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Orate pro anima Thome Betson de Syon

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'Ye shal be called Ladyes for bycause that ye shall be spoused to the Kyng of all kynges. Whan ye shal go to your garden

seen the herber & grene trees, smellynge pe floures, & fruytes with theyr swetnesse, Mervaylle the grete power of god in his creatures.'

Thomas Betson, AD 1500.

### From:

A Ryght Profytable Treatyse Drawen out of Dyuerse Wrytynges to Dyspose Men to Be Vertuously Occupyed in Theyr Myndes and Prayers.

Published at Westminster by Wynkyn de Worde, AD 1500.

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John Adams & Stuart Forbes Syon Abbey Research Associates

All Souls' Day, 2014.

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## Foreword by Sister Anne Smyth O.Ss.S.

## Syon Abbey, Its Library and Herbal.

In 2015 we celebrate the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Syon Abbey by King Henry V, by a charter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1415. Interest in the community of Syon (originally comprised of both men and women), its religious life, its library and its meticulous librarian, Thomas Betson, continues even to the present day. This first edition of the herbal section of Thomas Betson's notebook also casts light on the history of medicine. It allows us to measure the improvements in the alleviation of suffering which have been made since he wrote in the early 1500s.

The English Bridgettines of Syon Abbey are the only pre-reformation community to have weathered the tempests of the Dissolution in 1539. We look back to the constancy and determination of perhaps our greatest Abbess, Katherine Palmer, who in 1559 ensured that continuity by leading the sisters from Syon to Flanders, through many hardships, until her death in 1576. The sufferings and privations continued as the sisters made their way to France and later to Lisbon, arriving there in 1594. The community remained in Lisbon, surviving both fire and earthquake, until 1861 when the sisters returned to England, the brothers having died out in 1695.

Sadly, in September 2011 the community life of the sisters came to an end. Much of our library, including precious manuscripts and many volumes which the sisters brought to England from Lisbon, have now been lodged for safe-keeping at Exeter University. Thomas Betson, as a brother of Syon, would surely have been proud that of the over 1700 volumes he catalogued, including Books of Hours, some still remain. They continue to bear quiet witness to the silence, prayer and devotion of the community, sustained over the past six centuries.

Sister Anne Smyth O.Ss.S. 60th Abbess of Syon Abbey, 1976 – 2011.

7<sup>th</sup> June 2014

# Foreword by The Duchess of Northumberland.

Looking at Syon House today, with its elegant Adam-style rooms, and its pleasant gardens landscaped by Capability Brown, it is difficult to imagine the stern and austere life of the religious community at Syon Abbey, founded six hundred years ago in 1415. Reconstructing that past is made all the more difficult by the absence now of any physical remains of the Abbey – the Church, the Library, the Infirmary and any Herb Garden. All lie buried somewhere beneath the lawns.

It is therefore my great pleasure to welcome this edition of the Herbal of Syon Abbey, compiled by its librarian Thomas Betson. I have a personal affinity with this elderly monk who, like me, clearly not only loved plants and trees, but valued them for their powers. The remedies listed in the Herbal range from the scientific application of Millefolium for the purging a wound, to the bizarre use of powdered owl for gout.

In Thomas Betson we have a modest person who had probably never left England, marvelling at the wealth of herbs and plants from many parts of the world. Here are Pomegranate trees, Cloves, Mulberries, even Amber, along with the more homely English Blackthorn sloes and Dog roses. Many of these varieties still flourish in the Syon parkland, wherein the mortal remains of Thomas Betson also lie. This volume illuminates the last flowering of the monastic tradition. We are all the richer for it.

Jan Karthunde la

12<sup>th</sup> Duchess of Northumberland. October 2014

## Health Warning.

Thomas Betson, who compiled this list of plants and remedies at Syon Abbey around 1500, was not a herbalist, apothecary, surgeon or physician, but an elderly church lawyer. This herbal was most likely written, not from observation, but at his librarian's desk. He was probably working in haste between other duties, in fading light, using at times badly written, derivative and corrupt manuscripts, perhaps (given the number of mis-readings) without the benefit of spectacles.

Furthermore, the naming of minerals, plants and illnesses in English had not yet stabilised in the Tudor period – so that a *foxglove* in Betson may not be a modern English *foxglove*, and was certainly not known by its modern Linnaean scientific name of *Digitalis purpurea*. Betson was drawing on a variety of sources, going back at least to Dioscorides in the first century AD. His flora come therefore from many different habitats – Southern and Northern Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Middle East, even India. So there is therefore no guarantee that any mediaeval name used by Betson can be identified with certainty today.

These considerations can also be applied to the naming of illnesses. TB and Malaria were known, but by other names; their means of transmission were not understood. And mediaeval treatments could be crude in the extreme: it was not until 1536 that surgeons ceased pouring boiling oil into the relatively new gunshot wounds.

Other remedies in Betson are simply poisonous (e.g. using powdered lead), or involve herbs which are lethal if wrongly applied. Not for nothing were some plants named 'mortifer' (the bringer of death) 'maliciosus' (evil) 'viduam faciens' (the widow-maker), and even 'insana... for the use therof is perilous.' The modern idea that 'Nature' supplies 'natural remedies' takes little account of plants in an English hedgerow that can kill in a few hours. A number of Betson's plants are also dangerous in the extreme if used in pregnancy; others may provoke allergic reactions in varying degrees in susceptible people. And some have now been found to have imperceptible long-term noxious effects, for example leading to kidney failure.

This book is therefore not a medical or herbal guide, but only for historical interest. The modern identifications of Betson's mediaeval plants, minerals and diseases are always tentative.

As Betson himself said, in a moral context: 'Honey licked from thornes is bought dear.'

# INTRODUCTION

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## Syon Abbey: A Brief History.

The reasons for the unlikely founding of a Swedish abbey of 60 nuns and 25 brothers to the west of London by Henry V in 1415 are to be sought in the bitter struggle between France and England during the Hundred Years' War. This war had effectively begun in May 1337, with the seizure of the continental possessions of Edward III of England by Philippe VI of France. This act led directly to the Battle of Crécy in 1346, in which Edward III destroyed the French army, killing many of the nobility. It was probably following this battle that Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373), a powerful and inspired voice in the Europe of the time, claimed to have received guidance from Christ himself, calling for a dynastic marriage between the French and English royal houses, so that the dual inheritance would fall to a legitimate heir, and thus end the war.<sup>1</sup>

This appeal, which was sent to Pope Clement VI, was transmitted to England by King Magnus of Sweden in 1348.<sup>2</sup> But it was picked up and used by English polemicists as supporting England's claim to France. Bridget's Revelations had in fact assigned the *maiorem iusticiam* to Edward III, though both he and the French king were also described as ravenous beasts. The particular Revelations were furthermore incorporated into *The Regement of Princes*, a guide to good governance prepared for the future Henry V in 1410-1411.

The Revelations also underpinned Henry's failed marriage negotiations with France in early 1415, and this moral support for his claim to France also motivated his foundation of Syon Abbey. Bridget of Sweden had added an appeal for the Kings of France and England to establish religious houses, based on her own foundation at Vadstena, and it was to this model that Henry V turned – the so-called Bridgettine Abbey of Syon.

Another ostensible motivation for Henry was to complete by prayer the penance of his father, Henry IV, for his seizure of the throne, and starving to death of the rightful king, Richard II, in 1400.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Birgitta of Sweden, *Revelationes*, Book IV, Chapters 103-105. See Alicia Spencer-Hall, (2013) and Neil Becket (1993) for details. The relevant text in Chapter 105 is spoken by Christ: 'Quod per matrimonium fiat pax, et sic regnum per legitimum heredem poterit pervenire.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See also Morris (1999), pp.79-80 for details.

Henry V came to the English throne in 1413 and rebuilt the royal residence at Sheen. The site was on the Thames at Richmond, and Henry proposed to construct near it three monastic houses of strict religious observance, to provide unceasing prayer around his residence. The orders chosen were the Carthusians, Celestines and Bridgettines. The houses were to be named Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Syon respectively. The building of Syon first went ahead on a site near the present Twickenham Bridge, and the foundation stone was laid by Henry V on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1415. The Battle of Agincourt was only eight months away. By 1420 Henry was regent of France, and married to the French King's daughter. The throne of France appeared within his grasp, when he suddenly died, perhaps of dysentery, in 1421.

Henry V guaranteed Syon an initial income of 1,000 marks annually (c.£666, or about £500,000 now, an expensive royal investment) and in 1417 he also endowed it with lands taken from 'alien' (i.e. French) priories in England. The site at Twickenham, however, soon proved too small and damp for habitation, and new quarters were sought at what is now Syon House. The new foundation stone was laid in 1426 and occupation commenced in 1431, in what must have still been basic accommodation.

Bridgettine monasteries, being double houses of men and women, were of a unique design, and St Bridget's *Revelationes* were specific about size and layout. They were to be plain and simple, and although archaeological evidence at Syon has revealed no more than the footprint for the church and sisters' accommodation, and perhaps the brothers' reredorter (communal latrine), this evidence suggests that Syon was closely modelled on the mother house at Vadstena.

Funds for building were short in the early years. Henry VI had come to the throne in 1421, and his building priorities were not Syon, but Eton and King's College, Cambridge. Consequently, in 1440 he diverted Syon's lucrative source of income from St Michael's Mount in Cornwall to his own educational projects. Syon, however, gradually became known for its learning and piety and it attracted patrons and postulants, particularly from nearby London and its surrounds. These were among the educated, well connected and wealthy, who donated volumes to its growing library and funds for its endowment.

When in 1461 Edward IV came to the throne, St Michael's Mount and the other appropriated properties were finally restored to Syon, and spending on the abbey's buildings, which had been at a trickle, was able to resume in earnest. Building accounts for the twenty years from 1461 up to 1481 show almost £12,000 (perhaps £8mn today) was spent on the 'newe chirche' and cloisters, of which over

£5,000 (£3mn) was spent from 1479-1481.<sup>3</sup> The final consecration of the monastery and the dedication of the high altar, situated unconventionally at the west end of the church according to the Bridgettine requirements, was on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1488.

Syon seems to have avoided involvement in the political infighting that characterised the War of the Roses. The invasion of Henry Tudor (later Henry VII) in 1485 and Richard III's death at the Battle of Bosworth, followed by Henry's marriage in 1486 to Elizabeth of York, (Edward IV's eldest daughter), finally brought an end the Roses' conflicts, and ushered in a period of relative stability.

Syon Abbey was then to enjoy comparative peace and patronage. It became a centre for pilgrimage, preaching and learning, and the publishing of printed devotional books. Given its status, it is not surprising that it eventually became enmeshed in the political upheavals generated by the divorce of Catherine of Aragon in 1533, the Oath of Supremacy to Henry VIII in 1535, and the Dissolution of the major monastic houses in 1539. Syon was closed down in November of that year, Thomas Cromwell having apparently engineered a case of *Praemunire* (infringement of the royal legal jurisdiction) in collusion with the Bishop of London.<sup>4</sup> Syon Abbey did not lack courage in this unequal struggle. One of its priest-brothers, the gifted Richard Reynolds, was executed in 1535 for his opposition to the Oath of Supremacy, and one quarter of his body displayed on the Syon Abbey gatehouse.

A group of sisters went in 1539 to a sister house at Termonde in Flanders, returned briefly under Mary I, only to be exiled again in 1558 under Elizabeth I. It was, however, Syon's proud claim that it had never given up the seal or keys of the Abbey, nor signed away the deeds. The order returned to England finally in 1861, from their residence in Lisbon. They were the sole English religious order to survive the Dissolution. They were finally disbanded in 2011, because of falling numbers and ill-health, a few years short of the 600th anniversary of their foundation in 1415.

## Thomas Betson, Last Recorded Librarian of Syon Abbey: His Library Catalogue, Notebook, Herbal and Engraved Portrait.

In the summer of 1481 Thomas Betson, probably from near Billericay in Essex, and aged about 45, a church lawyer, ordained priest, and for the previous 15 years rector of the small parish of Wimbish in Essex, left the world and joined Syon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> On an *historic standard of living value* for purchase of goods and services, as adjusted by historic UK Retail Price Index calculations. See <a href="http://www.measuringworth.com/index.php">http://www.measuringworth.com/index.php</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For details see Jones and Walsham (2010) p.68.

Abbey.<sup>5</sup> He joined an enclosed order with a theoretical maximum (as stipulated by Saint Bridget) of some 60 nuns and 25 brothers. By Betson's time it was one of the largest and best endowed religious institutions in England, with a deserved reputation for learning, religious fervour and strictness.<sup>6</sup> Both the men and women within its enclosure were subject to its Abbess, who answered only to the Pope.<sup>7</sup>

Betson was fortunate to arrive when a reforming Confessor General, Thomas Westhaw, appears to have taken the library in hand. Betson was given the duty of librarian (*custos librarie*), and in his spare moments in the newly-built library room, he perhaps began to write out a herbal in his Notebook. He first made a neat quasi-alphabetical list of 700 herbal plant names, many not native to Britain, in transcribed Greek, Latin, French and Middle English, which he called a *Herbarium*. He then added a random selection of herbal remedies, with one chapter wholly in Latin on the use of urine for diagnosis, particularly of women's conditions, and another chapter on herbal essences, preserved in distilled alcohol.

Betson's purpose in compiling the *Herbarium* was perhaps straightforward. It provided him with reference book to the various names of plants in his several herbals in the medical 'B' section of the library. As a librarian he would perhaps have been questioned by his fellow monks on the meaning of difficult entries in the other herbals. One might also speculate that, if as seems likely, Syon called in physicians to prescribe medicines, and apothecaries to dispense their prescriptions, then the *Herbarium* provided a guide as to what exactly these herbs might be.

Betson went to the trouble of heading up his alphabetical entries in the *Herbarium* with synonyms (Latin or English) in groups, either by using brackets to link these together, or else by underlining header words and marking them with a red sign. His remedies however are much less well organised. They appear to be in no order, but certain words are underlined, capitalised, indicated with a pointing hand (*manusculus*) or simply by the letters *NB*. None of these systems can be said to be a good finding aid for a particular illness or remedy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See: Doyle, A. L. (1956a). See also ODNB entry by W. N. M. Beckett, and *Linguistic Analysis of Betson's English Text* below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The full complement was sixty sisters thirteen priests, another four 'deacons' (in fact also ordained priests, of which Betson was one), and eight lay-brothers. The size of the community varied over time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See the excellent summary of the legal position in Makowski (2011), pp. 160-167.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Gillespie (2001) pp. xlv-xlvi for details.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> St John's Cambridge MS 109, E.6. Notebook of T. Betson of Syon.

The Notebook is a desk study, with no reference to the habitat or appearance of the plants cited, no illustrations, no indication of when to gather or how to store a plant, nor the length of time of its efficacy. There is also no 'quid pro quo' section, which was an addition to herbals, allowing unavailable plants to be substituted by another. Such substitutions were often the province of the apothecary, and therefore their presence in a herbal was neither obligatory nor uniform. We have in fact no evidence that Betson, or any other member of the Syon Abbey community, male or female, had any practical knowledge of herbalism, botany or medicine.

Betson's Notebook is therefore more likely to be a personal reference document, not intended for reading by others. It also contains, apart from the *Herbarium* and herbal remedies, some sources on canon law, English history, even some star maps. There are long sections (omitted from our text) on the preparation and use of multiple mirrors to somewhat magical kaleidoscopic effect; on codes, secret writing and inks; and on methods to burn coloured lettering into steel knives. These are copied from a variety of sources, principally the anonymous *Secretum Philosophorum*.<sup>11</sup> It reveals Betson as someone with wide-ranging and perhaps rather boyish enthusiasms. He liked practical jokes and included one to convince people that an apple is possessed: it involved secreting a stag beetle inside a hollowed-out apple, so that the apple moved around his desk.

The Notebook is small and almost square, only some  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches long by  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide (14.6 x 10.8 cm). The skin on the wooden boards is off-white, but beneath it, particularly against the inside rear wooden board, lies what may be typical Syon deep pink binding, now much faded. The text is on paper, with a few added sheets of vellum, and in handwriting varying from the neat to the illegible. This is not surprising if it was compiled over a 36 year period (1481 to 1517) by an increasingly elderly Betson. There may however perhaps have been more than one writer at work in the Notebook. This is uncertain, since Betson was skilled in penmanship, and used a number of different styles.

The Notebook, with its varied handwriting and rapid shifts of style and language, also draws on a variety of medical sources. Betson had available almost the whole panoply of mediaeval and much of the classical *corpus* of medical, medical astrology and herbal literature beside him in the library, in the section marked 'B'. He was intimately acquainted with these books, having also been given the task of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> We are grateful to Christina Stapley for drawing this to our attention.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Anonymous, c.1300, no copy listed at Syon, and still not yet in print.

compiling, or perhaps updating, the library catalogue (Registrum) of over 1,700 manuscript and printed volumes, each containing multiple titles.<sup>12</sup>

Had Betson incorporated some of these medical sources, both printed and manuscript, into his own text? Why are there no descriptions of any plant or habitat? Did he know any Greek and especially Greek plant names, as a result of the new wave of learning sweeping across Britain and Europe? Where did he acquire the strange remedies – such as dead dog stuffed with frogs, for gout? Before we answer these questions, let us look first at what kind of person Betson was. We need to bear in mind the great length of time he was at Syon, from around 1481, to his death in February 1517.13

Despite the instability in England leading up to the death of Richard III in 1485, Betson was fortunate to see great continuity at Syon, in serving under two long-lived abbesses - Elizabeth Muston (1456-1497), and Elizabeth Gibbs (1497-1518). He probably also served under only four Confessors-General: Thomas Westhawe (d.1488), William Falkley (d.1497), Stephen Saunders (d.1513), and finally John Trowell (d. 1523), all of whom were graduates with previous experience of administration. Between them these Confessors-General gave nearly 100 volumes to Syon Abbey library.

We do not know what duties, apart from being custos librarie, fell to Betson at Syon. It was a double monastery, and may have had its own special arrangements for the priest-brothers, who were by the 1470s and 1480s a male community in which graduates predominated.<sup>14</sup> The usual mediaeval monastic practice in *single* monasteries was for the duties of the librarian to fall to the Precentor, one of the major officials after the Abbot and the Prior, and who acted as a kind of registrar for official documents.<sup>15</sup> But we have no direct evidence that Betson ever carried such a title at Syon, or fulfilled that role.

The tasks which we know that Betson undertook, such as preparing the library Registrum, and copying the Rule for the Brothers suggest that at least some of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The Syon *Registrum* has been edited by Bateson, (1898), and Gillespie, (2001).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 1516 old style. For legal and most other purposes the mediaeval year did not end until Lady Day, 25th March.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Cunich, Peter, (2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> For more details on the early (c. AD 1295) role of the Precentor and Librarian see: Clark, (1897) pp. 59 -69; and Crossley, Fred, (1949), p13. The BL Corpus Volume 5 affirms that John Whytefield, who compiled the 1389 catalogue at Dover Priory, was probably also Precentor. Stoneman, (1999).

typical Precentor's duties fell to him. <sup>16</sup> It may be that some of the entries in the Syon *Martyrologium* (list of deceased religious and patrons) are in his hand. He may have been in correspondence with religious houses elsewhere, requesting their prayers. <sup>17</sup> He copied out, though he did not invent, the guide to hand signs in the monastery for the times of silence. <sup>18</sup> The sign for 'sleep' or 'dormitory' is still in common use today – both hands joined, and placed against the head, inclined to one side.

Betson was also entrusted with writing the first recorded book to be published by Syon, entitled *A Ryght Profytable Treatyse* printed in 1500 by Wynkyn de Worde. Part of the draft for this is in his Notebook (not included here). Its English style and grammar (examined below reveals that Betson's original dialect and place of origin were probably near to Billericay in Essex (see pp.49-50 below).

Apart from Betson's Notebook and Library catalogue, he is blessed with a third miraculous and fragile survival: a print from the copper plate used perhaps for a printed indulgence, that contentious reformation issue. We have what seems to be an undated engraved portrait of Betson, by an unknown artist, on a broadsheet which contains Latin verses, possibly by Betson, entitled 'Oratio de omnibus sanctis' (a prayer to all the saints).<sup>19</sup>

This is the sort of ephemeral piece of paper that might have been given to pilgrims who attended the famous Syon Pardon at Lammastide on August 1st. It shows the kneeling image of Betson, heavily tonsured, in Bridgettine habit with a small circular emblem over his heart. As one of the four Syon deacons, Betson was entitled, according to the Syon Additions to the Rule to 'bear on their mantles a white circle, for the incomprehensible wisdom of the four doctors whose figure they bear, in which circle, four little red particles in manner of tongues shall be sewed, for the Holy Ghost enflamed them.' <sup>20</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> British Library MS Additional 5208, fols 3v -18v. The Rules of St Saviour and St Augustine.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See also Doyle, 1956b and 2004 who states Durham University Library MS Cosin V.iii.16 to be: 'A copy of a letter from one convent of nuns to another.... The letter could have been composed by the spiritual director of a nunnery, and its style and script resemble those of Thomas Betson, brethren's librarian at Syon Abbey.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Previously St Paul's Cathedral MS 25,524 and now in the London Metropolitan Archives. For text see: <a href="https://archive.org/details/ryghtprofytablet00betsuoft">https://archive.org/details/ryghtprofytablet00betsuoft</a> (CUP 1905).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Joseph Strutt, Bibliographical Dictionary (1785), plate iv, British Library shelfmark G.4421, cited by Erler (1992).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Ambrose, Saint Augustine, and Saint Jerome. Syon had a formal preaching role, and these were the models to emulate, and the orthodox sources to use.

Betson is identified at the foot of the illustration by his monogram 'TB' and the words *De Syon*.<sup>21</sup> He is shown below an image of a standing Virgin and Child, a crescent moon at her feet. One verse of the text refers to *Thomas*, *spes Anglorum*, probably Thomas à Becket reflecting a little glory on his namesake, Thomas Betson. It is however extremely strange that an enclosed devout monk might choose such a self-celebratory image – perhaps Betson had no say in the matter. Could it be a piece of publisher's blurb, to promote the publication in 1500 of Betson's *Treatyse*? Or was it in fact printed after Betson's death in 1517, as some sort of preliminary move towards his beatification?

## The Later History of Syon

Betson overlapped for four years at Syon with its most famous son, and the only martyr of the Bridgettine Order, Richard Reynolds.<sup>22</sup> Reynolds was perhaps 50 years younger than Betson. He was a fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and entered Syon in 1513. He donated 94 books to Syon library, some at his profession, others perhaps later. He is said to have known Hebrew, Greek and Latin. He was dismembered at Tyburn on 4th May 1535 for opposing the supremacy of Henry VIII as Head of the Church in England. One quarter of his body was exposed on the gatehouse at Syon Abbey. His sister, Edith, a nun at Syon, remained there until her death in June 1538.

Betson died on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1517, and was interred in a brick vault at the west end of the south aisle of the church, on the brothers' side of the monastery, and to the east of the present Syon House. Archaeology has since pinpointed his grave, but not his bones, so thoroughly was all trace of the church at Syon Abbey dismantled at the Dissolution. Opposite, further east, is also buried an Agnes Betson, possibly a relative. She appears only at the end of her life, in the *Martyrologium*: 'Agnes Betson, soror' and died on 22 April 1510. We know nothing about her, nor, if related, she ever chose to meet Thomas Betson at the grated windows, for the permitted whispered conversations with relatives – which more strictly observant nuns were encouraged to forgo.

#### Betson and Herbs.

We have little to indicate what Betson was like as a person – the collection of passages in the Notebook are mainly conventional and utilitarian. He must have been trusted at Syon as sufficiently conservative and orthodox to run the library and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> According to Erler (1992) this may refer to the origin of text, rather than to Betson himself.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> For details and sources, see entry in ODNB by Virginia R. Bainbridge.

to publish a book. But in his Notebook doodles he reveals a little more of himself. Most are penwork, or intricate little swirling knot patterns pricked out in the vellum with guidemarks for the ink. However, on one page there are also two small pike swimming in the top margins (image 39, folio 43v and 44r) accompanied by some lines of a favourite quotation: –

Si tibi defidant medici, medici tibi fiant Hec tria: mens leta, labor, moderata dieta.

If so be that lechys do thee fayll, Make this thi governans, if that it may be: Temperat dyet and temperate traveyle.....

(Lydgate's Translation in Dietarium rithmizatum in Anglicis)

This quotation is from the influential and widespread School of Salerno *Regimen Sanitatis* – believed, perhaps incorrectly, to be dedicated to Robert, son of William the Conqueror (c. 1054-1134), copies of which were probably in the Syon *Registrum* at B.11 (SS1.88) or B.29 (SS1.106). According to Gillespie there also seems to have been a rhyming version of this in English by Lydgate - the *Dietarium rithmizatum in Anglicis* at B.29 (SS1.106d). The English version cited above is lines 9-11 of this latter. The English ends with the charming line, pertinent to this book and to Betson's herbal: 'this prescription comes from no apothecary.'

But the above lines also appear in a text on fishing, contemporary with Betson: *Treatyse of Fysshynge Wyth an Angle*, (written before 1450, with a printed version by 1496). It would be a pleasant thought, but completely without foundation, to imagine Betson at his desk in the Brothers' Library, a private copy of the *Treatyse of Fysshynge* to hand, longing to be out by the nearby Thames, all the while idly sketching little pike into his Notebook.<sup>23</sup> Or perhaps there was fishing at a '*stew*' or fishpond at Syon, as at the motherhouse at Vadstena in Sweden, to satisfy the house's needs of meatless Fridays and for fasting in Lent.<sup>24</sup> The fact that an unidentified *Oleum Benedictum*, rubbed on fishermen's nets, can attract fishes also caught Betson's eye:

Oleum benedictum: si piscatores unxerint retia sua, multitudinem piscium congregabunt. (Image 115 left, folio 110v, lines 28-30).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> At the top of his Image 39, folios 37v and 38r.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Betson omits the charming *angle-twitch* for *worm*, which is in Bray at Sloane 521, Fol. 172v, Col C.

And finally, it may be that we have Betson's own fingerprint in ink, rather blurred, in the central gutter of image 110, folios 105v and 106r, a strange extratextual physical presence across five centuries. But Betson, as a Librarian, would doubtless not have been pleased by blots on one of his own Syon library books – he had, after all, finished his *Ryght Profytable Treatyse* with words of admonition to new postulant nuns: 'Lerne to kepe your bokes clene.'

Although we have Betson's *Herbarium* and his Remedies, we do not really know what he himself thought of herbs and their uses. We do have one reference, however. In his *Ryght Profytable Treatyse* he has the following strange connection regarding greed, diet, medicines and lettuces:

It is wryten in the lyf of saynt Benet that a religious woman with a gredenes, receyued a wycked spiryte in etynge of letuse in the gardeyn.

There may be more to this than at first appears: lettuce seems to have had a mixed name in herbal history. Galen had rated 'lettuce' as cold in the first (weakest) degree - just below springwater, and having little effect. But Avicenna had noted its value as a food, and changed its degree of coldness to the second – this is picked up by Betson's source: *Letise is colde and moist in the second degree*' (image 95 right, folio 91r, lines 24-25). Macer Floridus still saw in lettuce a cure for 'polucion of the sperme', that is, night pollution (lines 20-25, on p90 of the Frisk edition). Perhaps we are hearing in Betson echoes of a very old debate.

