

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL USE.

A CEPHALIC MEAD.—Take Valerian root, two ounces; rosemary or sage, three ounces; mustard seed, six ounces; Virginia snake root, two ounces; place them in a bag, then boil $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of honey in ten gallons of water, skim off the top and put in the bag of herbs and boil gently together for a whole day, then it is fit for use.

The above Mead is good against Epilepsies, Apoplexies, Palsies, and all diseases of that kind, it is also of use in almost all nervous complaints, especially such as arise from too great moisture and cold.

A COMMON DECOCTION against gripes, and cramps, and such diseases as are caused by heat of urine, also to be used for lotions and emollient clysters; may be made thus:—Take of mallow leaves and camomile flowers, each two ounces; water two quarts; boil till one quart of the liquor is wasted, then strain the remaining Decoction for use.

A POULTICE to dissolve hard impostumes and assuage inflammations, may be made thus:—Barley meal, vinegar, honey and a few dry figs boiled together and applied.

A POULTICE to cure swellings under the ears, throat, neck and such like—Barley meal and onions boiled together with a little water, and applied.

BOILS.—Linseed pounded with figs is good to bring to a head, boils and other swellings.

HOARSENESS OF THE THROAT AND VOICE.—The fruit or kernel of cocoa-nut is very good if eaten at night.

BOTANY.

BOTANY OR PHYTOLOGY DEFINED.

Botany (or Phytology) is a science which hath for its subject herbs, plants or vegetables of all kinds: the word Botany being derived from the Greek word Botane, which signifies an herb