

VEGETABLE ACRID POISONS.—(Continued.)

**BITTER APPLE OR COLOQUINTIDA.**—Much danger over doses of coloiqunt apple causeth (but seldom though sometimes death), when such is the case, provoke vomiting, and then drink milk and olive oil. This herb is known by the name of bitter gourd. The coloiquntida creepeth with its branches along the ground with rough hairy leaves of a greyish color, much cloven or cut on the edges; the flowers are pale; the fruit round, of a green color at first and afterwards yellow; the bark is neither thick nor hard; the inner part of the pulp is open and spongy, full of grey seeds tasting bitter, and is dried and kept for medicinal use.

**HELLEBORE BLACK AND FETID.**—The effects produced by this are the same as Briony, and requires the same treatment. This herb is called also Fetterwort, Fettergrass, Bearsfoot, Christmas herb, and Christmas flower. It is a serviceable herb, but requires discretion in its use.

**WHITE HELLEBORE ROOT** excites violent vomiting and purgings with bloody evacuations, which soon prove fatal if proper treatment be not immediately resorted to. Evacuate the stomach with copious draughts of demulcient fluids, and sheathe the bowels with clysters of starch and other emollients, then administer acidulous drinks, or coffee and camphor in doses from six to ten grains. But in cases like these the first physician at hand should be sent for.

**SOW BREAD, CYCLAMEN.**—The root of this plant is a flattened circular tuber; it produceth effects similar to white Hellebore when swallowed, requiring the same treatment.

**SPURGE.**—The seed vessels of these are termed tricoccus—that is, composed of three capsules, or distinct cells united back to back on a common footstalk having sometimes the appearance of capers, causing intense heat in the stomach, vomiting, violent purging with bloody stools. Evacuate the stomach with large draughts of warm water, and then give repeatedly milk and olive oil, sheathing the lower bowels with starch clysters.