Also, it has to be remembered that our modern Romantic sensibility in approaching 'Nature' is still some centuries away. Betson's approach to the delights of nature in a garden is to move immediately to encourage his female readers to conventional mediaeval religious sentiments. Addressing the novice nuns, he writes:

Whan ye shal go to your garden & seen the herber & grene trees, smellynge the floures, & fruytes with theyr swetnesse, meruaylle the grete power of god in his creatures & thenne labour & engendre in your mynde, or talkynge of devocion & lyfte vp your herte to heven & thynke verely that the maker of them that is your spouse in heven is vnspekable fayre, swete, delectable, and gloryous.

## Syon Abbey Gardens: After The Dissolution of 1539.

It is not clear from the written records if there was a monastic herb garden at Syon, and its location has not been revealed by the series of archaeological digs in the past decade. We do know that both Protector Somerset (d.1552) and the 'Wizard'

Ninth Earl of Northumberland (d.1632) rearranged the gardens of Syon House.<sup>25</sup> There was further landscaping of the park and lakes in 1760 by Capability Brown.

This probably means that a process of erasure has taken place many times. The recent Birkbeck archaeological digs revealed large circular structures to the East to the site of the church, interpreted as raised flower beds. Perhaps traces of herb gardens can be recovered too, along with the brothers' and sisters' infirmaries which they may have served. The infirmary sewer at Soutra Aisle in Midlothian was found to be full of medicinal seeds.<sup>26</sup> If the same were to happen at Syon, this might cast further light on the Syon Abbey Herbal.

Jackson (1910) in his guide to the trees and shrubs of Syon House notes the variety of Cypress mentioned by William Turner in 1548 (*Cupressus sempervirens*) was still present.<sup>27</sup> Gerarde in his herbal of 1597 also says that then there were Cypress trees at "Syon, a place neare London, sometime a house of nunnes." These slow growing trees may have been monastic in origin – they were presumably already sizeable enough for Turner to remark on them. Jackson also states, without giving sources, that in 1910:

Near the eastern front of the house some Mulberry trees still remain, which were planted there by the Lord Protector Somerset under Turner's direction. The botanic garden laid out by Turner was probably in front of the house, between it and the river [Thames], where the old prints show a walled garden, but the site is not known for certain.

The Mulberries at Syon are of especial historical interest, from the fact that they include what is reputed to be the oldest tree in England, said to be introduced from Persia in 1548. A remarkable specimen is growing from a small mound near the flower garden, and, though evidently of great age, it still bears fruit.

Jackson identifies the above as the *Morus nigra* or Black Mulberry. *Morus alba* or White Mulberry was then (1910) also present at Syon, on the south side of the Lake. This latter is the natural habitat of the silk worm. It seems unlikely that silk was ever prepared at Syon, the accepted date for the first and unsuccessful attempt being in 1609 under James I. Turner did not mention Mulberry trees in his audit of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See M. Addyman, Appendix 3 for details.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> See Moffat (1987-1998).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Jackson, A. Bruce (1910).

Syon gardens in 1548, so we can at least assume that they post-date the 1539 Dissolution.

It is not known if bees were kept at Syon. We know that Richard Reynolds gave to the library, at B.21 (SS1.98e), a Palladius *de Re Rustica* and *de Institutione*, in the Bologna edition of 1494 which dealt, inter alia, with gardening, cattle raising, bee-keeping and dovecotes. Bees in the orchards and gardens would have been ideal for both pollination of fruit trees, for producing wax for candles, and for honey.

The requirement that the candles used at mass should be only of beeswax seems to be a recent formulation, but the usage may in fact be ancient. The many altars at Syon, and lighting for the choir stalls, must also have consumed large amounts of wax, but one would be hard pressed today to find any mediaeval beeswax in quantity. We do however have what may be one small drop of Syon beeswax. On folio 71r of a copy of the *Mirror of Our Lady* in English, owned by Sister Elizabeth Moncton, there is small drop of bright yellow beeswax, with perhaps the indentation of a tiny fingernail.<sup>28</sup> No other Syon MS of the many we have examined seems to have wax gutterings, certainly none with this intimate and perhaps slightly guilty personal signature from somewhere between 1518 and 1539.

## Dating the Syon Abbey Herbal.

When did Betson start his task of compiling the herbal, and when did he lay down his pen? One indication of dating is at the very end of his notebook, where, in tiny handwriting, almost hidden, he wrote down a prophecy that 'all flesh would perish by fire in 1500.' <sup>29</sup> This could of course have been written by Betson at any time prior to 1500. If the Notebook had already been made up before 1500, an end-note on the back cover would be a good place to secrete a dangerous prediction.

Firmer dating is perhaps provided by publication in 1500 of Betson's *A Ryght Profytable Treatyse*. What look like the draft 'foul papers' for this publication appear very early in the Notebook and before the Herbal, at images 15 and 16, folios 10v to 12r. If we conclude that everything after these folios is post-1500, then the Herbal would presumably have been written after 1500, but before Betson's death in February 1517. We need, however, to assume that the Notebook was bound up in the order it was written, though this is not necessarily the case. It may even be possible

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Aberdeen University Library: MS.134. Last Leaf: '*This booke belongyth to syster Elizabeth Monton'* identified as Elizabeth Mountayne or Montague (professed 15 August 1518 – perhaps deceased by 1539, and in the *Martyrologium* as 17 July).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Image 131, left: inserted into the space in a capital letter P, on an endpage, an unnumbered reused sheet from a breviary or hymnal.

that the herbal text was compiled *before* Betson joined Syon Abbey, and when he was still a secular cleric in Wimbish. This might explain his many notes on pregnancy and women's illnesses, given that it is unlikely that a brother at Syon would be involved in the care of sick sisters.<sup>30</sup>

The world did not however end in 1500. Betson lived on into his 80s to February 1517. In October of that year, Luther posted his 95 theses on the doors of Wittenberg Castle Church, attacking the indulgences such as those which Betson had perhaps endorsed. But the world would indeed end for Syon Abbey in 1539, with its closure and demolition. Betson's precious library was cast to the winds. Of the 55 volumes listed in the medical section 'B' of the *Registrum*, only two are known to survive; of the 1,747 in the library as a whole, only 43 have ever been found. And this is the picture for practically every religious house in Britain. According to Ker, of perhaps more than 120,000 titles in over 600 British cathedrals, abbeys, convents, colleges and hospitals, perhaps a meagre 6,000 or 5% are now identifiable.<sup>31</sup>

Syon Abbey Church was dismantled stone by stone. The lead from the roofs was probably melted *in situ* and shipped away, and the great bell tower was demolished. Some time after 1547 the Duke of Somerset, Protector to the Protestant boy-king, Edward VI, moved into what buildings remained, laid out new gardens, and brought in his entourage his physician, William Turner. Turner was, like Somerset, also a Protestant, and is seen as the father of English botany. He had fled abroad under Henry VIII, returned under Edward, and after the latter's death, had to leave England again when Catholic Mary I came to the throne.

In the late 1540s Turner was at Syon and noted the plants; this is a unique post-Dissolution audit.<sup>32</sup> He found amongst other things a Pomegranate tree. This was both a symbol of fertility, and the emblem of Catherine of Aragon, a frequent visitor to Syon Abbey. She however bore no living male issue in her six pregnancies, when Henry VIII still loved her.<sup>33</sup> But, as Turner writes, in a twist of politics, religion and

<sup>32</sup> See Appendix 4. John Tradescant, in Parkinson's *Theatrum Botanicum* (1640), is credited incorrectly with introducing the pomegranate into England, but nearly a century later. There was still a Pomegranate tree at Syon at the time of Forrest's 1831 audit, classified under Hardy Trees at page120: *Punica Granatum, I v. flavescens*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Vincent Gillespie, Pers. Comm. August 2014.

<sup>31</sup> Ker (1964).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> See British Library Royal MS 11 E XI, given to Henry VIII, which contains the image of a pomegranate tree within *Felix Anglia* as a sea-girt castle, below sprigs of the Lancastrian and Yorkist red and white roses. From Flanders c.1516.

gardening, 'There are pomegranates in my Lord Somerset's garden in Syon, but their fruit cometh never to perfection.'

There is an intriguing footnote to Turner's stay at Syon. An inventory for Syon House prior to its 1594 acquisition by Henry Percy, 9th Earl of Northumberland, records one unidentified room as being 'Master Morgayns Potticary.' The inventory lists nothing of significance, but a Hugh Morgan (c.1530-1613) was apothecary to Queen Elizabeth from 1583 onwards. Morgan also knew Turner, and had been given some roots of Hedge Hyssop, *Gratiola officinalis*, by him.<sup>34</sup> Perhaps therefore a garden which specialized in growing medicinal herbs continued to exist at Syon, from before the Dissolution and up to at least the 1580s.

## Vadstena and its Daughter Houses.

Syon's motherhouse, the convent at Vadstena in Sweden, had been gifted to St Bridget in 1346, but was not consecrated until 1384. Because of difficulties over recognition of a new double order of both men and women, for nearly half a century Vadstena did not found any daughterhouses, until in 1393 with a house at Utrecht, 1394 at Florence and 1396 at Marbrunn in Danzig. Two houses founded in 1410 at Genoa and at Mariendal in Denmark preceded Syon' foundation of 1415. Maribo, also Denmark, followed in 1416, and Valencia in 1419. In all there were 27 European houses before the Reformation, the last being in 1464 at Dendermonde (Termonde).

## Monastery Finances, and Numbers of Nuns in England to 1539.

At the Dissolution in England, (1536 to 1539), Jacka (1917, p2) lists 123 nunneries in England alone, with a total number of women religious of 1,198. She notes that the Dissolution also included nunneries in Ireland (3), Wales (3), and the Isle of Man (1), possibly Calais (1) as well as the Gilbertine double order with 139 nuns. At the end, Syon had 51 nuns, but Shaftesbury in Dorset had more, at 57. Next came Amesbury, Wiltshire with 33, and Barking, Essex with 30. Syon's income was £1,944. 11s. 51/4d, in properties in twelve counties, from Cornwall to Lancashire.<sup>35</sup> This was doubtless an administrative and accounting nightmare, requiring a bailiff for each manor.

By way of comparison, Shaftesbury had an annual income of £1,208.6s.0d, while Glastonbury Abbey, the richest, had £3,301. 7s 4d. But most nunneries, in Jacka's telling phrase, were 'as poverty stricken as they were aristocratic......that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See ODNB entry John Bennell, 'Morgan, Hugh (*c*.1530–1613)', *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, Oxford University Press, 2004; online edition, Jan 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> About £1.1mn on an *historic standard of living value* for purchase of goods and services, as adjusted by historic UK Retail Price Index calculations. See <a href="http://www.measuringworth.com/index.php">http://www.measuringworth.com/index.php</a>

any nun was ever drawn from a class below the rich bourgeoisie is extremely doubtful, and the dominant class in the nunneries was the country gentry.'

## The Medical Section Books in Syon Abbey Library.

Before turning to the Syon Abbey Herbal proper, we need to look at the books available to Betson in Section B of the Syon Library. Up to perhaps the 1520s the books represented donations by both those joining Syon and lay people. It is generally thought that the donations have a random quality, representing the individual collections of the donors, perhaps from their university days. Several points are immediately noticeable in looking at Syon's holdings of medical books:

- Syon had most current European medical, medical-astrological and herbal classics. Despite the random nature and extended period of their donation, the 55 listed volumes of both printed books and manuscripts in the 'B' section of the *Registrum* at Syon, and the over 250 titles they contain, are similar to most of the British and major European holdings in religious houses.<sup>36</sup>
- Syon also held copies of many books which had for some time been part of the required reading at the main medical universities abroad, such as Paris and Montpellier, as well as the astrological and astronomical texts known to have been required by the University Bologna. For example, at Paris by 1422 apothecaries were required to have the *Antidotarium Nicholai*, the *Circa Instans* of Platearius and the *Cinonima Correcta* (Serapion's Synonyms).<sup>37</sup> Syon had the first two of these, and possibly also the Serapion in an omnibus edition.
- These holdings may indeed reflect the academic interests of their donors, rather than any official acquisitions policy, though the range, at least in medicine is surprisingly wide. Some books were perhaps already dated by the time they came to be accessioned at Syon. But the last 100 or so printed books (medical and medical-astrology) donated by Richard Reynolds both before and after his profession, reflect the wider world of what may be called early modern neo-platonic humanism.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> See Appendix 1 for transcription of the *Registrum* from Gillespie (2001).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See Trease (1959) p47, footnote 194.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> For an excellent background paper, and further notes on Betson as librarian, see: Gillespie, Vincent (2010). *Syon and the English Market for Continental Printed Books: The Incunable Phase* in *Syon Abbey and Its Books: Reading, Writing and Religion*, c.1400 – 1700. Boydell Press, Woodbridge.

- Syon seems to have acquired a considerable number of books in its medical section which appear unique in Britain. Its library often has the only copy of a medical book in Britain, as listed in the British Library *Corpus of Mediaeval Libraries*. However, the fragmentary nature of other extant monastic library records, as evidenced in the BL *Corpus*, make it difficult to assert Syon's preeminence with complete confidence.
- Syon's collection of medical books in *English* also appears unique in Britain. The BL *Corpus* lists only about 60 mediaeval library books as being definitely in the English language, out of perhaps 9,000 titles.<sup>40</sup> Of these, some ten are from Syon, and five are medical. This stark picture is only marginally improved by Ker, whose list of surviving attributable books in English in all British houses is only around 100, out of his total of some 6,000 survivors.<sup>41</sup>
- Syon is curiously paralleled by holdings of English devotional books across the River Thames at the Carthusian house at Sheen. Of these, four survive (Ker, 1964, p 178). Could there have been a relationship at work here, with Sheen copying books in English, to be passed to Syon novices?

Despite this rich resource, Betson seems to have used almost none of the medical, astrological or herbal books in his library in compiling his own herbal. Instead Betson used the following sources, which were not in the library:

1. For his *Herbarium*, Betson used the *Sinonoma de nominibus herbarum* of John Bray, Physician to Edward III (d.1381). It is preserved in six MSS. Of those examined, the closest to Betson seems to be BL Sloane MS 282, fols. 167*v*–173*v*, which tallies closely with Betson's *Herbarium*.<sup>42</sup> Betson also seems to have had access to the remedies contained in the British Library Sloane MS 521, mainly using an anonymous and general collection of remedies at folios 189-275. This

<sup>40</sup> The search terms include translations into English (26), and the catalogue terms: *Anglica, Anglica, Anglica, Anglico, Angli* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Edited by Sharpe, Professor R. (1990-2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Jones, (1999b) cites the growing number of translations into English of medical and scientific books from 1375 onwards - see pp. 434-435. Some were 'of unimpeachable academic quality.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> British Library, Sloane MS 282, fols. 167v–173v: 'sinonima de nominibus herbarum secundum magistrum Iohannem Bray'; Cambridge, Magdalene College MS Pepys 1661 pp. 245-66; Cambridge University Library Dd.II.45; Cambridge Trinity College MS O. I. 13 (1037) ff. 37v-44r (incomplete);; Durham University Library: DUL MS Cosin V.III.11; Glasgow University Library, MS 185, ff. 1-6v. The Glasgow and Durham MSS have not yet been examined.

- is slightly curious, since Sloane 521 also contains Bray's *Practica Medicinae*, at Fols.128-159v, but this does not seem to have been used by Betson.<sup>43</sup>
- 2. It is less clear what text of Betson had in front of him when compiling his list of Remedies. Certainly his wording follows closely that of Bray in Sloane MS 521 on numerous occasions, but he omits a considerable amount of Bray material. Betson does however insert symbols into his text at the points where he departs from Bray usually two strokes as //, or else a paragraph mark as  $\Pi$ . This seems to suggest that Betson had several sources open in front of him, and was inserting chosen remedies, in some kind of order which is no longer apparent to us.
- 3. For example, he included remedies from Sloane MS 3285, a Middle English collection which according to eLALME linguistic analysis (see below) originated somewhere close to the northern border of Sussex with Kent.<sup>44</sup>
- 4. Betson also uses recipes found in Dawson's *Leechbook*. Perhaps further research may reveal the relationship to Betson of Sloane 282, 581 and 3285 as well as the *Leechbook*.
- 5. Betson's section *de Urinalibus* ('on urine flasks') draws on two widely circulating texts of the early Middle Ages, *Urina Rufa* (Reddish Urine) and *Colamentum sanguinis* (Cleansing of the Blood). These two texts originated in a 12<sup>th</sup>-century uroscopy treatise that has been called by German scholars, '*Der kurze Harntraktat*' (The Short Treatise on Urine). The text was mistakenly attributed to Johannes Vitalis (d.1327) in both the manuscript (1300s) and printed version (1531) of his *Pro Conservanda Vitae*.
- 6. Betson may also have used a copy of the *Breviarium Bartholomaei* of John Mirfield (fl.1390) of St Bartholomew's Hospital in London.<sup>46</sup> Betson's recipe for an *aqua ardens* at lines 15-19 below is almost identical to Mirfield's

 $<sup>^{43}</sup>$  Sloane MS 521 is tiny – 5 inches high, by 2 ½ wide, (13cm x 7). It is confusingly paginated three times, but is probably about 300 folios long, and contains about 105,000 words in very small but perfect handwriting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Mackintosh, Samuels & Benskin (2013). Edinburgh University Electronic Linguistic Atlas of Late Mediaeval English. <a href="http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/ihd/elalme/elalme.html">http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/ihd/elalme/elalme.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Dawson, Warren R., (1934). *A Leechbook or Collection of Medical Recipes from the Fifteenth Century.* The text of Medical Society of London MS No. 136.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Probably at B6 c, (SS1 82) in the Registrum

Breviarium, folio 262r, col A, line 48. But other 'aqua ardens' texts in Betson differ greatly from Mirfield. The number and coverage in Mirfield's Breviarium Bartholomaei is extensive, with fifty different distilled waters. The overlap with Betson is small, suggesting that another source, which we were unable to identify, must have been used by Betson. The same is the case with the sixty 'Oleum' recipes in the Breviarium Bartholomaei, which bear little relationship to those of Betson.

7. There are also some similarities in Betson with the sections on various *Aquae Vitae* in the *Tractatus Mirabilium Aquarum* (*de Preciosa Aqua ad Oculos*) by Petrus Hispanus, c.1205-1277, who was perhaps identical with Pope John XXI (*sedit* 1276-77). The Latin text of Betson (image 112 right, folio 108r, line 1 to image 113 right, folio 109r, line 8) follows it, with some variations in BL Sloane 1754, which is from St Augustine's, Canterbury, c. AD 1300.

## Analysis of Betson's Herbarium and the Remedies.

The two sections of Betson's Herbal fall neatly apart into the *Herbarium* list of plants (copied from Bray Sloane MS 282), and the list of remedies (assembled by Betson himself). The *Herbarium* is a reference work, designed by John Bray, as befits a physician to the king, to be a guide to a pharmacopeia of herbs. Bray's list of plant names illuminates a number of difficulties in deciphering the text of Betson, who was perhaps working from a slightly corrupt version. To chose one of many examples, Betson has what looks like 'connarasses' which gives no clue as to its real meaning. Bray has the more intelligible 'toun cress' which is a form of watercress.

It looks however as though Betson had access to other sources, also used by Bray. For example with regard to *Anacardus*, a cashew-like nut, Bray quotes a source in English: *Anacardus is the lous of an elephant & sume sey that hit ys the fruyt of a tree*. Betson had access to the same quotation, but in Latin - *Anacardus est pediculus elephantis; secundum quosdam est fructus cuiusdam arboris*. This *canard* does not appear in antiquity, but it is in the 12<sup>th</sup> century *Circa Instans*, which actually debunks the 'louse origin.' It is also in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century *Clavis Sanitatis* by Simon of Genoa.<sup>47</sup> So Betson and Bray were drawing on different language versions of the same source.

There appears to be no correspondence between the plants cited in the *Herbarium* by Betson, and those listed in his Remedies. This is probably because, as mentioned above, Betson draws many of his remedies from sources other than Bray. Betson's *Herbarium* has nearly 700 entries, many being rather rare and exotic plants. But there are only 130 or so plants listed in his Remedies. Even when Betson cites a common English plant in the *Herbarium* – such as St John's Wort (nine times), this

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> 'Simon online': <a href="http://www.simonofgenoa.org/index.php5?title=Anacardus">http://www.simonofgenoa.org/index.php5?title=Anacardus</a> (accessed 31 May 2014).

only translates into one mention in his remedies. Henbane, an important analysic and soporific, also has nine mentions in the *Herbarium*, but only three in the remedies. Furthermore, of the 130 or so named herbs in the remedies, 44 are used in only one or two remedies, despite being relatively common in Britain.

There is considerable variation between herbs used in mediaeval herbals within the same basic recipe. Hargreaves in 'Some problems in Indexing Middle English Recipes' (1981) points out the variety in remedies in the 200 or so manuscripts he examined. He mentions 40 variants, for example, of Betson's 'For clensing of the head' (image 100, folio 96r, line 14 onwards). He notes that variants tend to omit and simplify, or even change the ingredients. For example 'Peletre of Spayne' is retained in full by Betson, but often becomes in other manuscripts elsewhere simply 'Peletre'). Betson's remedy required five days to work. In Hargreaves, most of his 40 examples for 'cleansing the head' required only three or four days. In Betson these variants can be shown in the mentions of Pestilencia, the Plague. He has three very different remedies for the plague, with about 7 ingredients each, and only two ingredients overlap, Feverfew and Knapweed. Hargreaves gives several explanations for this variation in what is essentially the same remedy: scribes copying the same recipe several times a day, ultimately from memory; miscopying, simplifying and editing; and translating from a Latin or French original.

Hargreaves looked for example, at 25 different recipes for 'headache'. Betson lists another 14 (including some in Latin), but of these only two appear to be the same as in Hargreaves' samples. So there is, as one might well expect, not only variations within remedies, but also, as perhaps today, completely different remedies available for the same complaint. These variations may also be attributed to the fact that a pharmacopeia was driven both by a list of diseases, and a list of herbs arranged according to their various uses and applications.

Betson has, for example, eight mentions of gout, including one at Image 104 left, folio 99v, lines 13-21, which involves taking an owl, baking it to powder, before turning it into an ointment. This striking recipe is fairly widespread across manuscripts, time, and English dialects, and is memorable for its weirdness. As with many such strange remedies, the modern reaction is to believe that it might just work. This possibility is perhaps called into question by Sloane 3285, folio 43, lines 6-13, which cites almost the same recipe as a cure for the *falling sickness* (epilepsy) but involves reducing a *Raven* to powder. Feckenham, last Abbot of Westminster, has a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup>Also in the *Liber de Diversis Medicinis* (Thornton MS, Lincoln Cathedral A.5.2) ed. Ogden, Margaret Sinclair, EETS OUP 1938, at folio 306v lines 30-35, p63, and note on p.110. Similar recipes occur in Dawson p206, para 655; Henslow MS A, line 15, p19; Sloane 3285 Fol.3v, lines 14-32; and also in Culpeper's Last Legacy as late as 1671.

powdered *Jay* for the same illness at Remedy 348 in his *Sovereign Remedies*.<sup>49</sup> In BL Royal 12 B XII 'Cancre' is cured by the head, feet and intestines of a baked *Crane*.

Betson and his contemporaries used not only animal ingredients but also chemical and mineral materials. It was not realized that some of these chemical and mineral ingredients could be harmful, particularly if used over a long period. For example, a Betson recipe to whiten women's skin (Image 114 Left, folio 109v) called for various compounds of lead, made aromatic with camphor. Curiously, one of Betson's ingredients was still trading under its mediaeval name of *Litargirio*, and being sold to the Latino community in the US as late as 2003 as an anti-perspirant. It was one third ground lead, and was the subject of a US government health warning as a source of poisoning.

Mediaeval herbals are also full of citations that a particular remedy works. We find in the margins of Betson's text the set phrase 'Expertum est' implying that the recipe had been tried and tested successfully. This occurs for example at Image 115 right, folio 111r, line 22, in another cure for gout. It required the production of an ointment from a very old and very thin dog which had been killed and stuffed with frogs between two feasts of the Virgin, i.e. August 15th (Assumption into Heaven) and September 8th (Birth of the Virgin). This was perhaps linked in the popular mind with the Dog Days around this period. The application of frogs and frogs' legs to cure gout is ancient, Betson's cure being only one more variant.

Betson contains not only remedies involving the consumption of animals, he also cites solutions for dealing with various creatures: to get rid of moles, put an onion in their runs; use St John's Wort to seize snakes without being bitten; burn Asafoetida to have a rout of wild animals follow you; and avoid bee or wasp stings by applying juice of Mallows. These are of course the stuff of general folklore, ancient and modern.

As an afterthought, it is of course all too easy for us in the enlightened 21st century to make fun of the more exotic elements in Betson's selection of remedies – dried bees for baldness, dead dogs, frogs and baked owls for gout, an *Aqua aromatica ad nobiles et matronas*. From what we know of Betson, we should be careful before we assume that the joke is on him – he too may have smiled wryly as he glanced at his source material. But of unassailable seriousness, and more worthy of our sympathy, are the pills and potions 'contra pestilenciam' at a time when the Plague was still a real and constant threat, against which there was little that could be done, except, as the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> See Lalor (1995) and Macgill (1990).

Vadstena manuscripts tell us, to implore the assistance of heaven by prayers and masses.

One way to endorse a recipe was to cite it as having been used by royalty, both as a ploy to gain prestige, and also perhaps on the not unlikely assumption that royalty had access to the best advice and could afford the best ingredients. Betson does this only once, at image 111, folio 107r, line 12, for Tyngewich's *Aqua Nobilis* recipe for the eyes, requiring about 20 ingredients. Tyngewich was physician to Edward I, though Betson or his source changes this to Edward III. Bray was of course Physician to Edward III, and this may account for the error.

More practically, some of the ingredients in Betson's Remedies are often an element to make them palatable, or to act as a preservative. Honey is a good example of both, and appears 20 times in the Betson recipes, for example to remove the bitterness of *Spurges* or *Mustard*. Various gums e.g. *Storax*, are also commonly used to bind ingredients into pills, while perhaps also having a supposed medical effect.

Dangerous herbs seem to have been avoided by Betson or his sources in the Remedies – no Hemlock, Mandrake or Aconite. The latter two are not even in Betson's *Herbarium* list, though Bray has *Mandragora*. There are only three minor uses of Henbane in Betson (e.g. as a pain reliever for toothache and headache) and only one mention for Deadly Nightshade, in an *aqua vite* (Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Line 12 onwards). Hellebore, which can also have dangerous repercussions, occurs only twice, as a laxative and to provoke purging. Its psychotropic effects, known from antiquity, are not mentioned. Pennyroyal, which can have an abortifacient effect, is mentioned 6 times in Betson though without any mention of its dangers, and once as actually aiding conception. The role of delivering a dead foetus is allocated to Rue and Mugwort, at image 95, folio 90v, line 9 and folio 91v, line 17.

