

pure, is as effectual for the above complaints as the decoction thereof. The juice dissolved in rose water with some gum tragacanth is an excellent medicine for hoarseness, wheezing, &c.; the decoction tendeth to excite mirth and wit. It is a most healthy root, and cannot easily be used amiss. It may be used with other things for diseases of the throat; imperfections of the tongue and memory, epidemical diseases, and hurts of intellect are helped by it.

SARSAPILLA ROOT is of a healing quality however used; it is given as an antidote against poison and all venomous things; it in general doth not heat but rather dry the humors; it is easily perceived that it not only drieth the humors but wasteth them away by some secret and hidden property therein, much whereof is performed by perspiration which it performs very effectually. It may be used in all cold fluxes from the head and brain, rheum and catarrhs, also in all cold griefs of the stomach, and expelleth wind very powerfully. It helpeth the French disease (so called), and all manner of aches in the sinews and joints, all running sores in the legs, all phlegmatic swellings, tetters and ringworms, and all kind of spots and foulness of the skin; it is not proper to be given to those whose livers are over hot, or to such as have agues. A strongly concentrated decoction by itself or with other appropriate herbs, is the most efficient method of using it.

GENTIAN ROOT, CALLED ALSO FELWORT AND BALDMONY.—There is not a more excellent root for strengthening the stomach and helping digestion; it preserves the heart and prevents fainting and swooning; resisteth putrefaction and pestilence; helps the biting of venomous things; opens the obstructions of the liver, and restores loss of appetite. It provoketh urine, and may be found profitable in cramps and convulsions, also breaks the stone, is and is a great help for ruptures. It is good for cold diseases, and to expel tough phlegm, and to cure all sbabs, itch, fretting sores and ulcers; it destroyeth worms in the body, it helpeth agues of all sorts, the yellow jaundice, (and bots in cattle). When kine are bitten on the udder by any venomous beast, or wounded in any way, if the afflicted parts are washed and dressed with a decoction of this root it will prove a certain