

MELON PUMPKIN SEEDS.

Cucurbitae Semina Preparata. Melon Pumpkin Seeds. *Semen, m.* 15 po. The prepared fresh seeds of cultivated plants of *Cucurbita maxima*.

CHARACTERS. Flat, ovate, white, consisting of two flesh easily separable, cotyledons, which have been freshly deprived of the testa and tegmen.

Dose, 3 to 4 oz., bruised with a little water or milk to creamy consistency.

Officially used in Mediterranean Colonies.

ACTION AND THERAPEUTICS.

These seeds are an efficient and harmless anthelmintic for the tape worm. The patient should have a light supper of bread and milk; in the early morning he should take the above dose of seeds, a cup of tea or coffee an hour later, but no food at 10 A.M. a good dose of castor oil or some other simple purge; and two hours later a substantial meal.

DATURA LEAVES.

Datura Folia. The dried leaves of *Datura fastuosa* and of *Datura metel*.

CHARACTERS. Ovate, acuminate, with long petioles and minute deltate nerves. The larger are about 7 in. long and 4 in. wide. Characteristic odour and bitter taste.

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

ACTION AND THERAPEUTICS.

These leaves have the same action, and may be used for the same purposes, as those of *Datura stramonium* (see p. 376). Preparations of them may also be used instead of belladonna.

DATURA SEEDS.

Datura Semina. The dried seeds of *Datura fastuosa*.

CHARACTERS. Wedge-shaped; rounded, thickened, furrowed, wavy margins, strongly compressed laterally, about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. broad and $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick. The testa is finely pitted and reticulated.

Officially used in India and Eastern Colonies.

Datura stramonium leaves