Betson cites several kinds of pain-killers – two from poppies, one from Henbane, and one from *Quinquiracium*, whose identity is now uncertain. Henbane was of course well known in the mediaeval period, and formed the basis of John Arderne's surgical interventions for the *fistula in ano* – fistula in the anus, a condition doubtless rendered more painful by continuous riding on horseback. Henbane was also one of the major finds in the infirmary drains at Soutra Aisle in Scotland.<sup>50</sup>

*Quinquiracium,* which occurs in both Betson and Bray with the opiates, is extremely rare as a term, and does not seem to have been picked up by Hunt (1989)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> See Moffatt, (1987-1998).

in the 64 MSS of *Synonima* from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> century which he examined.<sup>51</sup> It does however occur in Mirfield's *Sinonoma Bartholomaei*, and it seems probable that this was the ultimate source for both Betson and Bray. The exact identity of *Quinquiracium* appears to be lost, but its name is ultimately derived from Cyrenaica, now in Libya. A variety of the name, *Quirinacium*, is in the *Latin Galen* (Everett 2012), but the term seems to have been an invention of the Middle Ages. It has a parallel and perhaps precedent in another place-name among the opiates: *Opium Thebaicum*, from opium poppies originally grown at Thebes in Egypt. This term is in both Betson and Bray, and is fairly common in herbals.<sup>52</sup>

By the 15<sup>th</sup> century trade in spices was well established. Betson has chosen a number of recipes or remedies that call, for example, for Nutmeg (14 in all, if Mace is included), as well as Cinnamon (7). Cloves only feature in three recipes, and the supposedly ubiquitous mediaeval Cumin is also only in four samples. Garlic (while not strictly a spice) is also relatively absent, with only 3 mentions, while Saffron is rarely used at all.

Finally, we see once in Betson's Remedies the herbalist explaining his craft and prescription, not in any abstract terms of a plant's degrees of heat or cold, or of humours, or the motions of the stars, but in a straightforward description of its action on the patient:

'Et nota quod Bugula tenet plagam apertam, Millefolium purgat, Sanicla sanat.' 53

[Note that Bugle keeps the wound open, Millefolium purges it, and Sanicle heals it.]

And it is certainly the herbalist speaking down to the surgeon when he goes on to state in the same paragraph that his cure is achieved solely by means of a potion:

'sine instrumento sirurgico, et sine ferro, et sine ligno, et sine tenta.'

[Without the use of a surgical instrument, or a knife, or any wooden implement, or of a probe.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Image 84 Left, Folio 79v, Col. A, Line 27. An unidentified plant. EMED gives '**Quirinaik**, the gum resin of the Old World *silphium*'. It is equated in Mowat, SB p.32 to *Ferula foetida*, Asafoetida. Its location in Betson's *Herbarium* next to *opium* suggests another opiate, perhaps its original use.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> In Mowat Alphita at p.129 as *Opium thebaicum idem succus papaveris albi*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Image 117 right, folio 113r, lines 12-15.

#### Betson's Choice of Remedies.

Betson's use of John Bray's *Sinonoma*, as one of the best available, meant that there was very little leeway for choice in the names of plants for his *Herbarium*. But the choice of remedies might have been more under Betson's control. Yet it is an eclectic collection, in which cosmetics and distilled aromatics, such as rose water, take up much space, and jostle for attention with serious medical conditions. This was however standard practice in the herbal from classical times to the Renaissance.

Betson lists around 450 remedies for various complaints. By far the largest number is for eye complaints (24 remedies). This probably reflects the easy transmission of some eye infections and the lack of clean water. It may also have been caused by the general smokiness of an environment where candles were the main form of lighting, and wood (or charcoal) the main form of fuel for heating and cooking. Perhaps reading religious books and missals in poor light, was also an added strain on the eyes, 'sore eyen' being the principal sub-category. The lack of spectacles, or use of unsuitable lenses may also have been another contributory factor. Spectacle frames were in fact found in the recent Syon Abbey archaeological excavations, though the glass was missing.<sup>54</sup>

Stomach problems also loom large, with 21 remedies, perhaps a reflection of the monastic life, and a poor, restricted and unbalanced diet, and continuous fasting. There are also several remedies for those with 'no talent to mete' meaning loss of appetite. Gout figures largely in the remedies, with 9 remedies, while 'dropsy' probably resulting from a variety of causes, but also related to diet, has 13 herbal treatments. There is also a range of remedies associated with strokes, such as loss of speech, palsy, apoplexy and paralysis. Fever, at 21 remedies, also cover a wide range, and interestingly these include both the tertian and quartan fevers, which are both characteristic of malaria, covered below in the case studies of this Introduction.

Occasionally Betson seems to have chosen a particularly luxurious recipe, such as that of Nicholas of Tynechewik (d.1339), image 111 right, folio 107r, lines 9-23. Here the recipe requires 18 ingredients, distilled over three days, and including the urine of a young boy, and breast milk. Not surprisingly it is an 'aqua aquarum nobilissima, pro omni causa et omni vitio oculorum' [a most noble water of waters, for every purpose and every defect of the eyes.] Betson's 'Pomum Ambre' (pomander) recipe is marked 'pro divitibus' (for the rich – there were other lesser varieties for the poor), and has nine ingredients, including amber and exotic aromatic gums.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> See Bibliography: Wessex Archaeology, October 2003.

Another recipe at image 110 right, folio 106r, lines 1-15 differentiates between the wealth of different patients, 'secundum divitias et pauperitates patientis.' It goes on to provide a long and involved recipe for a rich patient for a distilled water, which takes six days to make, and is to be stored in a gold or silver vase. The crown however must go to Betson's *Aqua vita perfectissima*, which has 37 ingredients, many exotic. It is immediately followed by a less expensive version of 13 ingredients, made from the more usual native British plants.<sup>55</sup>

One puzzling aspect is why Betson chose to place so much emphasis on female complaints which would not have presented themselves in an enclosed community of nuns. He lists over two dozen herbal applications, from conception to delivery, by way of lactation, inflammation of the nipples and diagnosis of pregnancy by uroscopy. For equal measure, there are a good number of complaints associated with the male genitalia. It is of course possible that the Herbal was compiled before Betson entered Syon Abbey, and was still fulfilling the functions of a parish priest in Wimbish in Essex. The range of required remedies would in that case have naturally been wider and have applied to both sexes.<sup>56</sup>

But we have in fact no indications when and why Betson wrote his Herbal. It may have merely reflected his wide range of interests. It might have been a way for him to check on the names of herbs being sold to the monastery by apothecaries, or recommended by physicians. We might also speculate (and it is no more than that) that it might have been a draft book to pass through the 'rota' to the sisters side. This, however, seems rather unlikely, given the large amount of difficult Latin in the text. It also seems unlikely that his herbal was a draft for external publication. The market had moved on, and there was by 1500 a good supply of high quality herbals, illustrated with woodcuts, coming into England from the continent, for example the *Hortus Sanitatis* of which Syon had a copy, and which Betson as librarian may have seen.<sup>57</sup>

### The Naming Of Plants.

### 1 Pagan Charms and Christian Names.

There appear to be no charms or spells in Betson, unlike those found in many mediaeval herbals. In fact, Betson chooses not to repeat a charm present in Mirfield's *Sinonoma Bartholomaei* (Mowat p.189) under 'Mullein':

<sup>56</sup> We are grateful to Professor Vincent Gillespie for this suggestion. *Pers. Comm. August*, 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Image 107 right, folio 103r, line 12 onwards.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Syon *Registrum*, SS1.109, B.32. The *secundo folio* indicates a publication date between 1497 and 1517.

Tapsus Barbatus Maior....Molena...Pistatus cum pane grosso tritici, postea elixatus in vino rubeo et emplastratus circa manus ab intrante, domo eius inimicus exiet.

[Mullein..... if it is ground with large breadcrumbs, then added as an elixir in red wine, and used as a plaster around one's hand on entering a house, the enemy (*perhaps Devil*) will depart.]

These spells and charms could have a long lifetime. Gilbertus Anglicus had them, and noted that some believed that wounds could be cured by a charm (*divino carmine* - see Getz 1998 p.41). Even as late as the 1580s John Feckenham, the former Benedictine Abbot of Westminster Abbey, disgraced but miraculously alive as an orthodox and conservative Catholic, incorporated them into his *Sovereign Medicines*.

With regard to names of plants there are over seven hundred entries in Betson's *Herbarium* but surprisingly only a very small number of the names carry Christian connotations. These latter are most likely to be the popular names, or at least those popularised by the Church, and sometimes perhaps replacing pagan or obscene names. There are also a small number of names where a reference to the gods and goddesses of antiquity are retained, but these tend to be the 'learned' names, derived from classical pre-Christian sources.

Clearly deriving from Christianity is the ubiquitous 'St John's Wort', Hypericon, though several other plants bore this name. St John's Wort comes into flower around the summer solstice, close to the Eve and Nativity of St John the Baptist (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June). But Gilbertus Anglicus, at folio cccxix in the British Library copy of the Compendium Medicinae has a receipt for 'Oleum benedictun: in vigilia beati iohannis baptistae, collige iusquiamum in magna quantitate' [Oleum Benedictum, on the vigil of St John the Baptist, gather henbane in great amounts] where it is plainly Henbane that is to be collected. St John's Wort was therefore only one of the herbs collected at that festival. There was also a sermon in the Syon library de maleficiis in vigilia sancti Iohannis Baptiste This is the intriguing but now untraceable 'Concerning Witches on the Eve of St John.' which is attributed to St Augustine in the Registrum at N.64 (SS1.918).

Given its ancient name of *fuga demonum* and its high modern reputation, it is perhaps disappointing to find that Betson cites only one unlikely use for St John's Wort – *Ut Serpentes manu capias sine dampno: unge manum tuam cum succo Herbe Sancti Johannis Baptistis et non nocebis.* (To seize snakes by the hand without hurt, anoint

your hand with the juice of the herb of St John the Baptist, and you shall take no harm.)<sup>58</sup>

Another contender for a religious name might be Betson's *Barba Aaron*, or *Arum maculatum*, lords and ladies. This plant had a more obscene folk name as an aphrodisiac, 'priest's pintle', still lurking in 'cuckoo pint' in modern English. The other old name, 'Wake Robin' is likewise a reference to the male organ and *Arum's* irritant effect.<sup>59</sup> *Barba Aaron* might be seen as a biblical reference, but perhaps it conflates Aaron of the Bible and his luxuriant beard, with a possible name from Dioscorides of *Aron*.

For those who like to beat the Oxford English Dictionary on earliest recorded dates for a word, or the University of Michigan Middle English Dictionary on entries, we have Samphere (modern Samphire) in Betson – not recorded in the EMED in this form, and not in the OED before 1542, (it is in *King Lear* by 1608). In the OED it is said to be a form of the French 'Saint Pierre', but is also perhaps a variant of 'perce pierre' - a stone crop name. Betson also has Powder Holland, as sort stomach settler. It is not in the EMED, and appears only in the OED in 1534. The problem with dating these entries is that parts of the Notebook may have been written post-Betson's death in 1517 – there is a suggestion of other unidentifiable hands at work.

Hemlock was also called *Herba Benedicta*, the blessed herb, and there may be an element here of not speaking the name of a particularly dangerous plant: it was a potent painkiller which could also bring death in its wake. Similarly Deadly Nightshade had its potency concealed and its name Christianised in Betson as *Herba Sancte Marie*, *Seynt Mary Bery*. In this context it is interesting to note that the vernacular name 'dwale' meaning to stupefy, and used in Turner both for an anaesthetic drink containing Hemlock, and also as a name for Deadly Nightshade, does not occur in Betson. It is frequent in many mediaeval herbal texts, including Betson's source, Bray in Sloane MS 521, in a recipe for Dwale, where Hemlock, Henbane and Bryony (wyld nepe) appear, but Deadly Nightshade is omitted.<sup>60</sup>

There is also some mild clerical humour in naming – Cowslips are called *Herba Paradisi* - the flowers were seen as similar to the bunch of keys to the pearly gates of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Image 99 right, Folio 95r, lines 1-3. See also Reeds (2012) for fuller discussion of *Hypericon perforatum L.* in folk medicine.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> See Grigson, (1958), pp.429-431 (*Arum maculatum*) and pp.290-291 for Deadly Nightshade and Dwale.

<sup>60</sup> Voigts, L. E. & Hudson R. P. (1992), pp. 34-56. See also Sloane MS 521 Folio 229/225/29v., Line 21.

paradise held by St. Peter, – hence the French and German folk names 'clef de Saint Pierre', 'Peters Blume'.<sup>61</sup>

But the main surprise in Betson is the number of plants listed by their classical Latin names – with Venus coming out as the main inspiration. The modern *Umbilicus rupestris*, Pennywort, was *Umbilicus veneris*; *Vervena officinalis*, Vervain, was *Herba Veneris*; while *Achillea millefolium*, Yarrow was *Supercilium veneris*. One 'Venus' name has survived into modern scientific usage: *Adiantum capillus-veneris*, or Maidenhair fern in the modern vernacular. It was *Capillus Veneris* in Betson.

Plant names also tend, like other words, to become obsolete and fall out of use. Betson and Bray both have variants of the now incomprehensible *Yekersteys* for cuckoo pint – *Yeke* being 'cuckoo', while 'tarse' was a term for the 'penis' and still in use in 1530 (OED); but, like 'yerde' and 'pint' these terms have long since been replaced. Betson uses the word 'pintle' for Sloane 3285's 'yerde'. The use of 'pintle' was however probably declining, and would be obsolete by 1600; the use of 'yerde' would go on for another two centuries. It is therefore noticeable that Betson shows no hesitation in including words now considered vulgar from his text sources. But he uses less direct terms to refer to the female genitalia, using 'muliebria' as a polite Latin alternative. This is not the case in other technical writers of the time: EMED carries a number of explicit mediaeval terms.

Celandine, *Chelidonium majus* had the English name 'Tetterwort', tetters then being a skin disease such as eczema and impetigo, supposedly cured by this plant. The meaning of 'tetters' is today no longer generally recognised, though 'wort' retains its place in herbal medicine as a suffix for curative herbs, just as the 'banes' are poisonous (Henbane, Wolfsbane and Cowbane). 'Wort' occurs throughout plant names in both Bray and Betson; 'bane' is present only as 'Henbane.'

### 2 Betson and the Greek Names of Plants.

There were few books in Greek in the library at Syon, none of them medical and it is fairly clear that Betson had little in the way of Greek language or reading skills.  $^{62}$  Doyle (1956) gives a few examples of what he calls Betson's 'would-be Greek' and 'Greek by ear,' but there is no sustained written Greek text by Betson. He could manage the common  $\chi$  *chi* symbol as in Palma Xti (Christi), and Hastula Sancti

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Image 77, Left, Folio 72v, Col. A, Line 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> See Bateson (1898), p.viii. The Greek texts were Erasmus's New Testament, the Psalter and Aratus, *Phenomena*; and the text of Proclus's *Sphaera* in Greek and in Linacre's Latin translation. See also Doyle, A. I. (1956).

Xtofori (Christofori). He was however dependent on his unreliable sources for latinised versions of the Greek names of plants. As a result, Betson can occasionally be seen struggling with the spelling of Greek terms, with variants appearing in the margins of his text. For example, at image 112 right, folio 108r, Betson has copied out Diaconithon, and then added in the right margin Diacathicum. His probable source was no help, since Sloane MS 1754 also appears to be corrupt at this point. Perhaps the text should have read 'Diacatholicon', a purge or universal remedy, containing inter alia Senna and Rhubarb. It was in the Antidotarium Nicholai, at Betson's elbow, but according to the OED, did not arrive as a word in written English before 1562.63

Betson's uncertainty can also be partly ascribed to John Bray, his major source for the plant names in the Herbarium, who had been writing about a century before, in 1400, well before knowledge of Greek became more common in England. Even as late as 1538, in his Libellus de Re Herbaria, Turner was still complaining about the lack of Greek learning in the botanical area, and only one herbal in English – 'all full of unlearned cacographees [mis-spellings] and falselye naminge of herbes.'

Betson, in compiling his herbal, perhaps died too early to benefit from the efforts of Thomas Linacre (c.1460–1524), who translated seven works by Galen into Latin from the original Greek. None of these had been previously published. These appeared from 1517 to 1524, after Betson's death (in February 1517). Fewterer, the Confessor- General, donated a copy of the earliest book to the library, a Galienus de sanitate tuenda, cum aliis, in an edition from Paris dateable to 1517 on secundo folio grounds, at B.23 (SS1.100).

#### 3 Betson and Bray's List of Plant Names.

It is also beyond the scope of this book to look at the history of plant-names from the Greeks to Betson. What follows is a short summary of some of the more interesting uses to be found in Bray and Betson. The English herbalists of the early 1500s were dealing with five linguistic inheritances – Greek, Latin, Norman or Anglo-French, native English, and to a much lesser extent Arabic. Their ability in these languages varied (Arabic, Greek and French being their weakest), as did the range and ability of the languages themselves to handle technical matter. Greek and Latin had the advantage of accepted technical terms, a long tradition, but with many corruptions of spelling, compounded by misunderstanding of the differences in flora between the Mediterranean and Northern Europe. English was still developing its technical terms, and did not of course have the international intelligibility of Latin.

appears in the Middle English translation of Guy de Chauliac c.1425.

<sup>63</sup> This late date may reflect the lack of early medical texts in the OED noted by Hunt: the term

It is also very likely that Betson and Bray had never seen a number of the more exotic plants they cite, which may have been rare in London at that time. They are thus reduced to repeating old tales about a world of mysterious possibilities. It still seemed possible to them that the legendary stone, the *Lapis Lyncis*, was fossilized Lynx urine or faeces; these were probably belemnite fossils. Mirfield similarly mocks those who assert that 'amber' came from whales – of course it came from trees. Perhaps he had seen neither amber nor ambergris. And he also affirms, like many others, that the Narcha fish, some sort of electric eel, gave rise to the term 'narcotic'.<sup>64</sup> And perhaps, as Betson asserts, cashew nuts really were elephant lice, or was this just an apothecary's misunderstood witticism?

Given the large influence that writers in Arabic, both Christian and Muslim, had on western medicine in the period, it is surprising not to find more Arabic terms in Betson or Bray. Even where these occur, Bray seems to have adopted a corrupt form of the Arabic terms. This can be seen in two examples. Bray has *Libleb* and Betson *Lablis* for Dog's Mercury (Mercurialis perennis). Simon of Genoa (fl. circa 1200), with perhaps better access to Arab sources, is more informative: under 'Alhulbub' he states: 'yelbub est mercurialis et iebub et halbub.' Again, looking at Betson's 'Binni robenet' and Bray's 'Ben iubium', these on closer inspection turn out to be the Arabic for Red and White 'Behen.' 66 These plants are completely different and non-native to Britain. They both happen to be astringent, and are thus lumped together in our text.

# 4 English Names in Betson and Bray.

With regard to English plant names, most of Betson's (derived from Bray) in the *Herbarium* are well attested from other sources, such as the 64 MSS cited by Hunt. The main problem is the lack of any standardisation of spelling and use of names. Hunt regularly cites four or more possible modern names for one mediaeval name. Mediaeval *Scabiosa* has five mediaeval names. This could be critical, since *Morel* might be the dangerous *Atropa belladonna*, Deadly Nightshade, or the less noxious *Succisa pratensis*, (Moench), Devil's Bit Scabious. It took several more centuries after Betson before the flora could be identified and named in a scientific fashion.

Statice Limonium, Sea Lavender or Red Behen

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Mowat, Alphita, p.123, and Image 83, right, Folio 79r, Col. A, Line 13. The Greek term from which 'narcotic' is derived means to benumb, deaden. OED.

<sup>65</sup> Image 83, left, folio 78v, col. A , line 31.

<sup>66</sup> Image 77, left, folio 72v, col. B, lines 21-23. The white is *Centaurea Behen*, White Behen. The red is

#### 5 Latin Names.

Betson and Bray were drawing on a Latin tradition which ultimately goes back to Pliny's *Natural History*, of which there was copy in Syon library. But many new Latin works had been created in the intervening period, including some by translation into Latin from the Greek via Arabic.

Betson probably had better Latin than Bray: Bray produces the extraordinary Latin spoonerism - *Fecula cotidia* for *Cotula fetida*, Mayweed. Betson has the correct term for oak apple – *pomum quercinum*, while Bray or his copyist has *pomum porcinum*, perhaps by analogy with *Rostrum porcinum*, Sowthistle. The Bray variant does not appear to be attested elsewhere and is most likely an error. Sometimes Latin and French names appear intertwined: *malum granatum* and *pomme garnet* for our modern pomegranate.<sup>67</sup> And finally there is the charming *Herba Luminaria*, the Latin name for Mullein (*Vebascum thapsus*). This refers to the use of Mullein as a wick, soaked in fat, for a kind of torch. Mowat cites a number of such Mullein names, including 'Torches' and '*Candela Regia*' - an unexpected insight into the use of one plant in the past.

#### 6 French Names.

French, and Norman French are generally absent from Betson, and he does not attempt to transmit the French names found in Bray. Even in Bray's time knowledge of French must have been limited: Mistletoe is cited by Bray in perhaps a 'heard' version, as Wilde Cheyn, (= French *gui de chêne*, oak mistletoe). Meanings have also shifted: the French *Pee de pulayn* (meaning *coltsfoot*) is used in Bray for *Arum maculatum*, whereas our modern English 'Coltsfoot' is now *Tussilago farfara* – a completely different plant with different uses. Dandelion of course occurs in Bray and Betson, but in the French spelling only (Dent de lyon). It had the additional mediaeval Latin name of *Caput Monachi* – Monk's Head, referring to its baldness (and the monk's tonsure) once its seeds have blown away. Bray and Betson march in complete agreement in their texts, with *Caput Monachi*, *Dens Leonis*, Lyons Toth and Dent de Lyon.<sup>68</sup>

Both Betson and Bray use variants of the French 'Chastaynes' for the modern word 'Chestnut'. The OED shows that modern 'Chestnut' is only recorded from 1519, so was perhaps just gaining ground at the time of Betson's death. Similarly, modern 'Mustard' is absent from Bray and Betson, but variants of 'senevei' (from Latin via Old French; cf. modern German 'senf') are used.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Image 79 right, folio 75r, col. B, lines 25 and 27.

<sup>68</sup> Image 77 right, Folio 73r, Col. B, Line 14.

Both Bray and Betson carry variants of what appears to be the Norman French 'Tutsan' for agnus castus.<sup>69</sup> 'Tutsan' is now used for Hypericon androsaemum in modern French. Turner (1548) uses Tutsan in this French sense, so perhaps the two uses had co-existed in England in the mediaeval period and up to the Renaissance. He states: 'Androsaemon is the herbe (as I dooe gesse) whiche we call totsan, and the Poticaries falsly cal Agnus castus.' (OED).

# Linguistic Analysis of Betson's English.

The web-based University of Edinburgh eLALME project allows for over 400 linguistic markers, differentiated by both grammar and spelling, to be plotted onto a map of Britain, against a large database of similar documents in Middle English from 1350 up to about 1450. Betson is somewhat later – perhaps 1440s to 1517. But it seemed worthwhile to make the attempt, since many of Betson's speech habits will have been in part laid down within the eLALME timespan.

Two sets of Middle English texts were used to triangulate Betson's dialect – (i) the complete English text of the remedies, and (ii) the text of the Ten Commandments at image 15 left, column A, folios 10v to 11v. (not included in this book). We have assumed that the latter is Betson, writing in his own voice.

Betson was certainly not the author of the text of the remedies, and there is some doubt as to whether he was the writer of all these sections. But the doubtful inscriptions are few and short, and should not affect the overall outcome. The result from eLALME shows a strong correlation between two points on the map. These are, in the first place, Essex locations around Billericay, and Sudbury in Suffolk. We do not know if Betson came from Essex, but it *may* be significant that, according to Ian Doyle, someone of the same name was Rector of Wimbish in Essex from 1466 (i.e. prior to Betson joining Syon Abbey in 1481). If this is correct, then eLALME may indicate that Betson was still using some dialect and writing conventions acquired early in his life, and changing his manuscript sources to a written form of his own dialect.

The other eLALME cluster for the English remedies is around Rochester in Kent: this may in fact be indicative of the dialect influence of Sloane 3285, which seems to have been a major Betson source for Remedies, or at least to share a common ancestor with Betson's text. Sloane 3285 is described as coming in part from Sussex, 'somewhere close to the northern border with Kent'. Care must be exercised here, because the analysis of Sloane 3285 was also carried out using

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> See Image 75 left, Folio 70v, Col. B, line one; Toteseyn in Betson, Tutsayne in Bray.

eLALME. <sup>70</sup> But if correct, it looks as if in this case Betson simply copied this particular text, rather than amending it to suit his own speech habits.

From the above, it does not seem that Betson, despite having practised as a lawyer for several years, had approximated his writing to the new Chancery Standard English. Its use was expanding from the 1470s onwards under the influence of books printed by Caxton from 1473, then Wynkyn de Worde, and more elegantly, by Pynson from 1491, with all three aiming at a form of more widely intelligible English.

The second source for Betson's English is a religious miscellany in the Notebook, including the Ten Commandments, This seems to be part of the foul papers for Betson's *Ryght Profytable Treatyse Drawen out of Dyuerse Wrytynges to Dyspose Men to Be Vertuously Occupyed in Theyr Myndes and Prayers* (Wynkyn de Worde, c.1500). Analysis of Betson's own Notebook text at images 15 and 16, folios 10v to 12r by means of eLALME also suggests a location in Essex, at Billericay. Betson can then be fairly confidently identified as being from Essex.

# Syon and the Care of its Sick:

# Case Studies of Diseases and Forms of Treatment.

The differing rules of the Brothers and the Sisters at Syon both contain sections on the management of their mutual infirmaries (whose locations at Syon have yet to be uncovered by archaeology).<sup>71</sup> These were only for the community – there is no suggestion of care for outsiders. For both sides the emphasis is on the spiritual as well as the physical healing: the Brothers' Keeper , for example, should 'styre, exhorte, and comforte them (*the sick*) to be confessyd *and* receive the sacraments of holy chirche.' He is also responsible for setting out the items needed for the last rites 'whan any brother is to anelyd...' [*to be anointed*.]

This is in addition to being 'strong and mighty to lift and move them...often change ther bedding and other clothes, ley to her [their] plasteres, give hem ther medicyns and mynster unto them mete and drynke, fyre water and other necessaryes nyght and day after the counsel of the physician....'

There is a fine character portrait of the qualities needed in a Keeper to treat both physical and mental illnesses: 'not squames [squeamish] to handle hem and wash hem; not angry nor unpaciente, though one have the vomett, another the flyxe, another the frensy - now cryeng, now syngynge, now chidying, now fyghtyng. For

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<sup>70</sup> Loen-Marshall, Maria-Helena (2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Chapter lvii, pp.126-128 in Hogg (1980) and Rule Of Our Most Holy Saviour (1914).

ther be some maner of sekeness that provoke the seke to angyr, and when the matry is drawn into the brayn, it alyeneth ther mendes [minds].'

The sick brother, if he recovered, was required to do public penance ('take hys veyne') for his absence from services during his sickness. This was a common feature in monastic rules (also in the Benedictine), though strange to our modern way of thinking, where illness is generally not seen as divine punishment for sin. The Additions for the sisters give further details on how the recovered nun is to behave: '...kneeling before the Abbess she shall say "Mother, with your leave I have been for some time in the Infirmary, and I have transgressed in meat, drink and many other ways, not keeping the regular times of eating, drinking and sleeping and the like, wherefore I do crave mercy and pardon." And then the Abbess shall impose upon her some penance......' (1914 translation)

Finally it is worth noting that personal hygiene was not ignored. The Remedies section of Betson's Notebook contains several recipes for soap. One in particular is for making a bushel at a time. This is around 80lbs or 36 kilos and probably enough to provide the Syon community with one pound of soap each at each making.<sup>72</sup> There are also recipes for making a coarser black soap – presumably for cleaning rooms rather than for personal use.

