spirits with which it is possessed. The chemical oil drawn from lavender, usually called oil of spike, is of so fierce and piercing a spirit, that it is very cautiously to be used, a few drops being sufficient to be used with other things, either inwardly or outwardly.

LOVAGE belongs to class XI, page 41. It has long thick stalks, with large winged leaves divided into many parts, like smallage or celery, but larger, every leaf being cut about the edges, broadest forward and smallest at the stalk of a sad green color, smooth and shining; some strong, hollow, green stems, about 5 or 6 feet high, but set in unbels on the top of long flower stems, and are of a yellow color; seed brownish and flat. The root grows thick and deep, spreading much, is an hard perennial of brownish color on the outside and whitish within. The whole plant smells strong and aromatical and is of an hot sharp biting taste. It is good in its action upon the chest, throat and stomach. It opens cuts and digests phlegn and ill humors, and greatly provokes courses and urine. Half a drachm of the dried root in powder, taken in water, wonderfully warms a cold stomach, helps digestion, and consumes all raw and superfluous moisture therein; eases all inward griping