

cure. This root should not be used by females, unless by the skillful advice of a physician.

MANDRAKE Root is profitable in erysipelas (called St. Anthony's fire) and all such inflammations that are attended with great pain and swelling. It heals vehement pains of the head and toothache, when applied to the cheek and jaws; and it causes sleep. If the powder of the root be used as snuff it will be found profitable in frenzy; in such cases the temples and nose of the patient may be bathed with a decoction of the same; if the patient should seem to sleep too long after this process, dip a sponge in vinegar and hold it to the nose. It is helpful in all phlegmatic humors, and small-pox and measles, if properly used.

COMFREY Root being boiled and the decoction drank, helpeth all inward hurts, bruises or wounds, and the ulcers of the lungs, causing the phlegm that oppresses them to be easily spit forth; it stayeth the defluxions of rheum from the head upon the lungs, the fluxes of blood or humors by the belly, and all immoderate fluxes or runnings of the reins from whatever cause it may originate. The root bruised and outwardly applied immediately helpeth and soon healeth fresh wounds and cuts. It is especially good for ruptures and broken bones; it is good to be applied to women's breasts that grow sore by the abundance of milk flowing into them. The roots procured fresh and beaten small, if spread upon leather, and laid upon any place troubled with the gout, doth soon ease the pain, and applied in the same manner, give ease to pained joints; and profit very much for running and moist ulcers, gangrenes, mortifications and the like, for which it hath by often experience been found useful. The distilled water of Comfrey will have the like effect.

Burdock root, also called personata, bardona, lappa-major, great burdock and clotbur—the root beaten with a little salt and laid on the place easeth the pain when bitten by a mad dog. If bruised, when fresh, with the white of an egg, and applied to any place burnt with fire, will take out the fire, give sudden ease and heal it up afterwards. The three roots preserved with sugar and taken fasting are good for fretting sores, for consump-