### 1 Malaria.

We have no direct evidence of Malaria at Syon Abbey, but the disease was at that time endemic in parishes along the River Thames and in the coastal marshes in Essex and Kent. Its distinctive symptoms allow it be identified as far north as Lancashire and the Solway Firth on the West Coast, and in Lincolnshire on the East, even as late as the beginning of the 20th century. We know also that the first foundation of Syon at Twickenham was abandoned after a short time because of the unhealthiness of the location.

The British variety of Malaria was not the deadly *P. falciparum*, but two lesser varieties which debilitated rather than quickly killing their victims. Dobson, in his article *The History of Malaria in England*, identifies five British species of mosquito capable of carrying the parasites, and one in particular which lived in close proximity to humans (*A. atroparvus*) as the likely culprit in transmitting 'vivax malaria' – the so-called 'benign' form in Britain. Betson and the authors of his herbal sources are unlikely to have identified mosquitoes as a source of malarial fevers. More likely they saw only the miasma, damp and fogs of the Thames.

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<sup>72</sup> Image 94 left, Folio 89v, Lines 3-27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> See: Dobson, M. J. (1989) for summary and bibliography on this topic.

Malaria was generally diagnosed in the Middle Ages by the periodicity of the three fever symptoms – 'quotidian' 'tertian' and 'quartan'. Quotidian occurred every 24 hours, tertian had a 48 hour periodicity (i.e. recurred every three days), and quartan with a periodicity of 72 hours, was classed as occurring every four days. These periodicities are now known to be associated with the lifecycle of the individual malarial parasites.<sup>74</sup>

Another symptom of Malaria is enlargement of the spleen. It is interesting to note therefore that both 'tertian' and 'quartan' fevers, and illnesses of the spleen, appear regularly in Betson's remedies. Two of the herbs in his *Herbarium* are qualified by the *Sinonoma Bartholomei* as being useful against the 'quartan' ('*Camedreos'* - Germander Speedwell and *Gramen amcaste* – Couch Grass). Camomile is cited as good 'for the hede ake and brennyng (burning) ague' probably malarial and producing alternate hot and cold agues.<sup>75</sup> Betony and Parsley are cited against the 'Fever Tercian', Vervain for both tertian and quartan.<sup>76</sup> Basil is stated to be useful for quartan fever, and may indeed reduce fever.<sup>77</sup>

The modern *Tanacetum parthenium* or 'Feverfew' is not specifically identified by Betson with 'tertians' or 'quartans', but he has the annotation 'febrifu' against Henbane perhaps as a generic treatment for fevers, rather than an alternative name for Henbane.<sup>78</sup> *Tanacetum*, as *Febrifuge Maior* is only mentioned by Betson in the context of the Plague (image 117 left, folio 112v).

Malaria did not of course spare the noble or the rich: Catherine of Aragon, when still Dowager Princess of Wales (i.e. before her second marriage, to Henry, in 1509) was believed to have had 'tertian ague' or acute fever at one stage, perhaps contracted in England. The Surgeon to Henry VIII for many years, Sir William Butts died of a complicated variety of the fever, diagnosed as 'dooble febre quartanz.' Henry VIII himself is said to have had an attack of 'ague' just before he died.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> "Quotidian fever, with a periodicity of 24 hours, typical of *Plasmodium falciparum* or *Plasmodium knowlesi*; Tertian fever (48 hour periodicity), typical of *Plasmodium vivax* or *Plasmodium ovale* malaria; Quartan fever (72 hour periodicity), typical of *Plasmodium malariae* malaria". *Wikipedia*, 7 July 2014

<sup>75</sup> Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Image 97 left, Folio 92v Lines 8-9, 13 & Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 11.

<sup>77</sup> Christina Stapley of Heartsease, Pers. Comm. Aug 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Image 79, Right, Folio 75r, Col. B, Line 2.

Urine could be used for diagnosis of Malaria. In the *Harntraktat* text cited by Betson there is the chilling comment '*Urina Nigra*: *In quartarna semper est mortalis et mala*'. And also '*Urina lucida sicut cornu* (urine transparent like horn) *significat indispositiones splenis et indispositiones quartarne*'. <sup>79</sup>

Blood-letting was used regularly as one of the means treating fevers. Quotidian, tertian and quartan fevers are all included in the 15<sup>th</sup> century Gonville and Caius MS 176/97 on phlebotomy, which has the added interest of being early, in English and of a technical nature.<sup>80</sup> Lines 161-162 state that: 'the 3<sup>en</sup> (tertian) wiche ofte tymes is curid of phlebotomie.....' (by bloodletting). The tertian and quartan fevers are covered in some detail in lines 189 to 206, with recommendations for herbal treatment – 'electuary frigidum and confortative of the stomach, as succar ros(arum) & triasandalis.' This casts a somewhat different light on Betson's several recipes for preserving roses, if it is suggesting that they may have been administered against malarial fevers.

By way of comparison, it is noticeable that Feckenham in his *Sovereign Medicines* (early 1580s) also has a considerable number of remedies aimed at the quotidian, tertian and quartan agues (remedies 74-83). His audience was the poor without access to physicians, and his remedies are consequently for the most part homely and inexpensive, such as snail shells, Mouse-ear Hawkweed (*Pilosella officinarum*), nettles and cobwebs.

# 2 The Sweating Sickness and Syon.

In 1552, on the occasion of the fifth (and final) outbreak in England of the Sweating Sickness, the renowned physician John Caius published a short book on the topic, setting out his views on the causes, preventative measures and remedies .<sup>81</sup> This was the first book to appear in English dedicated to one disease. He noted that the illness seemed to have appeared with the arrival from France of the future Henry VII at Milford in Wales on 7th August 1485, and killed numerous people in London by October of that year, sparing neither aristocracy nor bourgeoisie. There were subsequent visitations in 1488, 1506, July to December 1517, and May to July 1528.

The Sweating Sickness may have visited Syon in 1488, when there is a run of increased mortality recorded in the Syon *Martyrologium*. The brothers were first to suffer: lay brother Robert Bryde on 16 May, the Confessor General Thomas

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 4, and Image 89 left, Folio 84v line 5.

<sup>80</sup> Voigts, Linda E., & Mcvaugh Michael R. (1984).

<sup>81</sup> See: https://archive.org/stream/thesweatingsickn33503gut/33503.txt

Westhawe on 1 June, Brother Robert Derham on 4th June and lay Brother Robert Hall on 7 June. It then affected both the brothers and the sisters - Robert Frynge, priest, and Sister Alice Hutton (aged c.80), died on 10 June, Sister Isabel Lambourn on 15 June, Sister Catherine Dymock on 17 June, Sister Marion Cross on 4 July, Sister Catherine Fogg on 2 October and Sister Joan Payne 20 October.<sup>82</sup> There is another peak in deaths at Syon between March and August 1508, which may possibly have been associated with a recurrence of the Sweating Sickness.<sup>83</sup>

The Syon mortality figures imply deaths of about 10% of the sisters, and perhaps a similar mortality for the male religious, including priests and lay brothers. Dyer's study of 1997 gives an estimate of only between 1.2 and 2.2% mortality in England in those parishes where records have survived. He does however have one peak at Farnworth in Lancashire of over 10%, and possible other samples at 5% and 7%. Perhaps inclusion of data from the enclosed religious communities might have yielded higher figures overall. If the Sweating Sickness was, as some suggest, a highly infectious pulmonary condition, then joint male and female attendance at church services, and even closer auricular confession of the sisters by the confessors might have provided the vector route.

There is no mention *per se* of the Sweating Sickness in Betson, and none of the ingredients cited by Caius in his cures seem to match any remedy in Betson. The link between Syon's increased mortality in 1488 and the Sweating Sickness cannot therefore be affirmed with certainty, though it seems a probable cause.

#### 3 Toothache.

Toothache is the only condition picked out in red in the Syon copy of Gilbertus Anglicus.<sup>84</sup> Betson has seven mentions of teeth and rotting gums, treated variously with Lesser Celandine tied to the finger, powdered Roses, a distillation of Cloves (probably useful as a pain-killer), Garlic or Yarrow. There is also a teeth whitener, farinam ordei, sal, mel et acetum (barley meal, salt, honey and vinegar). Loose teeth are to be fixed by an application of horse dung.<sup>85</sup> Clearly dentistry was an area of medicine in its infancy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Strangely, she is not recorded as being buried like the other sisters in the abbey church at Syon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> John Colet, Dean of St. Paul's, realising he had the Sweating Sickness, retired to Sheen Priory (Carthusian), opposite Syon Abbey, and died there on the 16th of September 1519. British History online: The Priory of Sheen, citing Wood's *Athenæ Oxonienses* (Bliss), i. 26.

<sup>84</sup> Bodarwé (2002, p260), cites arrangements for the pulling of teeth.

 $<sup>^{85}\,\</sup>mbox{See}$  Appendix 3, 'Teeth and Gums', for text references.

#### 4 Breast Cancer.

The well-researched higher incidence of breast cancer among nuns seems to have first been described clinically in 1713 by Bernardo Ramazzini in his book on occupational diseases. Monica Green also draws attention to one mediaeval explanation of breast cancer in women, based on the corruption of blood: 'The unexpelled menstrual blood was diverted up to the breasts through special veins that connected them to the uterus...'. 87

Betson mentions 'kancur' only once in this context, at image 105 left, folio 100v, lines 1-4.

For the kancur in a Woman's pappis: Take the penns [wing feathers] of the white gose [goose] and the juse of Cellidony [Greater Celandine] and bray [crush] them well to gider, and ley therof to the sore pappe.

Greater Celandine (*Chelidonium maius*), powdered with rose petals, and mixed with vinegar, is also cited in *Circa Instans* as being useful against cancers in the mouth or those external to the body. But the plant is categorised as a 'powerful irritant' by Grieve in her herbal.<sup>88</sup> Another suggested use by Betson and his sources on the eyes is therefore of considerable danger.<sup>89</sup>

#### 5 Tuberculosis (TB).

TB would have a been a constant risk in large monastic communities with a hundred or more individuals attending church services, eating and sleeping in close proximity to each other. 'Thisic' – probably TB, is one of the first illnesses noted in Betson.<sup>90</sup> The illness, it is claimed, produces '*urina rubea*' (image 34 right, folio 30r, line 2), though this colour of urine is also cited as a sign for eight conditions in all, including death, and so a reminder that urine may not have been a very accurate diagnostic tool. It is also in the same text associated with *Periplimonia*: abscesses on

<sup>86</sup> Ramazzini, Bernardo (1713).

<sup>87</sup> Green, Monica H. (2010).

<sup>88</sup> See on-line version at: <a href="http://botanical.com/botanical/mgmh/c/celgre43.html">http://botanical.com/botanical/mgmh/c/celgre43.html</a>

<sup>89</sup> Image 106 left, folio 101v, lines 7-17 and Image 111 right, folio 107r, line 24 onwards.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Betson lacks the detailed descriptions of TB contained, for example, in the *Breviarium Bartholomaei* of Mirfield under *De Ptisi*. See Hartley and Aldridge (1936) pp.74-89 for Latin and English text of symptoms and treatment.

the lungs, again perhaps TB. Betson has palliative remedies for 'thisicis' involving distilled alcohol and camphor (image 113 left, folio 108v, line 10), which might have alleviated the coughing.

The 'perilose kogh', as perhaps one of the symptoms of TB (see EMED entry), receives two mentions, at image 101 right, folio 97r, lines 15-19, and image 112 right, folio 108r, line 4. Here the remedies are Rue, Pepper, Sage, Milk of Almonds and Wild Celery, again perhaps as palliatives. There are also two remedies for 'spitting blood' (image 101 left, folio 96v, lines 25-30), which involve Betony, Rue, Wild Celery, Mint and goat's milk. Against this there is the unhygienic practice mentioned at Image 98 Right, folio 94r, line 23, of adding sputum and mercury to a remedy for skin complaints.<sup>91</sup>

Finally, in the Additions to the Rule there is an injunction, unconnected to TB, which prohibits spitting on the steps going up to the dormitory, unless one stubs it out with one's foot. This perhaps was a safety measure, born of experience of slippery stone stairs in the dark.

# 6 A Case of Leprosy at Syon c.1487.

Carole Rawcliffe (2006, p279) draws attention to a case of leprosy at Syon around 1487, when the then Abbess, Elizabeth Muston, (1456-1497) petitioned Rome for permission to remove immediately Nicholas Edward, a leprous monk, for fear that the infection might spread to the rest of the community. The papal reply allowed her to remove both Nicholas Edward, and any other member of the community (nun or brother) who might in future be afflicted with leprosy or any other contagious disease, to a place assigned to receive them. This approach by the Abbess to Rome was of course necessitated by the nature of the perpetual vows of the sufferer, who was not permitted to leave the monastery without dispensation.

Betson, who may have been aware of this case, has four references to Leprosy in his Remedies, including an oil, *Oleum Leprosorum*, made from violets or using a live snake. <sup>93</sup> In this context, Rawcliffe (2006, p279) also notes a case of Leprosy at Sempringham Priory (Gilbertine double monastery, 1131-1538), where the novice

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 91}$  fasting spattill: 'the spittle of one observing a fast or eating sparingly.' EMED.

 $<sup>^{92}</sup>$  Calendar of Papal Registers , Papal Letters Vol XV, 1484-92, p42, Item 76, 29 July 1487, Reg. Lat. 846 A, folios 24  $1r - 24 \ 1v$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Image 109 left, folio 104v, lines 3-6; image 112 right, folio 108r, lines 16-17 & 18-24; image 109 left, folio 104v, lines 4-5 & *Oleum Leprosorum*: image 121 right, folio 117r, line 21.

mistress was shunned, because she had massaged a leprosy sufferer with an ointment.

Betson's sources also suggest the use of calamine or zinc ore, presumably for its soothing effect. There is also a very long and complicated *Aqua Mirabilis*<sup>94</sup> for lepers involving 13 ingredients, mainly metals-based, and only for the rich. A cheaper variety was available for the poor. Betson's source indicates that this remedy is also good for *Lepra non vera* or 'false leprosy', showing perhaps the difficulty of diagnosing this disease correctly. Betson also cites an *Aqua vite perfecta* which seems to have been a cure-all, including leprosy of the face. This was the part of the body where leprosy was most frequently noticed, as being the most difficult to conceal.<sup>95</sup>

## 7 Blood-Letting.

Detailed accounts of blood-letting (*minutio*) in male monastic orders in around 1300 are given in Clark% (1897) pp.lxi – lxxiii. The authority for this practice was Galen, the most respected and available of the ancients, in his *de curandi ratione per venae sectionem*. The purpose was not only to relieve illness, but also to prevent it, by reducing the amount of surplus blood which might turn into 'corrupt material'. For women there was the added concern that failure to menstruate allowed corrupt blood to remain in the body and cause illness. Even animals were not exempt – horses were also blooded on St Stephen's day (26th December).

Blood-letting took place in some orders by organised rota, in others by personal choice. The frequency of bleeding varied – the Cistercians were bled four times a year and the Augustinian Canons eight times. We do not know the frequency of bloodletting at Syon, nor if it varied between the brothers and the sisters.

Betson and Bray mention only one location in the body for bloodletting (at image 86 left, folio 81v, col. B,) the Salvatelle, involving four veins, which occur in both the foot and the hand. In Bray's precise terms it is 'Bytwene the litel finger & the next fenger & upon the foote in the same place'. The left vein on the left side of the body was believed to affect the spleen, and on the right the liver.<sup>97</sup>

Most medical books of the time had fuller sections on blood-letting than Betson, the most popular being the *Regimen Sanitatis Salerni*, which existed in most

95 Dietary and medical treatments, including herbs, are given in Rawcliffe (2006), pp. 213-251.

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<sup>94</sup> Image 110 right, folio 106r, lines 11-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Also on web: http://archive.org/stream/observancesinuse00claruoft/observancesinuse00claruoft\_djvu.txt

<sup>97</sup> Clendening, (1960) p286-287.

mediaeval libraries in Britain. (It is in six houses in the BL *Corpus*). Syon had an AD 1480 printed copy from Cologne at K.13 (SS1.623c), and possibly another at B.29 (SS1.106), with an unidentified phlebotomy at B11 (SS1. 88g) by Maurus of Salerno. Vadstena had a *Phlebotomia*, partly in Swedish, at MS UU C19.

It is unclear as to how, and by whom, the blood-letting was performed at Syon. If it was carried out on a regular but restricted basis (in order not to affect attendance at services adversely), then a month of daily blood-letting might allow all 60 sisters to be both bled and to recuperate for three days in small batches of five or six. This would need to be repeated for a whole month four times a year. It suggests that blood-letting by a trained brother or sister would be more efficient than calling on an external practitioner, but we do not know the practice at Syon.

Finally, it may be worth mentioning in this context that the leech or blood-sucker, *sanguisuga*, is not mentioned in Betson despite his inclusion in the *Herbarium* of animals of the witches' brew, such as bats and newts.<sup>98</sup>

Whatever the situation with regard to blood-letting at Syon, medical treatment of the sisters by a resident physician seems, according to the Additions to the Rule, to have been unlikely: 'If any suster be so seke that sche may not be couered with oute medicine, sche schal be brought to the crates to the physician'.<sup>99</sup> This exception was expressly permitted by the papal decree *Beata Clara*<sup>100</sup> under Pope Boniface VIII (1294-1303): *A doctor is excluded from the above law (prohibiting entrance to a convent), on the grounds of serious illness (in a nun).* 

# 8 Other Arrangements for the Sick at Syon.

There is extant a papal dispensation for Richard Wyot at Syon, of 3 Sept 1457, who had, when subjected to the strictness of the rule fallen 'often and gravely ill'. He was allowed to transfer to another order of milder observance. A similar permission was granted to on John Pinchbeck on 8 Jan 1462, who could no longer 'with a quiet mind and a good conscience dwell' at Syon, to take himself to some mendicant order. A similar papal letter of 27 March 1501 carries an intriguing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> Leeches are recommended in Avicenna's *Canon of Medicine*, Sections 1037-1043, p.512, Gruner, 1929. See also EMED for medical citations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> The 'crates' were either the iron grating around the public area of the church, or a grating between the external and internal part of the monastery, and not necessarily the grille within the church.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> Cited in Bodarwé (2002, p259 and footnote 135).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Papal Letters, Vol. 11, 1455-1464, pp. 151-2

insight into the Syon pardons and treatment of the sick.<sup>102</sup> 'The faithful of those parts are singularly devoted to it [Syon Abbey], and a great multitude flock to it.' The Confessor-General may therefore 'appoint some places for the healthy, others for the sick and aged' to hear mass at a portable altar. There is of course no suggestion or evidence that Syon or its nuns cared for the sick in a formal fashion on these occasions, or in any general way.

It may also be worth mentioning in the context of healthcare that a number of nunneries took in as sisters (presumably against a cash payment) those who were deformed or insane. Jacka cites a number of houses where the episcopal visitation turned up sisters who were 'lunatica', 'ideota', or 'a fole', as well as deaf and dumb, or an 'idiot fool'. Again we have no evidence for this at Syon

There are no mentions of smallpox or syphilis in Betson, nor of any plants associated with their treatment or cure, though both diseases were known.

# 9 Uroscopy.

Neither Dioscorides nor Galen appears to have used urine as a means of diagnosing diseases, apart from for urinary tract infections. But diagnosis of disease and prognosis of its course by the examination of urine was one of the basic tests introduced to the west by the Salerno School of Medicine. In particular the *de Urinis* of Maurus of Salerno (c.1130-1214) was one of the major works to which physicians of the 12th and 13th century referred. It was present in at least three houses in Britain, but appears to be absent from the Syon library catalogue.

Syon had however around twenty titles on uroscopy, in some 10 volumes, including most of the classic texts. These included a copy of Theophilus (fl. ? 7<sup>th</sup> century), *de Urinis*, at B.30 (SS1.107e), in a Latin translation. This was a common text, recorded in at least a dozen British houses or colleges according to the BL *Corpus*.

Theophilus served as a source of Giles de Corbeil's poem of the same name, *de Urinis*, also present at Syon at B.5 (SS1.82x and SS1.82cc), but probably in manuscript form. This too was a popular work – 15 recorded copies in Britain. The commentary by Gilbertus Anglicus on Corbeil's *de Urinis* was also at Syon, one of five copies recorded in Britain. There was also a copy of the *Liber urinarum* by Isaac Iudaeus, translated by Constantinus Africanus, and printed at Lyon in 1515. Bateson notes that this title was used in the Paris medical course, and its popularity is shown by its

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> Papal Letters, p97, no.91, Reg. Vat. 844, fos 89v-92r

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> Jacka (1917, chapter 1, p7-8).

presence in at least a dozen British houses.<sup>104</sup> Finally, Syon had the sole recorded copy in Britain of Walter Agilon's *Compendium urinarum* at B.5 (SS1.82z). Despite this selection of useful academic works, Betson's main source of information on uroscopy in his Notebook, as we have already noted, was the *Harntraktat*, (image 88 right to image 90 right, folios 84r to 86r), which was probably not at Syon Abbey.

Although there is no indication of the use for diagnosis at Syon, uroscopy could no doubt also act as a protection for an abbey against unsuitable female candidates seeking to become novices. Vitalis' diagnostics allow for both a virginity test (image 89 right, folio 85r, lines 25-27) and a pregnancy test (lines 12 - 19, applicable even in the first few months of pregnancy), as well as detection of recent sexual intercourse with a man (lines 27-29). Similar urine diagnostics for virginity, pregnancy, and intercourse are repeated at image 34 right, folio 30r, lines 7-15.  $^{105}$ 

Finally although the era relied regularly on with diagnosis by urine, Gilbertus Anglicus was aware of the symptoms of diabetes, such as 'continual thirst, dryness of the mouth, emaciation, inordinate appetite, frequent and profuse urination' but he does not mention the taste of sugar in the urine. Certainly diagnosis by the smell of urine is often mentioned by practitioners as one of the signs for diabetes. <sup>106</sup> It may be because tasting and touching the urine had been rejected by Avicenna as "objectionable". <sup>107</sup> Apart from his long citation of the *Harntraktat*, Betson also cites several other examples of the diagnosis by the use of urine. For example, at image 104 right, folio 100r, line 28 onwards:

Recipe urine of him that is seke, and kast it on a Rede Netill at ones whan he hath pist, and come agen at the morrow, and if the Netill be not dede, it is a token of lif. And if it be dede, he shal dy.

This strange diagnostic technique, which occurs in other herbals, seems to lean towards charms (of which Betson is singularly free). The 'rede netill' is probably the Red Dead Nettle, *Lamium purpureum*, a dead Dead Nettle, with no sting.

Menstruation is beyond the scope of this text. It is covered in detail by Green (2005). Betson shows no hesitation in mentioning it in his Notebook, and uses the standard terms 'flouris' and menstrua.

<sup>105</sup> See Green (2011) p179, de Urinis Mulierum for further discussion of the source of this text.

<sup>107</sup> See Avicenna, Canon of Medicine, Inspection of Urine, Section 606, p325, Gruner, 1929.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Bateson (1898) p14, footnote 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> per odorem – see Image 34 Right, folio 30r, line 3 for the other signs.

## 20 Mental Health and Syon – A Case Study in Love.

We know little of the passions and frustrations which may have driven some of the religious, male and female, of this community. There is however one outstanding example. In 1915 Margaret Deanesly unpicked the doomed literary relationship of James Grenehalgh, professed 1495 as a monk at Sheen Priory (Carthusian, 1414-1539) just across the River Thames, and Joanna Sewell at Syon who was professed in 1500.<sup>108</sup> Bateson suggests that the two had met during Sewell's year's novitiate, which would have customarily been spent outside Syon, before her profession.

Grenehalgh gave Sewell a number books that he had laboriously copied out (including the perhaps ambiguous *Incendium Amoris* - The Bonfire of Love), and added their intertwined initials, with IG and IS forming IGS. Of these five still survive. There is some evidence that they may have met together on Thursday, 13th February 1504, the Vigil of St Valentine's Day, though, as Sargent points out, this would have been contrary to both Bridgettine and Carthusian discipline.

Grenehalgh also gives advice on diet to Sewell. He selects a passage from Hilton's *Scala Perfectionis*: 'That manner of food that least checks and least troubles the heart, and may keep the body in strength – be it flesh, be it fish, be it bread, be it ale – that I believe the soul chooses to have, if it may come by it.' Grenehalgh, who as a Carthusian was forbidden meat, adds for Sewell's benefit: 'Follow not the book in this, but rule according to discretion, and take counsel.' <sup>110</sup>

But it is Grenehalgh's copy of the *Scala Perfectionis* which takes on a more ominous note of counsel. It contains a text addressed directly to the devil and almost in the form of an exorcism - 'Discede, liquesce.' <sup>111</sup> (Go thy way and melt to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> Deanesly (1915). See also Sargent (1984), and Kerby-Fulton, Hilmo, and Olson, 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> British Library BL Add 24661, Richard Rolle, *Incendium Amoris*. 15 c. Copied by Grenehalgh for Joanna Sewell. Cambridge University, Emmanuel College: MS 35 (I.2.14); Oxford University, Bodleian Library, MS Lat. Th. D. 27, ff. 196v-200v; Philadelphia, and Rosenbach Foundation H491, all with intertwined monograms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> Sargent (1984) p.106 and p.94.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> Now Rosenbach Foundation H491, Walter Hilton's *Scala Perfectionis* (*The Ladder of Perfection*) (Wynkyn *de* Worde, Westminster 1494, STC 14042).

*nought* in one elegant mediaeval translation). There is also a sketch of a church building, presumably that at Syon, in which the name of Joanna Sewell is placed in the transept, protected by the Saviour, Mary, St Bridget and St Augustine. (See Illustration between page 64 and 65, and Appendix 4 for full text). 113

This is a complicated document to untangle. We can assume from its context that it was intended to be sent to Sewell by Grenehalgh. The text beginning 'O tortuose serpens' is taken, slightly disordered, from a long hymn by Prudentius (d. ?413), sung as part of the Office before retiring to bed. The hymn has as its theme divine protection from night terrors and temptations to impurity.

Someone evidently noticed the exchange of books and the intertwining of initials. Grenehalgh was questioned by his superiors, removed from Sheen to the Coventry Carthusians in 1507 or 1508 and then, on remaining 'obdurate', was sent to their Kingston-upon-Hull house. The trials of a contemplative vocation for someone of Lancastrian origins, now in a Yorkist stronghold, at a time when England's weather was dominated by wet summers and freezing winters, does not bear too close examination. He was dead by about 1530. We do not know his age, but he was perhaps 60, having had half a lifetime to reflect on his errors.

