

blood. I purpose, firstly, to take up the vulgar designation of fruits, and according to the common understanding show their use. Secondly, I shall attempt to show that many commonly termed fruits are not fruits at all. Thirdly, to show that many small plants bear fruit, &c., though not designated as such. The commonly understood meaning of fruit is a tastely serviceable production of trees, &c., adapted to our wants, and enjoyed by us in their seasons.

GOOSEBERRY, called also seap berry, dewberry and wine-berry. The berries, while unripe, if scalded or baked, are good to procure the return of appetite when lost, especially if the cause proceeds from a stomach afflicted with choleric humors; the decoction of the leaves of the tree cools hot swellings and inflammations, also the erysipelas; the ripe gooseberries being eaten, allayeth the heat of the stomach and liver, be it ever so violent, the young and tender leaves break the stone and expel the gravel both from the bladder and kidneys; like other fruits should not be immoderately used, or they would have a tendency to breed crude humors. To make gooseberry cream take two quarts of gooseberries, boil them, stirring quickly in as little water as necessary, to which add  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounce of fresh butter,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of fresh cream, strain it through a sieve, and then add the yolks of 6 eggs.

RHUBARB is inclined to purging; it purgeth the body of choler and phlegm, cleanseth the stomach, liver and blood; opening obstructions, and helping those complaints that come thereof; as the jaundice, dropsy, swelling of the spleen, agues, pricking pains in the sides, and stayeth the spitting of blood; the juice pressed out of rhubarb is good for ulcers in the eyes and eyelids, but it should be well strained; also, to assuage inflammations, and applied to black and blue spots helpeth to remove them. I have placed this with the fruits for this reason only; that it is now coming in season, and is used as a fruit.

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