

Euphorbium. *The Nature of* C H A P. XXVIII.

the tunicles of the stomach and bowells have much tough flegme cleaving to them.

*The manner of administering it.*

It is given in powder, in Pills, and Electuary.

*Pills against the Collicke.*

Take of the Powder called *Diagalanga*, *Aromaticum rosatum*, of each two drams, *Castor* in powder, halfe a dram, *Euphorbium* in powder, ten grains, *Opium* dissolved in *Muscadell*, thirty grains of *Pepper*, *Saffron*, and *Myrrhe* in powder, of each halfe a scruple; make all into a masse or lump for pills. Of a dram make ten pills, and give of them four or five, if the pain cease not give nine or ten. *Rondel. meth. cur. morb. c. 25. fol. 481.* But I conceive halfe a dram will be a sufficient Dose, and must be given with caution.

*An Electuary against the Collicke.*

Take of *Opium* two drams, *Castor*, *Euphorbium*, *Storax*, *Myrrhe*, *Pepper*, long and black, a scruple, of *Purshy-seed*, and *Smallage-seed*, *Cumin-seed*, *Cinamon*, of each two scruples, with a sufficient quantity of clarified Honey make an *Opiat* Electuary. It must be kept six months before you use it. *Kondelet. de med. intern. fol. 1005.*

*The externall use.*

It is outwardly used in all cold Diseases of the Nerves, as in *Convulsions*, *Tremblings*, *Faltes*, and in pains of the Joynts, in the *Sciatica*, as also in the *French Pox*, in sleepey Diseases of the Brain, if it be mixed with Oyle of *Spike*, and the neck anoynted therewith, it availeth much. *Collyries* made thereof may be used in suffusions of the eyes, as also to take away the filmes thereof: But in the use of it about the eyes, I advise Practitioners to be very careful and wary, because of its burning faculty. In wounds and contusions of the Nerves, it doth much profit. Mingled with Oyle of *Bay*, *Bears grease*, *Wolves grease*, or such like, it cures the *Fox-mange*, and *Scurfe* of the head. The Nape of the Neck being anoynted with the Oyle of *Euphorbium*, recovereth the speech of those that have lost it by reason of the *Apoplexie*, or any other casualty, and takes away the Noise and pain of the ears, being put into them. *Euphorbium* mingled with *Vineger*, and applied, takes away the marks and scars of Wounds, and all other foul spots and blemishes of the skin. It helpeth to scale bones that are loose, and that suddenly. It is used with other means to provoke sneezing, as also to draw Blisters.

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C H A P. XXVIII. *simple Medicines.* Euphorbium.

*An Oynment for the Head-ach, proceeding from a cold cause.*

Take Oyle of *Dill*, Oyle of *Camemill* Oyle of *Asarjerome*, Oyle of *Wallflowers*, of each halfe an ounce; Oyle of *Nutmeg*, two drams, *Clowes* in powder, halfe a dram, white *Pepper* in powder, halfe a dram; *Euphorbium* powdered, ten grains, with a little *Wax* make an Oynment, with which annoynt the Temples, and the forehead of the head, morning and evening warm. *Weichard. thes. pharm. fol. 18.*

Or,

Take Oyle of *Dill*, Oyle of *Orris*, of each halfe an ounce: white *Pepper*, wild *Time*, of each a scruple and a halfe; *Castor* a scruple, *Euphorbium* halfe a scruple; powder what is to be powdered, and with a little *Wax* make an Oynment, and use it as the former. *Piso de morb. cognosc. & curar. l. 1. c. 8. f. 29.*

*A Liniment for the Palsie.*

Take of common Oyle two pound, of *Camemill* flowers a handfull and a halfe; *Sage*, *Betony*, *Rosmary*, of each a handfull, *Castor* halfe an ounce, *Euphorbium* two drams, *Myrrhe*, *Edellium*, *Gum Heder*, of each two drams, white *Pepper*, *Mustard-seed*, of each a dram, wine of *Castor* a pint, make those things (that are to be powdered) into a grosse powder, and boyle them together with *Cinamen*, *Mastich*, *Elecampane*, and *Acorus* root, of each a dram, till the Wine be consumed, then strain it, and add of Oyle of *Turpentine*, three drams; make a Liniment, with which annoynt the Neck. *Johan. Sadler. prax. med. f. 149.*

*The hurtfull quality with the corrective means.*

*Euphorbium* is of such a hot burning nature, that if it be taken alone it inflames the mouth, and throat, as also the stomach, bowells, Liver, and all the body, therefore with some it is counted among the venomous Plants, rather then among Medicines. It brings cold sweats, and causeth many times faintings. It is very dangerous to give it to Women with Child, to Children or weak persons, or to any that have inward inflammations. It is safest to give it only to strong persons, and such as have cold, windy, and temperate bodies, and not to thoe that have hot and dry bodies. Till it be a year old you may not use it. It is never used alone without some good corrective.

*Nunquā datur per se, nec cum alijs, nisi raro & parva quantitate. Renodius. dispensat. fol. 565.*

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