But Joanna Sewell remained at Syon, dying in 1532 – perhaps in her 50s, and was interred there with her sisters, *iuxta gerras*, beside the church grating made from cast iron. We do not know whether she was publicly upbraided for her '*defautes*' in the chapterhouse of the Abbey, in front of the Abbess and full body of her sisters. But we do know from the Syon Additions to the Rule what happened by way of '*Bodily Discipline*' to those sisters who committed serious errors. The erring sister was required to bare her back, and then:

Ther scahl not be yeven for the discipline but five lasches [lashes], but yf the defaute be of the more grievous defautes, or els that sche or they schewe any token of rebellion, then the discipliners schal not cese till the abbesse chargeth them to cese. And the laches in disciplines owe not to be to softe or to esy, but moderately scharpe, after the commandment of the abbes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> William Flete 'De Remediis contra Temptaciones' in The Digital Index of Middle English Verse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> See also Krug (2008) for an interesting coverage of this text.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> See Sargent (1984), Volume 1, p79

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> According to the Brothers' Rule, the sending out of 'any lettres of carnal affection' was classed as one of the most 'grevous defautes' of *lechery and the synne against nature*. Aungier, (1840), pp. 255-256,

Betson has a number of recipes for mitigating the effects of beatings. Black Bryony, for example, was long known for treating bruises. But tucked away in his notes, at image 86 left, folio 81v, col. B, Betson, who may have known of the scandal, has a gentler comment: Fatua is at gode for them that ben love sike. (Sycamore Figs are good for those who are love sick).

*Fatua* generally referred to the insipid-tasting Sycamore fig, which is restricted to sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. But at Syon it may have been understood as the Mulberry. The more exotic but practical remedies for lovesickness of the *Viaticum*, translated by Constantinus Africanus, were totally inappropriate for religious - wine women and song.<sup>116</sup>

The final offending Grenehalgh volume is strangely poignant. <sup>117</sup> It is the 'Incendium Amoris' (The Bonfire of Love) by Richard Rolle of Hampole, an early Yorkshire mystic, whose own innocent relations with women had also apparently attracted criticism. It contains again on fol. 18v the combined monograms of Joanna Sewell and James Grenehalgh (the 'IGS' symbol). There are also a number of allusive catchwords, featuring 'amoris' (love) and perhaps also too many illuminated 'S' letters (Sewell) for coincidence. On the vellum of the last page is written in a firm hand, 'Amor Dei Vincit Omnia' (The love of God overcomes all things), which for English readers can only bring to mind Chaucer's rather flighty prioress, whose pendant bore a similar motto. Then at the end of the book there appears in Latin: 'Mens est tibi' - 'My thoughts are with you'. The book has been closed while these words were still wet, leaving a ghostly reversed images on the opposite pages.

And then in a less clear feminine hand appears: 'Gentle Jesu have mercy on me, Joanna' And below that, but curtailed, is 'anno domino millesimo quin....' (In the year of the Lord 15.....), perhaps 1500, the year of Joanna's profession as a nun of Syon. And a few more lines of handwritten text, but with the ink wiped away, wet and blurred, made forever illegible.<sup>118</sup>

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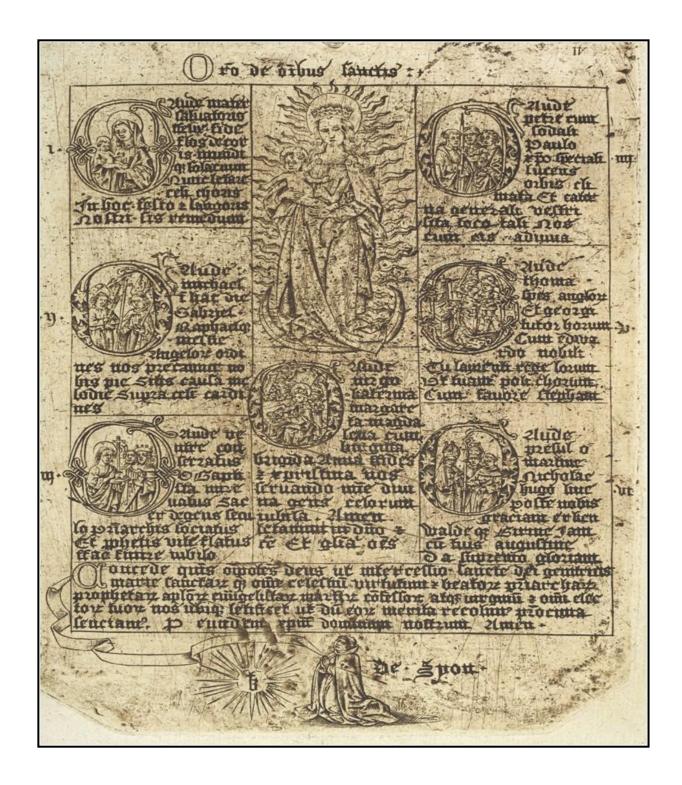
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> See Wack, Mary F., (1990). Lovesickness in the Middle Ages

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> British Library BL Add 24661, Richard Rolle, *Incendium Amoris*.

 $<sup>^{118}</sup>$  Both Power (1922, pp. 53-54) and Jacka (1917, pp. 59-69) cite cases where celibacy fell below the required standards. The Nun of Watton provided a disturbing  $11^{th}$  century precedent in a double Gilbertine monastery. Cromwell and his visitors were however unable to find any such cause against Syon in the late 1530s.

### List of Illustrations between pp. 64 and 65.

- Image of Thomas Betson, (TB) below Virgin and Child, tonsured and in the garment of a Deacon of Syon. From Joseph Strutt, *Bibliographical Dictionary* (1785), plate iv. See Appendix 7 for a transcription of the text.
  - From the Thomas Betson Notebook, St John's College, Cambridge, MS 109 (E.6):
- 2 Detail of the above.
- Folio 70r: **Beginning of the** *Herbarium* (List of Plants) at 'Alleluia' (*Oxalis acetosella,* Wood Sorrell) and ending at 'apium domesticum' See Image 74 right, folio 70r, col. A, page 80, to Image 74 right, folio 70r, col. B, page 83.
- Folio 86r: End of the text on **Urine**, *De Urinalibus*, at Image 90 right, Folio 86r, page 222, and beginning of **Remedies**, *Pro matrice take Rubarbe*.
- Fingerprint, between Folios 105v and 106r, Image 110 left and right. It is not known if this is indeed the inky fingerprint of Betson, who finished his *Ryght Profytable Treatyse* with the words of admonition to new postulant nuns: 'Lerne to kepe your bokes clene.'
- 6 **Illustration 6:** Syon Abbey *Registrum* (Library Catalogue), Cambridge Corpus Christi MS 141, Section B Books on Medical Astrology and Urinology.
- 7 **Prayers written by James Grenehalgh for Joanna Sewell** in Rosenbach Foundation H491, the *Scala Perfectionis* by William Hilton, folio 135v. See Appendix 5 for transcription and translation of the Latin.
- 8 Hypothetical reconstruction of the interior of a Bridgettine Abbey Church, such as Syon, from a Dutch woodcut of 1500. It shows the typical interior, with orientation reversed from the norm. From left to right: Brothers' sunken choir at west end of the church; windows for Sisters' confession set in north wall; Priest-Brother's thirteen altars on steps including the western raised high altar; grill (of iron at Syon) surrounding the nave and separating the religious from the laity, who entered the church by two doors at east end; Sisters' choir raised on columns, facing east to their elevated altar, with door from choir accessing north into their cloister at first floor level. *Kunliga Bibliotheket*, (*National Library of Sweden*, *Stockholm*).

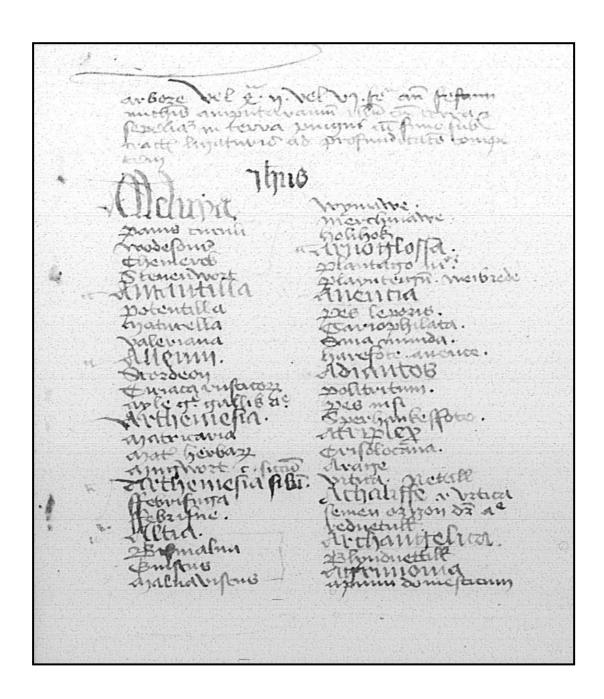


**Illustration 1:** Text of a Hymn, with image of Thomas Betson, kneeling in preachers's cope *TB De Syon*) at base. It is possibly associated with the Syon Pardon (Indulgence) of Lammastide (August 1st).

Source: From Joseph Strutt, *Bibliographical Dictionary* (1785), plate iv. See Appendix 7 for a transcription of the Latin text, also possibly composed by Betson.

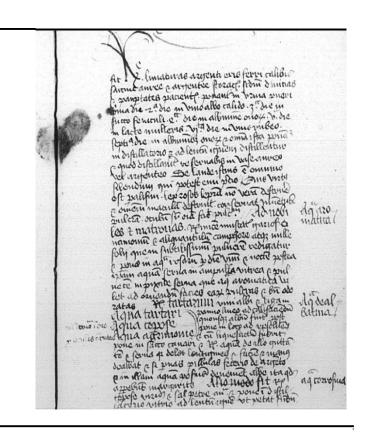


**Illustration 2:** Detail of the previous image. Betson is heavily tonsured, and apparently kneeling out of doors – note baldes of grass to right if picture.



**Illustration 3: Folio** 70r: **Beginning of the** *Herbarium* (List of Plants) at 'Alleluia' (*Oxalis acetosella,* Wood Sorrell) and ending at '*apium domesticum*', probably Celery See Image 74 right, folio 70r, col. A, page 80, to Image 74 right, folio 70r, col. B, page 83.

Illustration 4: Herbarium: Folio 86r: End of the text (*Explicit*) on **Urine**, *De Urinalibus*, at Image 90 right, Folio 86r, page 222. Beginning of **Remedies**, *Pro matrice take Rubarbe*.



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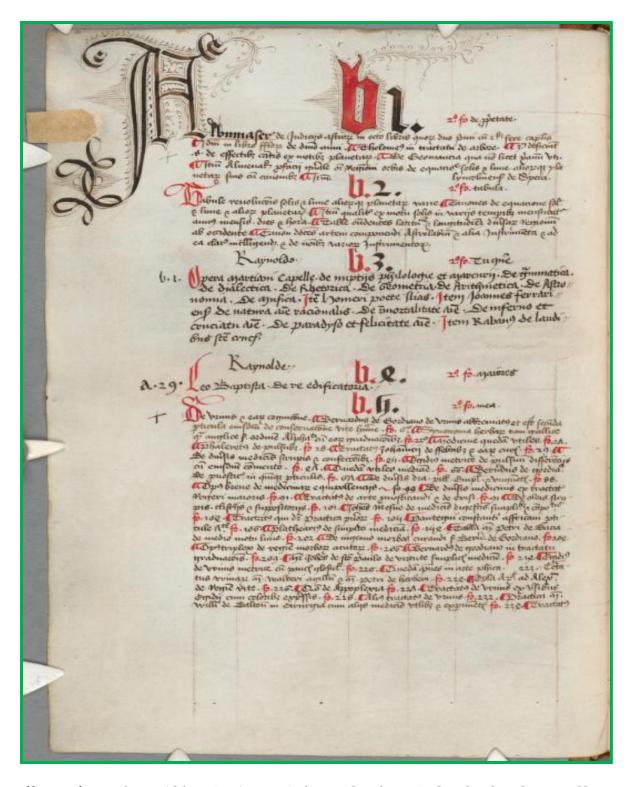
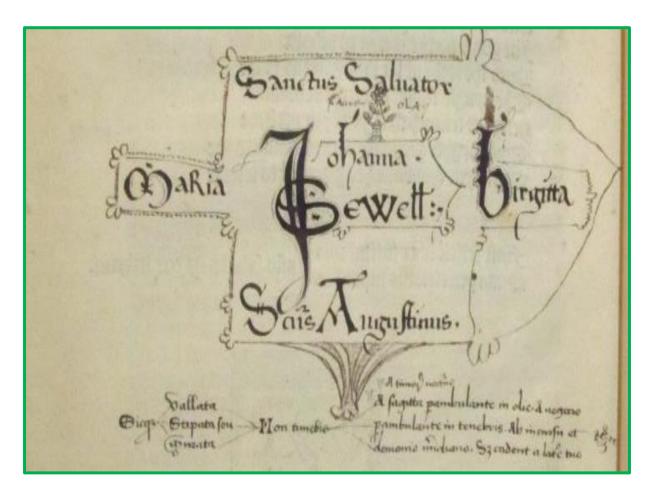


Illustration 6: Syon Abbey Registrum (Library Catalogue), Cambridge Corpus ChristiMS 141, Section B – Books on Medical Astrology and Urinology.



**Illustration 7:** Prayers written by James Grenehalgh for Joanna Sewell in Rosenbach Foundation MS H491, the *Scala Perfectionis* by William Hilton, folio 135v. See Appendix 5 for transcription and translation of the Latin.

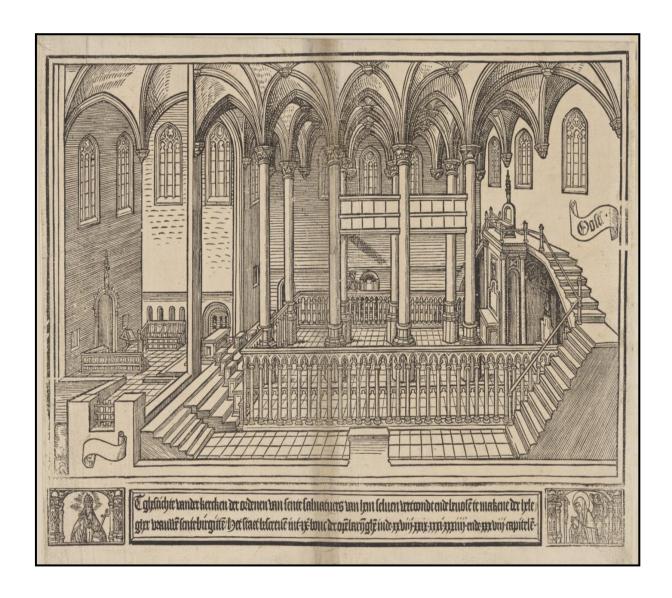


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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE MS.109 (E.6):
DESCRIPTION OF THE
BINDING, PAPER, VELLUM AND WATERMARKS

Cambridge University, St John's College MS.109 (E.6): Thomas Betson Notebook. Description of the Binding, Paper, Vellum and Watermarks, with Weblinks.

- **Contents:** A full list of the contents is set out in the St John's College Catalogue see weblinks at end below. These are principally notes on Canon Law, and from Folio 70 to 115 (over one third of the text), a list of plants (called an 'Herbarium' by Betson) and of herbal remedies. There are also sections on practical jokes, astrology (including rough two star charts), uroscopy, and enamelling. These can be traced to specific texts copied out by Betson see 'Introduction Betson's Sources' below.
- **Size**:  $5 \frac{3}{4}$  inches long x  $4 \frac{1}{4}$  wide x  $1\frac{1}{4}$  deep ( $14.6 \times 10.8 \times 3.2$ cm); ff124 +8, perhaps 50,000 words on both vellum and paper.
- **Folios:** ff124 +8
- **Cover:** Dark varnished leather on wooden boards. Leather is white on inner sides of boards, but appears to be over another pink cover, also perhaps of leather. Where the second inner cover is exposed on the back board, it is not pink, but a darkish brown. There are Compass marks on the front cover in the common geometric 'circle and flower' pattern. These have penetrated and damaged the leather cover.
- **Inscriptions**: On front cover at top right, inscribed in ink: 'Thos CS' (*Thomas, Comes Southamptoniensis*, (Thomas, Earl of Southampton). According to the James catalogue entry: 'Was in possession of Henry Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton (1573-1624), then to Thomas Wriothesley, then to St John's, Cambridge.'

At image 6 right, Folio 2r. 'Orate pro anime Thome Betson de Syon' (Pray for the soul of Thomas Betson of Syon).

On pastedown of rear board. 'Anno *Domini 1500 peribit omnis caro per ignem.'* (In the year of the Lord 1500, all flesh will perish by fire).

- **Catch:** is missing. There remains its attachment to the cover, probably iron, at front in middle of board, secured by with triangular-headed brass nail; a clip present on back cover -7/16 inch, (0.2cm), perhaps brass.
- **Binding**: Three double strings at back and front set into the boards. These are still creamy and clean, and look perhaps like plaited reeds.

- **Collation:**  $a^4$ ,  $1^{10}$   $2^{10}$   $3^8$   $4^{12}$   $5^8$   $11^8$   $12^{12}$   $13^8$   $14^8$ ,  $b^4$ . The collations have paper pastedowns, except for Gathering 14. The gatherings themselves have five stitches, at approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{4}{2}$  and  $\frac{5}{2}$  inches (0.6, 3.2, 7.6, 10.2 and 14cm).
- **9 Watermarks:** The text was examined using a 'light-sheet'. The resulting images were then photographed, and then compared the entries in Briquet.<sup>119</sup> The patterns are in fact rather common, and it was not possible to identify any one source in particular. It would be interesting to know how Betson, as a monk sworn to poverty, acquired the paper was it for example from Wynkyn de Worde's printing house, which had a close association with Syon?

There are eight **watermarks** visible in the text, excluding vertical and horizontal lines on the paper. But four of these watermarks appear to be severed halves of each other (discussed below.) The watermarks have been categorised roughly after Briquet. Their locations are in the second section below.

**Watermark Style 1** occurs only once, but is somewhat indecipherable. It consists of two circles and wavy lines. It is present at image 12 right, folio 8r, at top left. It is 1¼ inches (3cm) deep and 2 ¾ inches (7cm) wide.

**Watermark Style 2:** Tête de Boeuf, a schematic bull's head, also occurs once only; at Image 17 right, folio 8r, top left, the head is inverted and at an angle.

**Watermark Style 3:** again a Tête de Boeuf, which occurs seven times and is a distinctive head with large eyes and both nostrils well delineated, at image 58 right, folio 54r; image 73 right, folio 69r; image 86 right, folio 82r; image 95 left, folio 91r; image 104 right, folio 100r; image 114 right, folio 110r; image 124 right, folio 120r.

**Watermark Style 4**: is a bull's horn next to a long stem, ending in an X shaped star. It looks as though this may in fact be a truncated part of Tête de Boeuf Style 3 above, where several examples show the beginning of a stem in the centre of the bull's head. There are seven example of this version, so that the paper may in fact been cut along the line of the Bull's head with stem and star, creating the two watermarks. It occurs at image 59 right; folio 55r; image 76 right, folio 72r; image 87 right; folio 83r; image 94 right; folio 90r; image 105 right; folio 101r; image 115 right, folio 111r; image 121 right, folio 117r.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> Briquet, Charles Moïse, (1907).

**Watermark Style 5**: only one occurrence at image 34 right, folio 30r: a crescent (like a croissant pastry), and a curved line, at top left; 1 inch (2.4cm) deep. **Watermark Style 6**: is a bunch of grapes, with two examples at image 66 right, folio 61r and image 67 right, folio 62r.

**Watermark Style** 7: is a distinctive lower half of a bull's body. This also appears to have once been a single watermark, and now severed in two. It occurs at image 82 right, folio 78r.

**Watermark Style 8.** Probably the lower half of Style 7, and is also present only once, at image 83 left, folio 79r.

These are common types of watermarks in Briquet, who has over 1250 examples of the Bull's head (Tête de Boeuf). Grapes, as at Style 6 above, are also a common theme. It has not therefore been possible so far to identify any example or dates. The several variants suggest that the sheets were from different sources.

# 10 Gatherings, Vellum, Paper and Watermarks

Flyleaves at Front: Four vellum flyleaf Folios of music and hymns.

**Gathering 1**: Ten Folios from image 005 right, folio 1r, to image 15 left, folio 10v.

**Vellum:** Image 009 right, folio 5r, to image 11 left, folio 6v, in centre of the gathering.

**Watermark Style 1**, image 12 right, folio 8r at top left.

**Paper**: downstrokes and lateral ribbing in watermark.

**Gathering 2**: Ten Folios from image 15 right, folio 11r, to image 25 left, folio 20v.

**Vellum**: image 19 right, folio 10r to image 21 left, folio 12r.

Watermark Style 2, image 17 right, folio 8r, top left, Tête de Boeuf, head only, inverted and at an angle.

**Paper**: downstrokes and lateral ribbing in watermark.

**Gathering 3**: Eight folios with pastedown in middle, from image 25 right, folio 21r to image 33 left, folio 28v.

**Paper**: downstrokes and lateral ribbing in watermark. No other watermarks.

**Gathering 4**: 12 folios with vellum at start and in centre from image 33 right, folio 29r, to image 45 left, folio 40v.

**Watermark Style 5:** image 34 right, folio 30r, a crescent (shaped like a croissant pastry), and a curved line, at top left. It is 1 inch (2.4cm) deep, and is the sole example.

**Paper**: downstrokes and lateral ribbing in watermark.

Gathering 5: Eight folios. Image 45 right, folio 41r to image 53 left, folio 48v.

**Paper**: at image 45 right, folio 41r the paper changes to plain with no downstrokes and no lateral ribbing in watermarks. No other watermarks.

**Gathering 6**: Eight folios with pastedown in middle. Image 53 right, folio 49r, to image 61 left, folio 56v.

## Watermarks:

- (i)Watermark at top left in **Style 3**, Tête de boeuf, head only, about 1 inch (2.4 cm) deep at image 58 right, folio 54r.
- (ii)Watermark **Style 4**, with horn and star, at top left; about 5 cm visible at image 59 right, folio 55r.

**Paper**: at image 57 right, folio 54r downstrokes and lateral ribbing visible in watermark.

**Gathering 7**: Eight folios with pastedown in middle. Image 61 right, folio 57r, to image 69 left, folio 64v.

**Watermark**: Bunch of grapes, Watermark **Style 6** at top left, one inch, (2.5 cm) long at image 66 right, folio 61r and image 67 right, folio 62r

**Paper**: image 57 right, folio 53r downstrokes and lateral ribbing visible in watermark.

**Gathering 8**: Eight folios with pastedown in middle. Image 69 right, folio 65r to image 77 left, folio 72v

## Watermarks:

- (i)Tête de boeuf, **Style 3**, about ½ inch (1.2) visible, top left at image 73 right, folio 69r.
- (ii)Watermark **Style 4**, horn and star, top left, about 2 inches (4.8 cm) visible at image 76 right, folio 72r.

**Paper**: at image 69 right, folio 65r paper changes, no vertical lines or horizontal ribbing in the watermark.

**Gathering 9:** Eight Folios with pastedown in middle. Image 77 right, folio 73r to image 85 left, folio 80v.

## Watermarks:

- (i) Watermark **Style 7**, at top left of image 82 right, folio 78r. Four legs of bull and pizzle, well drawn, possibly the other half of next entry below (Watermark Style 8). About ¾ inch deep, and 2 inches long (1.5 cm and 5 cm).
- (ii) Watermark **Style 8** at image 83 left, folio 79r. Inverted image of a bull, with head, back and an 'S' shaped tail, but no legs, and no 'stem and star' between horns. Well drawn. About <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch deep, and 2 inches along the back, including tail and head (1.5 and 5 cm).
- **Gathering 10:** Eight folios with pastedown in middle. Image 85 right, folio 81v to image 93 left, folio 88v.

## Watermarks:

- (i)Tête de boeuf, **Style 3**, at image 86 right, folio 82r, but with head only, top left. About 1 inch (2.5 cm.).
- (ii)Watermark **Style 4**, horn and star, image 87 right, folio 83r, top left,. Length of image: 1½ inches (3.5 cm.).
- **Gathering 11**: Eight folios with pastedown in middle. Image 93 right, folio 89r, to image 101 left, folio 96v.

## Watermarks:

(i) Watermark **Style 4**, horn and star, top left at image 94 right, folio 90r. Visible length of section: 1½ inches (3.6 cm.).

(ii) Tête de boeuf, Watermark **Style 3**, head only, top left at image 95 left, folio 91r. Visible image about 1 inch (2.5 cm.).

**Gathering 12:** Twelve Folios, with pastedown in middle. Image 101 right, folio 97r to image 113 left, folio 108v.

#### Watermarks:

- (i)Image 104 right, folio 100r shows a Tête de boeuf, **Style 3**, head only, at top left in gutter, with stem of star in centre of head. Visible length about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches (2 cm).
- (ii)Image 105 right, folio 101r, Watermark **Style 4**, horn and star, at top left in gutter. Visible length about 1 ½ inches (3.6cm).

**Gathering 13:** Eight folios with pastedown in middle. Image 113 right, folio 109r to image 121 left, folio 116v.

#### Watermarks:

- (i)Image 114 right, folio 110r, Tête de boeuf, **Style 3**, head only, top left in gutter. Visible image is about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch (2 cm) long, with beginning of stem for star in centre of head at top.
- (ii)Image 115 right, folio 111r, Watermark **Style 4**, horn and star, at top left in gutter. Visible length is 1 ½ inches (3.5cm) to top of stem.
- (iii)Image 121 right, folio 117r, Watermark **Style 4**, horn and star, at top left in gutter. Visible length is 4cm to tip of stem.
- **Gathering 14**: Eight folios with pastedown in middle, which is vellum; image 121 right, folio 117r, to image 129 left, folio 124v.

**Watermark:** Image 124 right, folio 120r, Tête de Boeuf, Watermark **Style 3**, head only, at top left in gutter. Ears visible, but no horns or 'star on stem'. Visible section is about ½ inch (1.2 cm) long.

**Flyleaves at end**: Four re-used flyleaf vellum folios of music at end of book.

# 11 Weblinks:

# St John's College Catalogue entry:

http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special\_collections/manuscripts/medieval\_manuscripts/medman/E\_6.htm

# M.R. James, St John's College catalogue entry:

 $\underline{http://ia600404.us.archive.org/16/items/catmanustjohscol00jamesuoft/catmanustjohscol00jamesuoft/catmanustjohscol00jamesuoft.pdf}$ 

# THE SYON ABBEY HERBAL

# I THE HERBARIUM

# Abbreviations and Symbols

 $\Pi$ : In Betson this sign marks the main entry of a group of synonyms or remedies.

BB: Breviarium Bartholomaei, BL Harley MS 3 (John Dee's copy).

eLALME: *An Electronic Version of a Linguistic Atlas of Late Mediaeval English.* The University of Edinburgh, 2013.

EMED: Electronic Middle English Dictionary. University of Michigan.

EPN: English Plant Names from the Tenth to the Fifteenth Century, Earle, J. (1880) OUP.

eTK: THORNDIKE, Lynn & KIBRE, Pearl (1963). *A Catalogue of Incipits of Mediaeval Scientific Writings in Latin* (Cambridge, MA, Mediaeval Academy.) and supplements.

eVK: VOIGTS, Linda Ehrsam and KURTZ, Patricia Deery (2000). *Scientific and Medical Writings in Old and Middle English: An Electronic Reference CD*. University of Michigan Press.

HUNT, Tony, (1989). Plant Names of Mediaeval England. DS Brewer.

ISTC: Incunabula Short Title Catalogue: see <a href="http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/istc/index.html">http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/istc/index.html</a>

'i.' or 'id': Latin 'idem' – meaning ' the same.' Here usually the same plant by another name.

