

ACTION AND THERAPEUTICS.

This oil has the same actions as thymol (see p. 603). An alcoholic solution of it has been used to relieve pain, and it is given internally as a carminative.

ARACHIS OIL.

Oleum Arachis. *Synonym.* Earth nut or ground nut oil, peanut oil. The oil expressed without heat from the seed of *Arachis hypogaea*.

CHARACTERIS. Pale yellow or greenish yellow.

Officially used in India, African Colonies, Eastern Colonies, and Australasian Colonies, instead of olive oil, to make liniments, ointments, and plasters.

OIL OF GAULTHERIA.

Oleum Gaultheriae. *Synonym.* Oil of wintergreen. The oil distilled from the leaves of *Gaultheria procumbens*, or from the bark of the sweet birch, *Betula lenta*. It contains at least 90 per cent., and often more, of methyl salicylate.

CHARACTERIS. Colourless or slightly yellowish. Odour characteristic.

Dose, 3 to 10 m.

Officially used in North American Colonies.

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The action and uses of this oil are exactly the same as those of other salicylates (see p. 455).

OIL OF LEMON GRASS.

Oleum Graminis Citrati. *Synonym.* Indian oil of verbena. The oil distilled from *Andropogon citratus*.

CHARACTERIS. A dark yellow oil, with an odour of verbena.

Dose, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 m.

Officially used in India, Eastern Colonies, and West Indian Colonies.

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This oil is chiefly used in perfumery and to adulterate oil of verbena, which it closely resembles.

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