MBDS: KRÄMER, Sigrid, & BERNHARD, Michael (1989). *Mittelalterliche Bibliothekskataloge Deutschlands und der Schweiz.* C.H. Beck'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, München.

MLGB: *Medieval Libraries of Great Britain* (1964 -1987). Volumes I-V and Supplement. Ker, N. R., edited by Andrew G. Watson. London. The Royal Historical Society.

Mowat: *Sinonoma Bartholomaei, Alphita, and Synonyma Antidotarii Nicolai,* (1882). Edited by J.L.G. MOWAT. Clarendon Press.

ODNB: Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, online version.

OED: Oxford English Dictionary, on-line version.

OF: Old French.

SAN: Synonyma Antidotarii Nicolai, taken from Mowat, above.

SB: Sinonoma Bartholomaei, taken from Mowat, above.

ssp.: sub-species.

Tr.: Translation, in general from Latin into English.

## Transcription conventions for Betson's Latin and English Text

We have attempted to create a legible text for readers who may be unfamiliar with Latin abbreviations and Middle English letters.

**Latin**: Betson's  $\bar{a}$ ,  $\bar{e}$ ,  $\bar{i}$ ,  $\bar{o}$ ,  $\bar{u}$ , have benn expanded to 'am, em, im, om, um', and similarly for abbreviations with the letter 'n'. The use of the 'u' in Latin has been replaced by the letter 'v' where appropriate, in order to assist comprehension; for example 'ova' for 'oua', meaning 'eggs'.

**Middle English**: Thorn 'þ' as in 'þe' (*the*) has been replaced by italicised '*th*' and 'Þē' becomes the more intelligible '*them*' or '*then*' depending on the context. Betson also very occasionally seems to use simply a 'd' as in 'fedur' *feather*, 'modur' *mother*, and 'turnid' for *turneth*. We have retained Betson's spelling since the cross bar to the 'ð' or 'eth' is missing, and the 'eth' had in any case largely disappeared from Middle English by 1300.

Betson also uses the 'yogh' letter 'ʒ'. We have replaced it with the modern letter 'y', so that 'sore eizen' for example, becomes 'sore eiyen,' equivalent to the modern 'sore eyes.'

Betson has three forms of the modern letter 's', namely  $\mathfrak{L}$ ,  $\mathfrak{J}$ ,  $\sigma$ . His use of these is not consistent (though  $\mathfrak{L}$  usually only appears at the end of a word). We have therefore replaced all three with the letter 's'. Similarly 'ff' in initial position has been replaced by a single capital letter (Fenell for ffenell, etc). ' $\mathbb{R}$ 'has been expanded to 'Recipe' meaning 'Take' (the following list of ingredients.)

We have also added punctuation and capital letters, where this aids the sense. This is particularly the case with lists, viz: 'Caraway, Fenell, Spkykenard, Anice, Synamome, Galangur' etc. Where words are continued over a line-break, we have added a hyphen for the sense, e.g. 'quanti-/ te'. Betson's own text in fact adopts this convention towards the end. Other mediaeval Latin and English abbreviations, which are signalled in the original text by a confusing variety of symbols, have been expanded.

The pages are numbered by folio number – that of the St John's catalogue, which is M. R. James from his catalogue<sup>120</sup>. We have also included the image numbers from the St John's microfilm, which shows two pages at a time. Here we have distinguished each individual page by its Image Number and by *left* (which are the verso pages of the previous folio) and *right* (which are the recto pages). Betson's double columns on each page of his *Herbarium* are then listed as 'A' or or 'B.' This Image numbering system includes the sheets of music pasted into the covers at front and rear, and which have no folio numbers in the James catalogue.

We have followed Hunt for the identification of plants. He often cites a number of alternative identifications, using over 60 MSS. We have retained these alternatives, since Betson was using a number of sources, and there may well have been no consistency of naming between the sources.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> See James, M. R. (1903). *Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of St John's College, Cambridge*. Cambridge University Press.

# Text of Betson's 'Herbarium': Introduction

From Image 74 right, folio 70r, col. A, to Image 87 left, folio 82v, col. B.

This section of the notebook, which Betson at the very end entitles an 'Herbarium', comprises a list of about 700 medicinal plants, animals and minerals, with many repetitions. It is in rough mediaeval alphabetical order, which omits the letters J and W. It follows closely a similar list produced by John Bray, (d.1381), physician to Edward III, which he called the *Sinonoma de nominibus herbarum*. Bray's list is preserved in six extant manuscripts. Of those we have examined, Betson's seems to be closest to BL Sloane MS 282, fols. 167v-173v.<sup>121</sup>

There are also a few marginal notes in Betson, which may be taken from the *Sinonima Bartholomaei* of John Mirfield (fl. 1390), of St Bartholomew's Priory and Hospital in London. Betson's list of plants, probably compiled around 1500, was therefore already a century old, and has not benefitted from the new Greek learning of the period, nor the contemporary publication of standard printed herbal texts (such as, for example, the 1492 *Lumen Apothecariorum*, which was in the Library at Syon).

Both Bray (in Sloane 282) and Betson employed a system of bracketing their entries in groups of different names for the same plant. It was not possible to reproduce the bracketing systems in the text.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> We have not yet examined Durham DUL MS Cosin V.III.11, and Glasgow University Library, MS 185, ff.1-6v. A full list of the extant Bray MSS is at end of this book.

# Betson's Herbarium:

From Image 74 Right, Folio 70r, Col. A, to Image 87 Left, Folio 82v, Col. B.

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Image, Folio and Line Numbers.	Betson Entry. [The alphabetical letters A-Z below are for reference only, and are not in Betson].	The Synonoma of John Bray: BL Sloane MS 282, with folio number and column.	Possible Modern Names, mainly Linnaean, and taken from Hunt (1989). Non-Linnaean names are indicated.
Image 74 Righ	nt, Folio 70r, Col. A		
1.	[A]	Sloane 282, Folio	
	Π Alleluya.	167v, Col. A Alleluya. Panis	Oxalis acetosella,
		cuculi, pain de	Wood Sorrell.
		kukell.	(Hunt, p298, has pain de coucou).
2.	Panis cuculi	Panis cuculi,	As above.
3.	Wodesour	Wodesour	As above.
4.	Chemerek		As above. Name not found.
5.	Stevenwort		As above.
6.	Π Amantilla	Amantilla,	Valeriana phu or
		potentilla, ,	V. officinalis, Valerian.
		matinella,	V. officinalis is a British native; phu is
		valeriana, ffeu,	not native and scarcely grown now,
		valerian	but may have been formerly.
7.	Potentilla	Potentilla	As above.
8.	Maturella	Matinella (not in	As above. Hunt (p.294) gives
		Hunt).	Maturell as 'fu'.
9.	Valeriana		As above.
		Bray text:-	
		Allipiados.	
		Lanceola. Herba	
		Catholica.	
		Lanceolearius.	
		Semen dicitur	
10		Coconidium.	
10.	Π Alleum.	Alleum	Allium vineale, Crow Garlic.

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11.	Scordion	Scordeon	Allium ursinum, Ramsons, Wild Garlic, Crow Garlic.
12.	Tiriaca rusticorum	Tyriaca rusticorum	Allium sativum, Garlic.; or ?Allium porrum, ?Leek.
13.	Ayle Gallice; Gallik, Anglice	ayl, anglice Garlek.	French 'Ail', Garlic.
14.	Π Arthemesia.	Arthemesia , Heymoyse.	Artemisia vulgaris, Mugwort. Heymoyse is not in Hunt.Perhaps a form of Arthemesia. cf. also Ermoyse in SB, Mowat p.20 and Hunt p.36.
15.	Matricaria	Matricaria	As above.
16.	Mater herbarum	Mater herbarum	As above.
17.	Mugwort c. sicus (?)	anglice mugworth	As above.
18.	Π Arthemesia silv <i>estris</i> .	Arthemesia sylvestris, Fyvefing <i>er</i>	As above.  Fyvefinger: perhaps for Fyuefever, Feverfew, see Hunt p.37.
19.	Febrifuga	Febriffuga.	As above.
20.	Febrifue.		As above.
21.	Π Altia.	Altea	Althaea officinalis, Marsh mallow. Ray: Alcea rosea, Hollyhock.
22.	Bismalva	Bismalva	As above.
23.	Bruscus		Ruscus aculeatus, Butcher's Broom, but perhaps here Althaea officinalis, Marsh mallow. Betson seems to have mis-read Bruscus for Eviscus, which latter makes more sense here in the Mallows section. See Hunt p.112.
24.	Malvaviscus	Malva viscus	Althaea officinalis , Marsh mallow; ?Anthemis Cotula, Mayweed.

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Image 74 Righ	nt, Folio 70r, Col. B		
1.	Wyemawe.	Wyemalve	As above.
2.	Merchmawe	Merche Malve	As above.
3.	Holihok	Holikokke	Althaea officinalis, Marsh mallow, Hollyhock.
4.	Π Arnoglossa.	Arnoglossa	Plantago major, Greater Plantain.
5.	Plantago Major	Plantago maior	As above.
6.	Playntengu <i>m</i> Weibrede	Planteyne or Weybrede	As above.
7.	Avencia	Avancia	Geum urbanum, Herb Bennet.
8.	Pes leporis	Pes Leporis	As above.
9.	Gariophilata.	Gariophilata	As above.
10.	Sana munda.	Sanamunda	As above.
11.	Harefote Avence.	Harefote or Avence	As above.
12.	Adiantos	Adiantos	Adiantum capillus-veneris, Maidenhair fern.
13.	Politricum.	Pollitricum	As above.
14.	Pes Nisi	Pes Nisi	?Adiantum capillus-veneris, Maidenhair fern; or ?Asplenium trichomanes, Maidenhair Spleenwort; or ?Asplenium adiantum-nigrum, Black Spleenwort.
15.	Sperhaukesfote	Sparhawkyffote	?Adiantum capillus-veneris, Maidenhair fern.
16.	Atriplex	Attriplex	Atriplex hortensis, Garden Orach.
17.	Crisolocana	Crislocanna	As above.
18.	Arage	Anglice Arage	As above.
19.	Urtica nettill		Urtica dioica, Stinging nettle.

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20.	Achalaffe vide Urtica		As above. Hunt p.3 has Acalephe and variant spellings in three other MSS.
21.	Semen azizon dicitur Anglice:		Perhaps <i>Lamium purpureum,</i> Red Dead Nettle, as below. But Daems #498, p.273 has Azizon as
22.	Rednettull		Rumex acetosa. The 'Aison' and 'Aizoon' variants in Hunt at p.12 are not for Lamium purpureum.
23.	Archangelica	Archangel	As above.
24.	Blyndnettill	Blynd netle	As above.
25.	Agrimonia	Agrimonia. Egrymoyne, Garschyve	Agrimonia eupatoria, Agrimony. (Hunt p11 has Garscleve).
26.	Apium domesticum.	Apium. Ther beth v spices [species] of hem, viz apium domesticum  [Bray names only four, not five, species of Apium below].	Apium graveolens Wild Celery
Image 75 Left	, Folio 70v, Col. A		
1.	Π In margin: Detrahit fevrum a vulnere. Supposita capiti dormientis, continuat sompnum.	Tr: Withdraws the fever from a wound. Placed under the head of a sleeping person, prolongs their sleep.	A similar text is found in Alphita, Mowat, p.3 under 'Agimonia vel Agrimonia' .

Image, Folio and Line Numbers.	Betson Entry. [The alphabetical letters A-Z below are for reference only, and are not in Betson].	The Synonoma of John Bray: BL Sloane MS 282, with folio number and column.	Possible Modern Names, mainly Linnaean, and taken from Hunt (1989). Non-Linnaean names are indicated.
2.	Apium ranarum	Apium ranarum	Ranunculus scelaratus, Celery-Leaved Buttercup, Crowfoot.
3.	Apium risus	Apium risus	As above.
4.	Apium amoraidarum	Apium emoiroida <i>rum</i>	Ficaria verna, Lesser celandine, Pilewort , crowfoot.
5.	Ache merche	Ache merche	Levisticum officinale, Lovage.
6.	Smalache	et Smalache	Apium graveolens, Wild Celery, Smallage.
7.	Abrotanum	Folio 167v, Col. B  Abrotanu <i>m</i> ,  Averoyne	Artemesia abrotanum, Southern Wormwood.
8.	Sotherwode (sic)	Anglice Sotherenwode	As above.
9.	Π <u>Anetium.</u>	Anetium	Perhaps for Anetum, as in Anethum graveolens, Dill, below at line 11.
10.	Absintheum	Absinthiu <i>m</i> dulce	Artemisia absinthium, rather than A. pontica, Wormwood.
11.	Dille dulce	Dile, Anglice	Anethum graveolens, Dill
12.	Avens agneti (?)		As above, Anethum graveolens, Dill. Image 86 Left, Folio 81v, Col. B, Line 29 gives Dill as 'Agnetum.'
		Bray: Aloes, <i>th</i> ere beth iii Aloes evatik, Aloes cicotrinum, thes ben put on medicines; Aloes caballinum, he is put on plastres; Aloes ligni est <i>th</i> at cometh out of paradys and <i>th</i> at ys oyt that cometh out of Indes (?), de India.	

Image, Folio and Line Numbers.	Betson Entry. [The alphabetical letters A-Z below are for reference only, and are not in Betson].	The Synonoma of John Bray: BL Sloane MS 282, with folio number and column.	Possible Modern Names, mainly Linnaean, and taken from Hunt (1989). Non-Linnaean names are indicated.
13.	Π Anagallis	Anagallis	Symphytum officinale, Common Comfrey.
14.	Anagallicum	Anagallicum	As above.
15.	Consolida maior	Consolida maior	As above.
16.	Exsimphicum (?) radix maior	And the rote of hym is y cleped Simphonitum	As above. SB, Mowat, p.39 also has 'Simphicum'.
17.	Confery	Conferie	As above.
		and 315), Myddel	nedia, Wryngynwort, (Hunt pp. 87 Consoude, Consolida minor, rseye. These are all Bellis perennis,
18.	Π <u>Aquileria</u>	Aquileria	Either: Ranunculus sceleratus, Celery-Leaved Buttercup or Crowfoot. Or Melissa officinalis, Balm, or Filipendula ulmaria, Meadowsweet. See Hunt p31, (Aquilaris and Aquileia 1 & 2)
19.	Columbaria	Columbina	?As Balm above.
20.	Columbyn	Columbyne	?As Balm above.
21.	Π Auricula leporina	Auricula leporis	Sedum telephium, Orpine.
22.	Harisworth Orpyn	Hariswort, Orpyn	As above.
23.	Π Aron	Aaron, Barba Aaron, Pes vituli, Pee de pulayn	Arum maculatum, Lords and Ladies.
24.	Pes vituli.	Pes vituli	As above.
25.	Yeksterys	Yekersteys	As above.
26.	Π Aquilaria	Aquilaria,	Ranunculus sceleratus, Celery- Leaved Buttercup or Crowfoot.

Image, Folio and Line Numbers.	Betson Entry. [The alphabetical letters A-Z below are for reference only, and are not in Betson].	The Synonoma of John Bray: BL Sloane MS 282, with folio number and column.	Possible Modern Names, mainly Linnaean, and taken from Hunt (1989). Non-Linnaean names are indicated.
27.	Celidonia	Celidonia	Chelidonium majus, Greater Celandine.
28.	Tetereworth	Anglice Celidoigne, Teterwort	Ranunculus sceleratus, Celery-Leaved Buttercup or Crowfoot, or Greater Celandine (Chelidonium majus), EMED.
29.	Π Aritemis	Anthemis	Chamaemelum nobile, Sweet Camomile.
30.	Camomilla	Camamilla	As above.
31.	Camemilla	Anglice Camamille	As above.
32.	ΠAbsintheum	Absinthemu <i>m</i> , Aloyne, Anglice Wermode or Symon	Artemisia absinthium, rather than A. pontica, Wormwood. Hunt p.2 has Aloyne and Symount.
33.	Wormode		As above.
34.	Π Agnus Castus	Agnus Castus	Vitex agnus-castus , Chaste Tree.
35.	Calix (sic for Salix) marinus	Calx Marinus	As above.
Image 75 Left	, Folio 70v, Col. B		
1.	Toteseyn.	Tutsayne	As above.
2.	Π Anisium	Anisum	Pimpinella anisum, Aniseed.
3.	Ciminum dulce	Ciminum dulce	As above.
4.	Aneys	Aneis	As above.
5.	Π <u>Andrago</u>	Andrago	Portulaca oleracea, Green/Golden Purslane.
6.	Portulaca	Portulaca	As above.
7.	Purslane	Porcelane	As above.

Image, Folio and Line Numbers.	Betson Entry. [The alphabetical letters A-Z below are for reference only, and are not in Betson].	The Synonoma of John Bray: BL Sloane MS 282, with folio number and column.	Possible Modern Names, mainly Linnaean, and taken from Hunt (1989). Non-Linnaean names are indicated.
		Alica, Spelta, Spelt	Hunt p.16 has 'Alitum', identity unknown.
8.	Π Anacarus	Ancorus,	Sanicula europaea, Sanicle. Hunt p.24.
9.	Saincls	Saniculus	As above.
10.	Sanicle	Sanicle or	As above.
11.	Wodemerch	Wodemerche	As above.
12.	Ambrosia	Ambrosia	Teucrium scordonia, Wood Sage.
13.	Hindhal Anglice Hendhale	Hyndehale,	As above.
14.	Wildsauge.	Wildesauge	As above.
15.	Eutoporium	Eupatorium	As above.
16.	Ambrose.	Ambrose	As above.
17.	Salvia agrestis	Salvia agrestis	As above.
		Bray Fol 168r, Col. A	
18.	Π <u>Ambra</u> sperma cete [whale]	Ambra sperma ceti	Ambergris.
19.	Ambre	Ambre	Amber
20.	Azarabaccera	Azarabaccara	Asarum europaeum, Asarabacca, 'but variously applied' Hunt.
21.	Garriofilata agrestis	Gariofilata agrestis	As above.
22.	Azarus	Azarus	As above.
23.	Π Ayson	Ayson	Sempervivum tectorum, Houseleek.

Image, Folio	Betson Entry.	The Synonoma of	Possible Modern Names, mainly
and Line	[The alphabetical	John Bray:	Linnaean, and taken from Hunt (1989).
Numbers.	letters A-Z below are for reference	BL Sloane MS 282, with folio number	Non-Linnaean names are indicated.
	only, and are not	and column.	
	in Betson].	and column.	
	_		
24.	Barba iovis	Barba iovis,	As above.
		Jovis Barba	
25.	Semperviva		As above.
26.	Iubarbe	Iubarbe	As above.
27.	Herworth	Herwort	As above.
28.	Senygrene.	Synegrene	As above.
29.	Housleke	, ,	As above.
30.	Π <u>Astula regia.</u>	Astula regia	Galium odoratum, Wood-ruff.
31.	Herba muscata	Herba muscata,	As above.
		Hastula regia	
32.	Woderof	Woderove	As above.
33.	Π Acetosa.	Acetosa	Rumex acetosa, Sorrel.
Image 75 Righ	nt, Folio 70v, Col.A		
1.	Sorrel.	Sorel, Asedula,	As above.
	<u>Souredok</u>	Souredokke	
2.	Π Agrediadema	Agradiadema	Glechoma hederacea, Ground Ivy.
		id est hofe.	Hunt p.11, with 'hofe' variants in 6
			MSS. It is not in Henslow or Mowat.
3.	Hofe		As above.
		Appollinaris, Closewort.	Neither word is in Betson. Hunt p30 gives Appollinaris, Glofwort or Closewort as: Convallaria majalis, Lily of the Valley; or Digitalis purpurea, Foxglove; or Mandragora officinarum Mandrake, or Solanum nigrum, Black Nightshade.
		Archapiaris id est melde.	Neither in Betson. Hunt p33 gives it as Atriplex, Orache, with 'melde' in 4 MSS. Daems #16, p.102 also has Archaposcis as Atriplex.

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4.	Π Annotana	Annotana	Bryonia dioica, White Bryony.
5.	Brionia.	Brionia	As above.
6.	Scicida.	Sicida	As above.
7.	Wildnep	Wildnepe or	As above.
8.	Wildvyne.	Wildevyne	As above.
9.	Π Aspaltios	Aspaltios	Potentilla reptans, Creeping Cinquefoil.
10.	Quinque folium	Quinquefolium	As above.
11.	Pentafilon	Pentafilon	As above.
12.	Fyveleved-	Fyvelevede	As above.
	gresse	gras	
13.	Π Aristologia.	Arestologia	Aristolochia rotunda / longa, Round-rooted and Long-rooted Birthwort. Daems #494, p.272 gives (the poisonous) Aristolochia clematis.
14.	Smerworth	Smerewort	? Aristolochia rotunda as above. OED gives 'perhaps annual mercury, Mercurialis annua (family Euphorbiaceae).' EMED gives 'One of several kinds of plants, including Aristolochia rotunda, Chenopodium Bonus-Henricus, and Mercurialis annua.'
15.	Algea	Algea, also Alga, Sewort	Probably Glyceria fluitans, which is a grass, not an algae. See Hunt p.14.
16.	Floteworth	Flotwort	As above.
		Arnoglossa, Centinarvia, Signa aretis, Plantago maior	

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17.	Π Atramentum.	Bray: Atramentum is a veyne of <i>th</i> e erthe of the which <i>th</i> ere be <i>th</i> thweyn; one <i>th</i> e white, o <i>ther</i> blakke that ys y clepid coperose & <i>th</i> e o <i>ther</i> grene coperose gr. vitriale hit is i clepid.	
18.	Vitriole.		'Any of certain glassy mineral salts of sulfuric acid used esp. in alchemy or medicine, vitriol; also, sulphuric acid' EMED.
19.	Coperose.		A metallic sulphate, as of iron (green), of copper (blue), or of zinc (white); vitriol. EMED
20.	Π <u>Alipiardos</u>	Cf. Bray's Allipiados above.	Daphne laureola, Spurge Laurel.
21.	Lauriole		As above.
22.	Semen Cinsoni.	semen d <i>icitur</i> Coconidiu <i>m</i>	As above - the seed.
23.	Cocnindium	semen d <i>icitur</i> Coconidiu <i>m</i>	As above - the seed.
24.	Π <u>Affoddillus</u>	Affoddillus	Allium ursinum, Ramsons, Wild Garlic, Crow Garlic.
		_	B s an herbe <i>th</i> e which <i>th</i> e rote is medicines. <i>As above</i>
25.	Centum capita	Centum capita	As above.
26.	Π <u>Alla gallica</u>	Allogallica	Gentiana amarella, Gentian.
27.	Gentiana	Genciana, Gencian	As above.
28.	Baldemoyn		As above.
29.	Π <u>Antera</u> semen rosar <i>um</i>		Rosa species.

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30.	Π Arnoglossa		Plantago major, Plantain.
31.	Centerimsia.?	Centinaria	As above.
Image 75 Righ	nt, Folio 71r, Col. B		
1.	Signa Arietis	Signa aretis	As above.
2.	Plantago minor		Plantago lanceolata,
			Ribwort Plantain.
3.	Agni lingua		As above.
4.	Π Alexander	Alexander	Smyrnium olusatrum, Alexanders, Horse Parsley.
5.	ΠAron		Arum maculatum,
			Lords and Ladies.
6.	Barba Aaron		As above.
7.	Iarus. Pes Vituli.		As above.
8.	Yextere		As above.
9.	Π Absintheum	Bray Fol. 168r, Col C.	Artemisia absinthium rather than A. pontica, Wormwood.
10.	Ponticum	Absinthium ponticum	A. pontica, Wormwood.
11.	Semen		As above - seed
12.	Sentonica Wormod		As above.
13.	Π Acantium	Acantum	<i>Urtica dioica,</i> Seed of the Stinging Nettle
14.	Ozimu <i>m</i>		As above. See Hunt, p.188.
15.	Virida.		Perhaps'virida' goes with Ozimum.
16.	Π <u>Agaldo</u> (?)	Agalido (?), Ozimum, Ygia	Agaldo & Agilido not found. Ozimum is in Hunt at p188, Nettle; Ygia is at Hunt, p.267 as Nettle-seed.

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17.	Semen urtice	Semen urtice	As above
18.	Π Asedula	Asedula	Rumex acetosa, Common Sorrel. Hunt pp4-5
19.	Herba acetosa		As above.
20.	Panner (?)		?As above. Not found. Hunt p4 has anglice 'rammes' in one MS.
21.	Ox. lappacium		As above. See Hunt p.195.
22.	Surrell		As above.
23.	Sourdok		As above.
24.	Π <u>Acis</u> ylder		Sambucus nigra, Elder. More usually Actis. See Hunt, p.7.
25.	Sambuci		As above
26.	Π Acus muscata minor	Acus muscata minor, Crowbille	Erodium moschatum, Musk Storks Bill, Crowbill, Herb Robert, Ground Needle Storks Bill.
27.	Ozonpill		Perhaps a misreading of Crowbill? In Hunt at p.8.
28.	Acus muscata major		As above.
29.	Herbrobert Major		Geranium robertianum, Herb Robert.
30.	Agrimulatum	Agrimulatum	Agrostemma githago, Corn Cockle or Lolium temulentum, Darnel.
31.	Gith. Melancium	Gith. Melancium	As above.
Image 76. Left	t, Folio 71v, Col. A		
1.	Nigella	Nigella, kokel	Agrostemma githago, Corn Cockel.

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2.	Π Acmalici	Acmalici idem	Saxifrage ssp., Saxifrage; or
	semen	semen saxifragii	Pimpinella saxifragia,
		_	Burnet Saxifrage
3.	Saxifrage		As above
4.	Π Acride	Acride	Pastinaca Sativa
			Wild Parsnip, Hunt p6
5.	Pastinaca	Pasinaca	As above.
6.	Bauci	Baucia	As above.
7.	Pastnepe	Parsenepe	As above.
8.	Π Adiantos	Adiantos,	Adiantum capillus-veneris,
		Alocon	Maidenhair fern. For variants see
			Hunt pp12, 13 & 15, and Daems
			#548, p.285: Alacon Aiacon, & Algon.
9.	Alacio		As above.
10.	Capillus ven <i>er</i> is	Capilli veneris	As above.
11.	Maidenhere	Maydenhere	As above.
12.	Π <u>Agon</u>	Agon	?Adiantum capillus-veneris,
			Maidenhair fern; or ?Asplenium
			trichomanes, Maidenhair
			Spleenwort; or
			?Asplenium adiantum-nigrum, Black
			Spleenwort.
13.	Pollitricum	Pollitricum	As above.
14.	Sparowisfote	Sperhaukesfote	As above.
15.	Π Adriangus	Adriagnis	Portulaca oleracea,
			Green / Golden Purslane. Hunt
		Fol.172 r., Col C.	p24 Andrago, and Daems #357, p.223,
			Adragnis, Andraginis.
16.	Portulaca alba	Portulaca, Aglaba	As above. 'Aglaba' not found.
17.	Glapes pulli	Pes pulli	As above. A mis-reading of 'Pes Pulli' – Purslane; see Hunt p.205.

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18.	Π Allium		Allium ursinum, Ramsons, Wild Garlic, Crow Garlic.
19.	Tiriaca rusticorum		As above.
20.	Garlek		As above.
21.	Π <u>Albos</u> Coriand <i>e</i> r	Albos Coriander	?Coriandrum sativum, Coriander. Hunt p.13, as 'Albor'
22.	Alexandr <i>i</i> u <i>m</i>	Alexander , at f.168r, Col B.	Smyrnium olusatrum, Alexanders, Horse Parsley.
23.	Olexaton	Olexatrum	As above.
24.	Petrocillum	Petrocillinu <i>m</i> maior	Smyrnium olusatrum, Alexanders, Horse Parsley; or Petroselinum crispum, Wild Parsley.
25.	Macedonium	Macedonicum	As above.
26.	Π <u>Alphita</u>	F.168v, Col A Alphita nomen ordei feyynede orge, barlich mele	Hordeum ssp. Barley
27.	Farina dei		Barley meal ?
28.	Farina ordei		Barley meal
29.	Π Alleuala ?	Allenala	Neither in Hunt. In Betson it is bracketed with Lingua avis below.
30.	Lingua avis	Sophir, Lingua avis.  Sophir is not in Hunt.	Fraxinus excelsior, Ash Tree Keys; or Stellaria holostea, Stitchwort.
31.	Π Amarisca fetida	Amarisca fetida	Anthemis cotula, Stinking Camomile, Mayweed.
32.	Cotida	? As above.Bray ha Hunt p.91.	as Fecula cotidia for Cotula Fetida – see

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33.	Masma <i>ra</i> trum	Masmaratrum	Hunt p.171 hasPeucedanum officinale, Hog's Fennel.
34.	Peucedenum	Peucedanum	As above.
Image 76. Lef	t, Folio 71v, Col B		
1.	Feniculus porcin <i>orum</i>	Feniclus porcinus	As above.
2.	Amerok	Folio 168v, Col. C Amerok	Anthemis cotula, Stinking Camomile or Mayweed, Hunt p.19.
3.	Hundefenell	Houndfenel or	As above, and in Hunt p.19.
4.	Matyn.	Ma <i>th</i> pen	As above and in Hunt p.19.
5.	Maraviscus		Althaea officinalis, Marsh mallow. Ray: Alcea rosea, Hollyhock.
6.	Amaricio cimbrium	Amaracus, Amaricon, Cimbrium	Majorana hortensis or vulgare Marjoram. See Hunt p19, and Daems #317, p.209
7.	Sansucus olimbrium	Sanscus olimbriu <i>m</i>	As above. See Hunt p227 'Samsucus'.
8.	Maiorana.	Maiorana	Origanum vulgare Marjoram.
9.	Michworth	Muchewort	Origanum vulgare Marjoram; or Artemisia vulgaris, Mugwort.
10.	Π Amphoricon	Amphoricon	Hypericum perforatum, St John's Wort.
11.	Yperycon	Ypericon	As above.
12.	Herba Iohannis	Herba Iohannis	As above.
13.	Herba perforata	Herba perforata	As above.
14.	Scopa regia.	Scopia regia	As above.
15.	Fuga demonum	Fuga demonum	As above.

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16.	Seynt John Worte	Anglice St Jon Wort	As above.
17.	Π Antiframacum.	Antyfernatum	Aquilegia vulgaris, Columbine. See Hunt p26 & 261 Antifarmacum. Daems #473, p264, points to next entry 'vincetoxicum' about which there is confusion.
18.	Vicetoxicum	Vincetoxicum	?Gentiana amarella, ?Felwort Or: ? Mercurialis Perennis ?Dog's Mercury Or ?Potentilla Erecta, ?Common Tormentill. See Hunt p.261.
19.	Turmentill.	Anglice Tormentille & hit is gode agyn fenym (venom).	Potentilla erecta, Common Tormentill.
20.	Π Ardillus	Ardillus	Allium ursinum Ramsons, Wild Garlic.
21.	Porcisuaticum	Porrum silvaticum.	As above. See Hunt p33. Betson or his source seems to have misread Bray.
22.	Ramsey	Anglice Rammeson	As above.
23.	Aloes epatis.	Aloë esp. succotrina, Aloes, Liverwort. Sometimes referred to as Socotrine Aloes.  Bray: Aloes, the beth iii Aloes evatik, Aloes cicotrinum, thes ben put on medicines; Aloes caballinum, he is put on plastres; Aloes ligni est that cometh out of paradys and that ys oyt that cometh out of Indes de India.	
24.	Aloes galbarbium	Caballinum above	?As above.

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25.	Aloes cucotrinum	(Aloes cicotrinum, thes ben put on medicines;)	Aloë esp. succotrina, Aloes, Liverwort. Sometimes referred to as Socotrine Aloes
26.	Aloes lignum paradisi	(Aloes ligni est that cometh out of paradys and that ys oyt that cometh out of Indes de India.)	Aloë L ssp. Aloes.
27.	Anacardus, est pediculus elephantis; secundum quosdam est fructus cuiusdam arboris.	Anacardus is the lous of an elephant & sume sey that hit ys the fruyt of a tree.	Semecarpus anacardium, Marking Nut. It is closely related to the cashew nut.
Image 76, righ	nt, Folio 72r, Col. A		
1.	Aspaltum bitumem iudiacum.	Aspaltum, bitumen iudaicum	Asphalt, bitumen.
2.	Albestio calx viva.	Albeston, calx viva, quik lyme	Quicklime.
3.	Ambra.		Ambergris.
4.	Sperma ceti		As above.
5.	Ambre		Amber.
6.	Π Acetosum		Vinegar.
7.	Aysel, vynager		Vinegar; <i>Aysel</i> is the Middle English form.

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8.	Π Arilli Kirnellis	Arilli beth kernels of reysons	Vitis vinifera , Grape-seeds. Hunt p.34.
9.	of reysyns		
10.	Π <u>Attramentum</u>		Vitriol (EMED)
11.	White copur		Cupronickel, or copper-nickel.
12.	Vitriole grene copor		
13.	Π <u>Acacia</u> juce of slon	Acacia is <i>th</i> e juce of the lytil smale wild slon <i>th</i> e which be <i>th</i> not follich rype	Prunus spinosa, Sloe, Blackthorn.
14.	not fullich ripe		As above.
15.	Π <u>Allogallica</u> vel genciana		Gentiana ssp. esp. lutea, Gentian.
16.	Π <u>Antera sede</u> of rosis		Anthers, Rose seed.
17.	Π Amidum agreste		Peucedanum officinale, Hog's Fennel. Hunt p25, Anetum agreste. See also Daems #314 p.207.
18.	Amydoyn the jeus of	Amidum, Anidoyne, <i>th</i> e tare of whete.	Not found. 'Amidum' is usually late latin for Starch. Bray's Amidum is at Daems #55, p.114.
19.	Anagadum sumak	Folio 168v, Col. B Anagodam, Sumac	'A part or parts of the shrub sumac Rhus coriaria' EMED, Sicilian Sumac or 'Anagodan'.

20.   Π Antale   Antale idem amentum dulce   Soapstone. Mesue: 'similis est lapis durus'. Opera de medicamentorum purgantium.   21.   Π Amictum dulce   Acinum idem hyndbery: Hunt p.5, Rubus idaeus, Raspberry	Image, Folio and Line Numbers.	Betson Entry. [The alphabetical letters A-Z below are for reference only, and are not in Betson].	The Synonoma of John Bray: BL Sloane MS 282, with folio number and column.	Possible Modern Names, mainly Linnaean, and taken from Hunt (1989). Non-Linnaean names are indicated.
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10. Scicides Sicides As above, also 'Squirting cucumber' Sicyos. See Hunt pp.80, 233 and 237.  11. Wildnep Wildenepe As above.  12. Cucurbita Cucurbita As above.	8.	Savyne	Saveyne	As above
Sicyos. See Hunt pp.80, 233 and 237.  11. Wildnep Wildenepe As above.  12. Cucurbita Cucurbita As above.	9.	Π Brionia	Brionia	Bryonia dioica, White Bryony.
<ul> <li>11. Wildnep Wildenepe As above.</li> <li>12. Cucurbita Cucurbita As above.</li> </ul>	10.	Scicides	Sicides	, .
Cacarotta Cacarotta Ita wootti	11.	Wildnep	Wildenepe	
	12.	Cucurbita agrestis	Cucurbita agrestis	As above.

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13.	Buglossa	Buglossa	Anchusa arvensis, Bugloss.
14.	Lingua silvana	Lingua silvana	Anchusa arvensis / officinalis, Bugloss / Alkanet ?
15.	Lingua bovis	Lingua bovis	Anchusa arvensis / officinalis, Bugloss / Alkanet ? Or: Picris echoides, Bristly Ox Tongue; or: Borago officinalis, Borage.
16.	Lange de bef	Lang de beof	As above.
17.	Π Bardona	Bardana	Arctium lappa, Burdock.
18.	Glis, Lappa, Clote.	Glis, Lappa, Anglice Clote	As above.
19.	Bedegar	Bedegar, Vulnis	Rosa rubiginosa, Eglantine; Or: Rosa canina, Dog Rose. Bedegaur or robin's pincushion, is a gall on the rose not the rose itself.
20.	Bulinam ?		Not found. Context suggests as above.
21.	Eglenter	Engleter (sic)	Rosa rubiginosa Eglantine.
22.	zhebreer	zeobrere	Here probably Rosa rubiginosa, Eglantine; or: Rosa canina, Dog Rose. But see also Hunt p49, Bedegar, for other possibilities.
23.	Birula. birle	Berula, Biler	Veronica beccabunga, Brooklime.
24.	Bariche.	Burith	Saponaria officinalis, Soapwort.
25.	Saponaria.	Saponaria	As above.

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26.	Crowpsope (sic)	Crowsope, Cardinis fullonis, Savener	As above.
27.	Balsamita.	Balsamita	Mentha aquatica, Water Mint; or: Mentha longifolia, Horse Mint.
28.	Baume	Bawme	Melissa officinalis, Balm.
29.	Π Broncus.	Bruncus  Fol 170r., Col A: Cruncus, Podadria Lini, Cuscuta idem est.	Cuscuta europaea, 'Large Dodder'; Or: Cuscuta epithymum, 'Common Dodder'; Or: Cuscuta epilinum (Weihe); Flax Dodder.
30.	Cuscuta. podrag <i>a</i>	Cuscuta	Cuscuta epilinum Weihe, Flax Dodder.
31.	Lini dodur	Lini Dodir	As above
32.	Π Butalmon	Butalmon	Leucanthemum vulgare, Ox-eye Daisy.
33.	Oculus bovis	Oculus bovis	As above.
Image 77, Left	t, Folio 72v, Col. A		
1.	Oyle de Beff	Oil de Beof	As above.
2.	Herba paralesis	Herba Paralesis	Primula veris, Cowslip; or Primula elatior, Oxlip; or Primula veris L. x vulgaris Huds. Common Oxlip.
3.	Herba paradisi		As above.
4.	Couslop	Anglice Cowsloppes	Primula officinalis, P. veris; English cowslip. EMED

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5.	Π Borago	Borago	Borago officinalis, Borage.
6.	Borage	Borage	As above
7.	Π <u>Benedicta</u> .	Benedicta	Conium maculatum,
8.	Herb Benete	Herb Benet	Hemlock, Herb Bennet.  As above.
9.			
9.	Hemelok	Hommelok	As above.
10.	Π Bugla bugle	Bugla, Bugle	Ajuga reptans, Bugle.
11.	Wodebrounien	Anglice Wodebrowne	As above.
12.	Π Broscus.	Bruscus	Ruscus aculeatus, Butcher's broom.
13.	Fracin bruskis	As above. Old French fressun, fresçon for Butcher's Broom.  Bray: Fagrum, unobholein, Bruske See Hunt p56, where Fagrum is given as a 'gallice' variant, and 'unobholein' as probably an errant writing of 'knee holly'.	
14.	Π Basilica.	Basilica	Gentiana amarella, Gentian. or: Dragonwort, Dracunculus vulgaris; any of several other plants, such as the cuckoopint (Arum maculatum).
15.	Basilicon.		Polygonum bistorta, Snake root, Bistort; or ? Dracunculus vulgaris, Dragon Arum.
16.	Dragancia.	Dragancia	Dracunculus vulgaris, Dragonwort.
17.	Serpentina.	Serpitian	As above.
18.	Dragance.		As above.

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19.	Π Baucia.	Baccia	Pastinaca sative, Parsnip; Or: Sium sisarum, Skirret.
20.	Pastineca	Pastinaca	As above.
21.	Pastnake pastnep	Pastinake Pasternepe	As above.
22.	П <u>Вассага.</u>	Baccara	Asarum europaeum, Asarabacca, Hazelwort.
23.	Azarabaccara	Azarabaccara	As above.
24.	Spewyngworth	Spywingwort	As above.
25.	Π <u>Balsamita.</u>	Balsamita	Mentha aquatica, Water Mint; Or: Mentha longifolia, Horse Mint.
26.	Menta aquatica	Menta aquatica	As above.
27.	Ortensis menta.	Ortensis	Mentha, 'Garden Mint'.
28.	Sisinbriu <i>m</i> mente	Sisimbrium	Mentha silvestris, Horsemint; Menta aquatica, 'Water Mint'.
29.	Π Barbastus	Barbastus	Vebascum thapsus, Mullein. Forrest (1831) p.196 lists 13 varieties of Vebascum at Syon House.
30.	Tapsus	Tapsus	As above.
31.	Barbastus flosmus	flosmus	As above.
32.	Pentafilion	Ponfilon, Herba lumenaria	Here probably 'Pantifilagos'  Vebascum thapsus, Mullein, rather than 'Pentafilon' Potentilla repens, Creeping Cinquefoil.
33.	Moleyn		As above.
Image 77, Left	t, Folio 72v, Col. B		
1.	Π Branca lauri	Bacca Laure	Laurus nobilis, Bay Tree Berry.
2.	Fructus lauri	Fructus Lauri	As above.
3.	Daumocokci	Dampno cocci, Dampno costi	As above.

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4.		Fol. 168v, Col B	
	Π Baccarum.	Baccarum Edere	Hedera helix,Ivy berries .
5.	Edere, fruct <i>us</i> ede <i>re</i>	Fructus Edere	As above.
6.	Carpocissi.	Carpocisci	As above.
7.	Π <u>Barba Ircina</u>	Barba Ircina	Cytinus hypocistis, Cytinus.
8.	Ypoquistides	Ipoquistidos	As above
9.	Π <u>Bitumen</u> <u>iudaicu<i>m</i></u>	Bitume <i>n</i> iudaicu <i>m</i>	'Jews' Pitch' or Asphalt.
10.	Aspintum	Aspaltu <i>m</i>	As above ?
11.	Π Bruscus	Bruscus	Ruscus aculeatus, Butcher's Broom.
12.	Bonworth	Bonewort, or kneholm	As above. 'Kneeholly'.
13.	П <u>Bursa</u> Pastorum	Bursa Pastoris	Capsella bursa-pastoris, Shepherd's Purse.
14.	Sanguinaria	Sanguinaria	As above.
15.	Stanche	Stanche	As above.
16.		Folio 168v, Col. C	Probably the Bellirici Marini of Mattheus Silvaticus (with similar
177	Bellirici marini	Bellirici marini	wording as Line 17 below and SB,
17.	sunt albi p <i>ar</i> vi lapides	beth smale stones & whyte	Mowat p.12). Perhaps Whelks - See London Encyclopedia (1829),
18.	inventi p <i>er</i> litus maris.	which beth fonden be the see brinkes.	p.778: 'a species of sea shells of an umbilical figure, sometimes of a white colour.' See also SB, Mowat, p.43 for 'umbilici marini' which is perhaps the original form.

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19.	Bolus armoinicus	Bolus armenicus	Bole armeniac or Armenian bole.  Probably Azurite.
20.	Π Bole armoniak	Bole of armonak	As above.
21.	Π <u>Binni</u> robenet It	Ben iubium	The Bray and Betson texts seems to be garbled forms of Been, Arabic Behen, as in "Been rub. radix quae in India invenitur. Been album in Egypto reperitur" in Alphita, Mowat, p.21 line 20. Hill, A History of the Materia Medica, 1751, p629, gives a complete description of the two plants and their uses.
22.	is founden in ynde	Ys a rote wyche is founde on inde	
23.	& the rede in egipte.	& the white in egipte	The white is Centaurea Behen, White Behen. The red is Statice Limonium, Sea Lavender or Red Behen. Both are astringent, and hence grouped together here.
24.	Π Brionia cucurbita		Bryonia dioica, White Bryony.
25.	agrestis ang <i>lice</i> : wildenep		As above.
26.	aliquantulum assimilatur viti		
Image 77 Righ	nt, Folio 73r, Col. A		
1.	[C]	Fol 169r, Col A	
	Ciclamen.	Ciclamen	Conopodium majus (Gouan) Loret, Pignut, Earthnut; OR Cyclamen hederifolium. Cyclamen, sowbread.

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2.	Cassanum.	Cassanum	As above. See Hunt p72 - Cassamus
3.	Panis porcinus.	Panis porcinus	As above.
4.	Nux terre.	Nux terre, Nois de terre	As above.
5.	Malum terre.		As above.
6.	Erthe nuttis.	Anglice Erthe note	As above.
7.	Π Camedreos.	Camedreos	Veronica chamaedrys, Germander Speedwell. Hunt also gives: Teucrium chamaedrys, Wall Germander; Rhianthos cristi Galli, ?Yellow Rattle; Pedicularis palustris, ?Red Rattle.
8.	Germandria.	Germandrea	As above.
9.	Germandre.	Anglice Culerage	As above.
10.	Π Colophonia	Colofonia	Pine resin, Colophony.
11.	Pix greca.	Pyx greca	'Pix' here in the sense of 'resin', 'pitch'.
12.	Colophonie.	Anglice Colofoyne	As above.
13.	Π Cantabrum	Cantabrum	Triticum aestivum, Wheatbran.
14.	Furfur tritici.	Furfur tritici, Bran of whete, Berin de frument	As above.
15.		Capitellum lixivium , Lessive, Lye	
16.	П Cervisa [Read: Cerusa].	Cerusa album (sic).	White Lead, Hydrocerussite.

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17.	Ceroisa		As above.
18.	Albu <i>m</i> plumbum		As above.
19.	Whitelede.	Blank plum, Whit leed.	As above
20.	Π <u>Caprifolium</u>	Caprifolium	Lonicera caprifolium, Honeysuckle.
21.	Mater silve.	Mater silve	As above.
22.	Cherfole. Woodbynde	Chiverfoil, Wodebynde	As above.
23.	Π <u>Caniclata.</u>	Caniculata	<i>Hysocamus niger,</i> Henbane.
24.	Iusquiamus.	Iusquiamus	As above.
25.	Simphonica.	Simphonica	As above. See Hunt p.239 for Simphoniaca.
26.	Fistula henbane.	Fistula Chenil Henbane. <i>Hunt</i> p.118 'Chenillé idem Henbane'.	As above, with a side reference to John Arderne's 'Fistula in ano' use of Henbane.
27.	Π Centaurea.	Centaurea	Centaurium erythraea Rafn. Common Centaury.
28.	Fel t <i>er</i> re.	Fel t <i>er</i> re	As above.
29.	Centorye	Centorye eorthe	As above.
30.	Π Centrium Galli		Salvia pratensis or sclarea, Clary; or Agrostemma githago, Cockle; or Lolium temulentum, Darnel. See Hunt p.77, Centrum Galli and Daems #146, p.147; #235, p.179, and #577, p.292.
31.	Centregalle		As above.

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32.	Cellidonia demestica (sic).	Celidonia, moun, celidoyn de mere	Chelidonia majus, Gtr. Celandine; Or Glaucium corniculatum 'Red Horned Poppy' Or: Glaucium flavum, Crantz, 'Yellow Horned Poppy'.
33.	m <i>ajor</i> Memit <i>er</i> ia		As above. See also Hunt p175 for Memita as Glaucium flavum, Crantz, 'Yellow Horned Poppy'.
Image 77 Righ	nt, Folio 73r, Col. B		
1.	П	Fol 169r, Col A & B	
	Crassula	Crassula minor	Sedum telephium, Orpine.
2.	Vermclaris minor	Vermiclaris	Sedum acre, Stonecrop.
3.	Stonhore	Stonore	As above.
4.	Π Crassula minor		As above.
5.	Orpyum	Orpyn	As above.
6.	Π Calamentum.	Calamentum	Calamintha sylvatica or C. officinalis, Wood Calamint or common Calamint; or Nepeta cataria, Catmint, Catnip.
7.	Calamynte.	Calamynte	As above.
8.	Π Canabus	Canabus, Canarure	Eupatarium cannabinum, Hemp Agrimony.
9.	Hemp	He nepe (sic)	As above.
		Caballinus marinus, Ypotaneus	Presumably 'sea horse'.

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10.	Π Caticule	Caticula, Ranns (Ramsons)	Allium ursinum, Ramsons, Wild Garlic.
11.	Ramsyns		As above.
12.	Π Centrum grania	Centrum grana	See Hunt p77 – not identified. Perhaps Centrum Galli: Salvia pratensis, Clary; Or Agrostemma githago, Cockle; or Lolium temulentum, Darnel.
13.	Herba cancri	Herba cancri	Calendula officinalis, Pot Marigold; or Delphinium ambiguum, Larkspur; or Leucanthemum vulgare, ? Ox-Eye Daisy; or Salvia sclarea, ? Clary.
14.	П Caput monachi	Caput monachi	Taraxacum vulgare, Weber; Dandelion.
15.	Dens Leonis	Dens Leonis	As above.
16.	Lyons toth	Lyon toth	As above.
17.	Dent de Lyon	Dent de Lyon	As above.
18.	Sowr <i>th</i> istill		Sow thistle Hunt,q.v., gives 20 possible equivalents. A 'Sonchus' species.
19.	П <u>Cruciata</u> major	Cruciata <i>th</i> ei be <i>th</i> ii of he <i>m</i> . Herba Croyse	Galium cruciata? Crosswort.
20.	Croise	Herba Croyse	As above.
21.	Π <u>Centinodium.</u>	Centinodium	Persicaria aviculare, Knotgrass.
22.	Lingua Passerum	Lingua passeris	As above.

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23.	Swynesgrece	Swynesgrace	As above.
24.	П <u>Cepa Marina</u>	Alabu <i>m,</i> Cepa marina, Squilla, Squill.	Drimia maritime, Squill.
25.	Sqillis	Squillis, Squilla, Squill	As above.
26.	Π Cima rubi cinosus (?)	Cima rubi, cinons de rons	Rubus fructicosus, Bramble tops.
27.	the crop of the brembyll	Bremel croppe	As above.
28.	Π <u>Capillus</u> veneris	Capill veneris	Adiantum capillus-veneris, Maidenhair fern.
29.	Maiden here	Mayden here	As above.
30.	Calendula	Calendula	Calendula officinalis, Garden Marigold.
31.	Solsequium	Solsequium	As above.
32.	Sponsa Solis, Rodone	Sponsa solis, goowe (=gold ?) Rodene	As above.
Image 78 Left	, Folio 73v , Col. A		
1.	Colde?		As above – read Golde. See Hunt p242, Solsequium.
2.	П <u>Consolida</u> major	Consolida <i>the</i> r ben <i>th</i> rei of hem	Symphytum officinale, Comfrey.
3.	Conferius	Comferie	As above.
4.	Wrenging- worth	Fol 169r, Col C Wringingwort Myddel Consoude.	Bellis perennis, Daisy. See Hunt p.87 Consolida Media, for other possibilities and also ME variants.

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		Consolida minor, Brusewort or Dayseye.	
5.	Daiseyen	Daiziee	As above – Daisy.
6.	Π <u>Camamilla</u> .	Camamilla, Camamille	Chamaemelum nobile, Sweet Camomile.
7.	Cyminum dulce.	Ciminum dulce	Pimpinella anisum,Wild Cumin.
8.	Anyse camamyll	Aneys	As above.
9.	Cepe oynoins.	Cepe, Oynons	Allium cepa, Onion.
10.	Π Calx viva.	Calx viva	Quicklime.
11.	Lyme	Quik lyme	Lime.
12.	Π <u>Cucurbita.</u>	Cucurbita agrestis, Bryonie, Wildenepe	Bryonia dioica, White Bryony.
13.	Coule couell	Caulis agrestis, Coul chenel.	Brassica oleracea, Cabbage
14.	Π <u>Carduus</u> <u>Fullo<i>n</i>is</u>	Cardus fullonis	Dipsacus fullonum, Teasel. Hunt also gives Saponaria officinalis, Soapwort.
15.	Cavvener	Savvernere	As above.
16.	Crouesope.	Crousope	As above.

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17.	Π <u>Cuscuta</u>	Cuscuta	Cuscuta epilinum,Flax Dodder; or Cuscuta europaea,Large Dodder; or Cuscuta epithymum, Common Dodder.
18.	Dedere	Idem Dodir	As above.
19.	Podagra lini	Podagra lyni	As above.
20.	П <u>Colubrina.</u>		Polygonum bistorta, Snake root, Bistort. Or Dracunculus vulgaris, Schott. Dragon Arum, (a Mediterranean plant).
21.	Dragance		As above.
22.	Nedderworth		As above.
23.	П <u>Corona Regia.</u>	Corona regia	Melilotus officinalis, Melilot, Sweet Clover; or Trifolium pratense, Red Clover.
24.	Mellilotum.	Mellilotum	?As above.
25.	Trifoliium.	Trifolium	?As above.
26.	Mellilote. Levedgras	Mellilote, threleved gras.	?As above. (Betson appears to have mis-read his source).
27.	Π Catapucia	Catapucia  Fol. 169v, Col. A  Elacterides iuce of catrepus, iuce of spurge.	Euphorbia lathyris, Seed of Caper Spurge.
28.	Spurge	Spourge	As above.
29.	Π Copiosa, herb copi		Unidentified by Hunt, at p.88 though it occurs in five listed MSS. Also occurs in Bray.

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30.	Π Crocus affricanus	Crocus affricanus	Crocus sativus, Saffron Crocus; or Carthamus tinctorius, Safflower, Bastard Saffron.
31.	Crocus ortensis	Crocus ortensis	As above.
Image 78 Left,	, Folio 73v, Col. B		
1.	Saffron	Safron de ort <i>orum</i>	As above.
2.	$\Pi$ Custos ortorum.	Custos ortorum	See Palma Xpi below and Hunt pp. 96 and 196.
3.	Palma Xpi (i.e. Christi)	Palma Xpī	?Leonurus cardiaca, Motherwort; or ? Ricinus communis, ? Castor Oil Plant; or Lithospermum officinale, Gromwell; or Artemesia vulgaris, Mugwort; or Lamium purpureum 'Red Dead Nettle. See Hunt p196 for variants Also Daems #393, p.235.  But also in Daems, #729, p.326, where there are several citations of Palma Christi as Orchid varieties.
4.	Π Chimolia	Chinolea, terra sigillata vel hispanica.	'A sort of fuller's earth.'  Alphita ,Mowat, p.38, footnote15.
5.	Terra sigillata		As above
		Dactillis, Anglice dates	

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6.	Π Calcaticum	Fol 168v, Col C Calculum	Not found. "Perhaps chalcanth or calcanthum, used for the compound blue vitriol, and the ink made from it. The term was also applied to red vitriol and to green vitriol (ferrous sulfate)." Also simply for sulphuric acid. Chambers Cyclopaedia, 1728.
7.	Cardamonium	Cardamonium	Hunt p68 has Cardamomum, which is Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum Hayek., Watercress, or Lepidum sativum, Garden Cress. See also Daems #337, p.216.
8.	П <u>Calcatum.</u>	Calcantium	See Calcaticum above, Line 6.
9.	Attramentum	Attramentum	Vitriol EMED
10.	Vitriolum	Vitrolum	'Any of certain glassy mineral salts of sulfuric acid used esp. in alchemy or medicine, vitriol;also, sulphuric acid' EMED.
11.	Π Camophiteos	Camepiteos, medarattel <i>See</i> <i>Hunt pp.64 and</i> 217 for variants.	Ajuga chamaepitrys, Ground-pine; or Rhianthus cristagalli, Yellow Rattle; or Pedicularis palustris, Red Rattle, or Teucrium chamaedrys, 'Wall Germander.'
12.	Π Campherata	Camphorata	Artemesia abrotanum, Southernwood.
13.	Averoyn	Averoyne	As above.
14.	Sotherwode	Sothernewode	As above.
15.	Π Camcattis.		Sambucus ebulus, Danewort, Dwarf Elder.

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16.	Ebulus	Fol. 169v., Col. A  Ebulus, Eble,  Lythewort or  Walwort	As above.
17.	Eble.		As above.
18.	Walworth	Walwort	As above.
19.	$\Pi$ Camely	Camelee	Potentilla reptans, Cinquefoil.
20.	Quinque folium	Quinque folium	As above.
21.	Pentafolium.	Pentafilon	As above.
22.	Quinyfole.	Quinyfoile	As above.
23.	Π Camaleoncia.	Camaleonta ys a thistle idem Reningwort.	Sonchus species, Sowthistle. See Hunt p.63, Cameleonta.
24.	Anglice thistill		As above.
25.	Π Cantarides	Cantarides	'A kind of beetle; esp., Cantharis vesicatoria; one of these beetles dried for medicinal use.' EMED.
26.	Grene wormes in	beth usyen grene wormes	
27.	asshis growing	growing in aisches	Presumably 'ash trees'. Fraxinus excelsior.
		Cancer marinus, Anglice a crabbe	
28.	Π Cardo thistill.	Cardo asinin <i>us</i> , Cardo communis, Anglice a <i>th</i> ystel	Cardo Asininus may be Onopordon acanthium, Scotch Thistle (Hunt p.68).

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29.	Cardo benedicta	Cardo benedictus	Cnicus benedictus, Blessed Thistle.
30.	Labru <i>m</i> ven <i>er</i> is	Labru <i>m</i> ven <i>er</i> is	Sonchus, Sowthistle.
31.	Thowthistill (sic)	Vowethistel (See Hunt p.68.)	As above.
32.	Π Catholica lauriola.	Catholica i <i>dem</i> Lauriola	Laurus nobilis, Bay Tree
Image 78. Rig	ht, Folio 74r, Col. A		
1.	Π Cariaca.	Cariaca	Ficus carica, Fig.
2.	Ficus sicca.	Ficus sica	As above.
3.	Dry fige.	Drie fyges	As above.
4.	Π Carei Porcini	Carei Porcini	Daucus carota, Wild Carrot. The usual word 'pontici' is replaced here by 'porcini.'
5.	Daukis.	idem Dauck	Daucus carota, Wild Carrot; or Pastinaca sativa, Wild Parsnip; or ?Athamanta cretensis, ?Cretan Carrot.
6.	П Cardami	Cardami	Lepidium sativum, Garden Cress EMED.
7.	Connarasses (sic)	idem tuncarse seed (i.e. town cress – EMED).	Lepidum sativum, Garden Cress. See Image 83 right, folio 79r, col. A, line 27 for correct Bray citation.
8.	Catamatici	Cathamatici	Shaving from the horns of deer.
9.	Rasura	Est rasura cornuu <i>m cer</i> vi	As above.
10.	Π Cornu cervi.		As above.
11.	shaving of harts horns	Folio 169 Col A idem shaving of the hert horne	As above.

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12.	Π Caride	Caride miristice	Myristica fragrans,
	miristice		Nutmeg.
13.	Nuces muscate.		As above
14.	Not muges. (i.e. 'nutmegs')	Anglice Notemuge	As above
			ea, Xilocassia Cassia fistula is <i>th</i> e t [but] cassia lignea is <i>th</i> e rinde of <i>th</i> e
15.	$\Pi$ Castorium <i>th</i> e balok	Castorium is the balok of a beste.	Castor, Beaver.
16.	of the best.		
17.	Π Cauda equina	Cauda equina	Hunt p.73 gives Digitalis purpurea, Foxglove for 13 of his MSS – see next entry.
18.	Foxisglove	Foxesglove	Digitalis purpurea, Foxglove.
19.	a padokpipe	Cauda Pulli , Paddokespipe	Cauda Pulli in Bray suggests that Equisetum, Horsetail is likely here. See Hunt p.74.
20.	Π Cauda pulli		Hippuris vulgaris Marestail.
21.	Π Celsus amara	Celsus mara maior.	Centaurium erythraea, Common Centaury; But also ?Blackstonia perforata, Yellow Wort.
22.	Maior centorie		Centaurea erythraea, Common Centaury
23.	Π Cristos ladder.	Cristes ladder	As above.

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24.	Π Centonica absi <i>n</i> th	Centonica Absintiu <i>m</i> Ponticum	Artemesia maritima, 'Sea Wormwood'
25.	Ponticum wormod.	Ponticum, Wermode	As above entry? Hunt p.212 gives Artemesia absinthium, Wormwood.
26.	Centrum pulli.	Centrum Galli - perhaps an error – pulli 'hen', for 'cockerel'	Salvia pratensis, or sclarea, Clary; or Agrostemma githago, Cockle; or Lolium tremulentum, Darnel.
27.	Gallitricum.	Gallitricum	As above.
28.	Gallicrista.	Gallicrista	As above. Daems #146, p.147, has Crista Galli.
29.	Centum galle.	Centumgalle	As above.
30.	Centenaria.	Centinaria	?Plantago lanceolata, Ribwort, read 'centinervia'.
31.	Plantago.	Plantago	? As above.
Image 78, Rig	ht, Folio 74r, Col. B		
1.	Arnoglossa	Arnoglossa	Plantago major, 'Lamb's tongue plantain'.
2.	Lingua agni	Lingua agni	As above.
3.	Lambis tong	Lambestonge	As above.
4.	Π Consolida maior Comfery		Symphytum officinale Comfrey.
5.	Π Consolida mi <i>nor</i> daisey		Bellis perennis, Daisy.
6.	Cutulus (for Dactulus)	Dactulus acetosus	Tamarindus indica, Tamarind.
7.	Acetosus		As above.

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8.	Oxencia	Oxifenicia	As above.
9.	Finico <i>n</i> Tamaides	Finirco Taniarindes, Anglice Sorel	As above. Daems#189, p.161 has 'Finicus id est dactilus' for Phoenix dactylifera, Datepalm.
10.	[D]		
	Daucus	Daucus	Pastinaca sativa, Wild Parsnip.
11.	Creticus.	Creticus	As above. See Hunt pp.97-98
12.	Trericus Dentdelion	Trericus Dent de Lyon	Taraxacum officinale, Dandelion. Trericus is not in Hunt. It looks like a mis-spelt and misplaced version of 'Creticus' above.
13.	Dragantum	Draggantum the gume of a tre	Astracantha gummifera, Gum tragacanth.
14.	Gum of a tre	8	As above.
15.	Π Dragancia.	Dragancia	?Sinapis arvensis, Charlock; or: ?Raphanus raphanistrum, Wild Radish.
16.	Aragriofora (?)	Agirofera	Not found. As above ?
17.	Iapist <i>ru</i> m	Iapistrum	Read 'Rapistrum'. Charlock as above. See Hunt p.219.
18.	Chevlange (?)	Cherlok	Bray is as above.
19.	Dragraniscia (?)	Draguncia	Polygonum bistorta, Bistort Or Dracunculus vulgaris Schott, Dragon Arum. See Hunt p.102 for variants below.
20.	Columbrina	Columbrina	As above. See Hunt p.102 for variants.
21.	Serpentaria	Serpentaria	As above.
22.	Cocodrilla.	Cocodrilla	As above.
23.	Basiliscus.	Basilicus	As above.

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24.	Nedduworth	Edderwort	As above. (Adderwort)
			patica, liverwort. unt p.97, Dascripta. Betson picks this age 79 left, folio 74v , col. A, below.
25.	Π <u>Danilion</u>	Dampindos <i>th</i> e tre of <i>th</i> e lorel Dampinleon	Laurus nobilis, Bay Tree Berry.
26.	Olium laurinum	Olium laurinum	As above – Bay Oil.
27.	Dendrolibani	Dendrolibani	Rosmarinus officinalis, Rosemary.
28.	Labanitidos.	Libanitidos	As above.
Image 79 Left,	, Folio 74v , Col. A	_	
1.	Antos rosemary flour	Antos Ros marinus  Fol 168r, Col C  Bray: Antos is the flower of the rose marine. Also a	
2.	D	eye with owt shel	le (an egg with no shell). Hunt p.27.
3.	Rosemarinus Rosemaryn	Rosmaryne	As above. As above.
4.	<u>Dens equi</u>	Dens equi	Hunt p99 gives six possiblities, including: Cyperus rotundus or C. longus, Rush or Galingale, which seems to fit with the next entry below.
5.	Ciperus		As above
6.	Π Dematheam	Dimathian	Daemonorops draco, Blume ex Schult; Dragon's Blood (Resin); Dracaena draco L. Dragon Tree.
7.	Amiltus Datum.	Multis datum	As above.
8.	Sanguis draconis	Sanguis draconis	As above.

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9.	Π <u>Diptamis</u>	Dyptamnis	Dictamnus albus, Ditany.
10.	Ditandre	Ditayne	As above.
11.	Π Droptori	Droptori	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> or <i>Polypodium</i> ssp., Male Fern, Polypody.
12.	Pollipodium	Polipodium	As above.
13.	Π Dionisia.	Dionisia	Calendula officinalis, Marigold.
14.	Flos Cicorie.	Flos cicorey	As above.
15.	The Flour of rodeum	The fluer of rodene	As above.
16.	[E] Epatica	Fol 169v Col A  Epatica	Marchantia polymorpha, Liverwort; or Anemone epatica. 'Noble Liverwort'.
17.	Dascripta	Dascripta, Couper	As above. (See Hunt p.97 and p.108).
18.	Lyverworte	Lyverwort	As above.
19.	Π Epatorium	Eupatorium	Teucrium scorodonia, Wood Sage, Hind Heal, 'Sage-leaved Germander'.
20.	Ambrosium	Ambrosia	As above.
21.	Lilifagus.	Lilifagus	As above.
22.	Salvia agrestis	Salvia agrestis	As above.
23.	Hyndehale.	Hyndhale, Wildesa <i>uge</i>	As above.
24.	Edera terrestris	Edera T <i>er</i> estris	Glechoma hederacea Ground Ivy.
25.	Heyhove; Tunhove.	Heyhove,	As above. See also Hunt pp.42 and 132-33.
26.	Elotropia	Eleutropia	Heliotrope. Calendula officinalis

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27.	Solsequium	Solsequium	As above.
Image 79, Left	t, Folio 74v ,Col. B		
1.	Verucaria.	Verucaria	As above.
2.	Cicoria.	Cicoria	As above.
3.	Sponsa solis.	Sponsa solis	As above.
4.	Gira solis.		As above.
5.	Solsequile	Solsekile, Roden	As above.
6.	Π Elempnu <i>m</i> .	Elempinu <i>m</i>	Inula helenium, Elecampane, Horseheal, Scabwort.
7.	Enula campana.	Enula campana	As above.
8.	Horself	Horselve	As above.
9.	Π Elactorium <i>th</i> e	Elacteriu <i>m</i>	Euphorbia lathyrus, Caper Spurge; or here: Ecballium elaterium, Squirting Cucumber.
10.	Juce of wilde cucumbre	The iuce of wilde cucumber	As above.
11.	Wilde popy	i <i>dem</i> Wilde Papie	As above.
12.	$\Pi$ Esbrinu $m$ flos salme	Esbriu <i>m th</i> e flowe <i>r</i> of sage	Salvia officinalis, Sage.
13.	Elixis bardana	Elixis bardana	Arctium lappa, Greater Burdock.
14.	Lappa eversa. Clote	Lappa eversa, Anglice Clote	Arctium minus, Lesser Burdock.
15.	Π Emathites.	Emathites	Haematite, crystallized form of iron ore, was believed to staunch bleeding.
16.	Lapis quondam	Lapis quondam	As above.
17.	Lapis sanguina.	Lapis sanguinarius	As above.

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18.	П	Fol 168v, Col C	
	Es ustum	Es Ustum,	Copper. Oxide
19.	Calor. Omnenon?	Calcetuminon,	As above. See EMED: 'calcecumenon quod est es vstum Chauliac, 1425.
20.	Calceos, brent bras	Es ustum Calcecuminon, Calchitheos, Bras y brent.	As above. EMED: Es vste .i. brent bras, Chauliac, 1425.
21.	Π Edia troxima (read: 'Endivia')	Fol. 169v, Col. A Endiva troxima	Chicorium endiva, Endive; or Sonchus oleraceus, Sowthistle; or Lactuca serriola, 'Prickly Lettuce'.
22.	Endivia. Endyve.	Endive	As above.
23.	Π Eviscus altea.	Eviscus altea	Althaea officinalis, Marsh mallow.
24.	Malva viscus.	Malva viscus	Althaea officinalis Marsh mallow. ?Anthemis Cotula Mayweed.
25.	Bismalva.	Bismalva	Althaea officinalis, Marsh mallow.
26.	Wymawe.	Wuemalve, Anglice Hocke	As above.
27.	Π Eleborus Albus	Eleborus albus	Veratrum album, White or False Hellebore.
28.	Adarasta.	Adarasta	As above.
29.	Whyte Elebo	Whit Ellerne	As above.

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30.	Π Eleboeris niger	Eleborus maior	Helleborus niger, Black Hellebore.
31.	Clovetong	Clovetong	Veratrum album, White or False Hellebore.
32.	Blak Eleborum	Blak Ellerne	Helleborus niger, Black Hellebore.
Image 79, Rig	ht, Folio 75r, Col. A		
1.	Π <u>Epitimum.</u>	Epithimiu <i>m</i> flours of Time	Cuscuta epithymum, Thyme Dodder.
2.	Flos of tyme.	As above	As above
3.	Π <u>Eruca</u> Skirewite	Eruca, Skyrewit	Eruca sativa, Garden Rocket; or Sium ssp., Skirret; or Raphanus raphanistrum, Wild Radish; or Sinapis arvensis, Charlok.
4.	Π Euforbrium	Euforbium	Hunt p112 gives Euphorbium, Spurge.
5.	Π Eufrobe gu <i>m</i> ma.	Euforbe, hit ys gume of a tre	As above.
6.	Π Eriscus. Colonne	Eriscus, Colofoine, Resina, Pyx greca.	Pine resin, colophony? 'Eriscus' is not in Hunt or Mowat, though there is an entry for Colofonia under 'Erice' at Mowat, Alphita p.58
7.	Resina pix greca.		Pine resin, colophony.

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	[F]	Faba a bene	
8.	<u>Fabaria</u> Favicle	Fabaria	Veronica beccabunga, Brooklime.
9.	Lem.	Lemyk, Faverole	As above.
10.	Π <u>Farina.</u> Alphita.	Farina ordei, Alfita	Barley Meal or Flour
11.	Flour of barlich.	Flour of Barliche	As above.
12.	Π Fragaria. Fraserus	Fragaria. Fraser	Fragaria vesca, Wild Strawberry.
13.	Streberiwise	Strewberywise	As above.
14.	Π Fragra strebery	Fragra, Strewberyen	As above – read Fraga ?
15.	Π Flammulus	Flamulus	MED: Sleepwort, lettuce (Lactuca scariola or L. virosa). Or perhaps: Lactuca serriola.
16.	Sleveworth	Shepeworth	As above?
17.	Π <u>Fraximu</u> s (sic) anglice Ash.	Fraxinus ys a Ashe	Fraxinus excelsior, Ash Tree.
18.	Π <u>Fragrum</u> bruscus	Fragrum, Bruscus	Ruscus aculeatus, Butcher's Broom.
19.	Bonworte.	Bone Worte	As above.
20.	П <u>Fageria</u> . Filix.	Falgeria, Filex	Polypodium ssp., Common Polypody; or Osmunda regalis, Royal Fern; or Dryopteris filis-mas, Male Fern.
21.	Frager Fern	Fengre, Anglice Fern	As above.

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22.	Π <u>Febrifuga</u>	Febrifuga,	Probably Centaurium erythraea, Common Centaury, or perhaps: Tanacetum parthenium, Feverfew.
Image 79, Rig	ht, Folio 75r, Col. B		
1.	Felterre Centaurea	Felt <i>er</i> re Centaurea	Centaurium erythraea, Common Centaury.
2.	Simphonica. Febrifu.	Simfoinata, Fetherfoyee	Hysocamus niger, Henbane. See Hunt p.238 for Simphoniaca
3.	Π Fenugrecum	Fennigrecum,	Trigonella foenum-graecum, Fenugreek.
4.	Fenugrek	Fennigrek	As above.
		Fex, Drasces Fel, Galle	OF drache, 'dregs, sediment.'
5.	Π <u>Feniculus.</u> Seme <i>n</i> .	Finiculus, Fenel	Foeniculum vulgare, Fennel seed.
6.	Maratrum fynkill	The seed ys y clepyd marastrum.	Foeniculum vulgare, Fennel.
7.	Π Ferula qui fit gal-	Ferula ys an herbe that of the iuce ys made Galbanum.	Perhaps Ferula communis or Ferula gumosa in the group Dorema ammoniacum (D. DON.) Listed in the British Pharmocopeia.
8.	-banum domesticum (?)		i.e. 'ordinary gum'
9.	Π Feniculus porcin <i>us</i>	Feniculus porcinus	Peucedanum officinale, Hog's Fennel.
10.	Peucedanum. Marisca	Peucedanum amarisca	?As above.

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11.	Hundesfennel	Houndesfenel	Anthemis cotula, Stinking Camomile, Mayweed.
12.	Π Filago  Horworth.	Filago Horwort	Filago vulgaris, Cudweed; or ?Pilosella officinarum, Mouse-ear Hawkweed; or ?Gnaphalium uliginosum, 'Marsh Cudweed'.
13.	<u>Filipendula</u>	Filipendula	Filipendula vulgaris, Dropwort.
14.	Fisalidos stonewort	Fisalidos, Stonwort	As above.
		Finicon, Indi, Oxifencia, Tamar indi	For Betson entry see: image 81 left, folio 76v, col. B , line 26.
15.	Π <u>Flosmu</u> s tapsus	Flosmus tapsus	Vebascum thapsus, Mullein.
16.	Barbastus Pentafilon.	Barbasus, Penfilon	As above.
17.	Herba lu <i>min</i> aria Moleyn	H <i>er</i> ba l <i>um</i> inaria Molyne	As above.
18.	Π Flos ciriacus. Malwye	Flos ciriacus,	Althaea officinalis, Marsh Mallow.
	Flour of malvys	Flour of Malwes	As above.
19.	Flos rosmarini	Flos roris marini	Rosmarinus officinalis, Rosemary.
20.	Π Antos	Antos	As above
21.	Flor of rose mary	Flour of rose marine	As above.

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22.	$\Pi$ Flos fraxini	Flos fraxini	?Fraxinus excelsior, Common Ash.
23.	Alphin	Alphur	As above. See Hunt p.18, Alpha as 'Ash-key ?'.
24.	Flour of assh	flour of <i>th</i> e asshe	As above.
25.	Π Flos mali granati	Flos Maligranati	Punica granatum, Dried flowers of Pomegranate
26.	Balanustia	Balaustia	As above. Bray's Balaustia was the standard form. See Hunt p.44
27.	Flos of pome garnet.	Flowe of Pomme garnet	As above.
28.	Π Flos plumbi	Flos plumbi	'a mixture of the carbonate and hydrate of lead' EMED.
29.	Ceruce	Ceruce	White Lead
30.	Blaunk plome.	Blanche plum	As above.
31.	Π Flos eris.	Flos eris	Brass
	t, Folio 75v, Col. A	_	
1.	Verdegres	Verdgrece	Verdigris
2.	П	Fol. 169v., Col. B	
	Flores Valeriana	Fu Valeriana, Fumetere.	Valeriana phu or V. officinalis, Valerian. (Betson has misread 'Fu 'as 'Fll' for 'flores')
3.	Potentilla.		As above.
4.	Π <u>Fumusterre</u>		Fumaria officinalis, Common Fumitory. See Hunt p.122.
5.	Camthor		Perhaps here a variant of EMED q.v. for Fumitory.
6.	Fumitoris		As above.

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7.	Π <u>Fulfulabia</u>	Filfulabiat	Alphita, Mowat, p.69 gives 'fulful ebiat' as piper album, and 'fulful ebet' as piper nigrum. See Mowat footnotes for sources and variants; 'fulful abyad' is the Arabic for white pepper.
8.	Piper nigrum.	Piper nigrum	Piper nigrum, Black Pepper.
9.	Blak pepur.	Black Piper	As above.
10.	Π <u>Fulfule</u> s	The unripe fruit seeds of <i>Piper nigrum</i> , Black Pepper. <i>Bray</i> : Fulfulesbeth, Piper Album, Piper album, Fulfulabiat, Piper longum, melanum, nigrum, Fulfulesbeck. Hit is macro piper.	
11.	Beth. Piper album	As above	As above.
12.	White piper	White piper	As above.
13.	Π Furfur tritici	Furfur tritici	Bran, hard outer layer of cereal grain.
14.	Cantabrum	Cantabrium	As above.
15.	Bran of whete	Bran of Whete	As above.
16.	Π Fructus Iunip <i>er</i>	Fructus Iunip <i>er</i> i	Juniperus communis, Juniper.
17.	Armfractus.	Amyfructus	As above.
18.	Frute of juniper	Fruyt of Iunipery	As above.
19.	Π Fructus de edera	Fructus Edere	Hedera helix, Ivy.
20.	Corpotissa.	Capocisci	As above
21.	Baccarum edere	Baccarum Edere	Hedera helix, Ivy Berries.
22.	Bayes of yby.	Bayes of yvy	As above.

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23.	Π Frumentum	Frumentum	Wheat
24.	Whete.	Whete	As above.
Image 80, Left	t, Folio 75v, Col. B		
1.	[G]		
	Π (G) <u>Albanu</u>	Galbanum ys the iuce of an herbe	Ferula galbaniflua, Galbanum.
2.	Galla.	Galla	Oak Apple.
3.	Pomum quercinum	Pomum porcinum (perhaps in error for 'quercinum').	As above.
4.	Sicidon. Alapasa	Scicidon, Alapsa	As above. See also Hunt p.13, Alapsa.
5.	Ox appull.	Oke appel	As above. Betson to be read as 'Oak's Apple'?
6.	Π Galanga ga <i>l</i> inygal.	Galanga, Galingale	?Alpinia officinalis, Hance; Galangal – ginger. Or: Cyperus longus, Galingale, 'English Galingale'.
7.	Π Gallitricum	Gallitricum	Salvia pratensis, Clary; or Agrostemma githago, Cockle; or Lolium temulentum, Darnel.
8.	Centum galli	Centrum galli	As above.
9.	Π Gallicrista	Galli crista	Hunt p124 gives Galli Cresta as Salvia sclarea, Clary / Wild Clary.
10.	Π Gariophilus	Gariofilus	Syzygium aromaticum – formerly Eugenia caryophillata, Cloves.

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11.	Clovis	idem Clowes	As above.
12.	Π Gariofilata	Gariofilata	Geum urbanum, Avens, 'Clove Root'.
13.	Sana mu <i>n</i> da	Sanamunda	As above.
14.	Pes Leporis	Pes leporis	As above.
15.	Avencia avence	Avencia, Avence	As above.
16.	Π Gariophilus agrestis	Gariofilus agrestis	Eugenia caryophyllata Thunb., Cloves; or Dianthos caryophyllus, Clove Gillyflower; or ?Geum urbanum, ?Avens.
17.	Azarabara (sic)	Azabaccara	Asarum europaeum, Asarabacca.
18.	Π Gladiolus	Gladiolus	Iris Pseudacorus, Yellow flag.
19.	Gladiole	Gladiole	As above.
20.	Gramen amcast <i>is</i>	Gramen amesistis	Elytrigia repens, Couch grass. (Not in Mowat, but in Hunt, p.130).
21.	Quche grasse.	Anglice Cuchegras	As above.
22.	Π Grana solis	Grana solis	<i>Lithospermum officinalis,</i> Gromwell.
23.	Molen folia	Milium solis	As above. (Betson / source has misread entry)
24.	Gromole	Anglice Gromel	As above
25.	Π Gagates geth	Gagatis, Geeth	Jet.
26.	Glaucia	Glaucia	Chelidonium majus, Gtr. Celandine.
27.	Celidonia Celidon	Celidonia Anglice Celidoyne	As above.

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28.	Genesta	Genesta	Cytisus scoparius, Broom.
29.	Merica Brom	Mirica, Genet, Anglice Brome	As above.
30.	Genestula lyeth in brambles with white flour. (?)	Genestula, hyt ys lyche Brome, with a whit floure.	As above.
31.	Geniculata	Geniculata	Persicaria aviculare, Knotgrass.
32.	Poligonia	Poligonia	As above.
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	ht, Folio 76r, Col. A		
1.	П Gencia Allogalica	Gentiana Allogallica	Gentiana amarella, Gentian.
2.	Π Germandria	Germandria	Teucrium chamaedrys, Common or Wall Germander; or ?Cymbalaria muralis, ?Pennywort.
3.	Germandre	Germander	As above.
4.	Π Gelena	Geleni	Citrullus colocynthis, Colocynth; or Lagenaria vulgaris Ser; Gourd.
5.	Colloquintida	Coloquintida	As above. Hunt p.85.
6.	Cucurbita	Cucurbita	As above.
7.	Alexandrina	Alexandrina	As above.
8.	Π Gersa.	Gersa	'Flowers of lead' Lead Oxide.
9.	Serusa gith	Cerusa	As above.
10.	Agrimulatu <i>m</i>	Gith & Agrimulatum.	Agrostemma githago, Corn Cockle; or Lolium temulentum, Darnel.
11.	Melancium	Fol. 170r., Col A	As above.

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		Nigella, Melancium	
12.	Kokkill	Anglice Kokkel	Agrostemma githago, Corn Cockel.
13.	Π Gira solis	Gira solis	Leonurus cardiaca, Motherwort.
14.	Custos Orti	Custos Orti	As above.
15.	Miracla.	Miracla	As above.
16.	Pentadactulus	Pentadactilis	As above.
17.	Palma Xtī (i.e. Christi)	Palma Xti	As above.
18.	Glicida, pionia.	Glicida, Pionia	Paeonia mascula or officinalis, Peony.
19.	Π Giron Lapis ematithes	Giron Lapis, Amatites	Magnet, Haematite.
20.	Π Glicia licoricia	Glicia, Licoricia	Glycyrrhiza glabra, Liquorice.
21.	Glis alexis (sic)	Glis, Elixis,	Arctium lappa, Burdock.
22.	Lappa bardana.	Lappa Bardana	Arctium minus, Lesser Burdock.
23.	Illafeas clote	Illapheas, Clote	As above.
24.	Π Grisanatana	Crislocanna	Atriplex hortensis, Orache. (SB, Mowat, p. 17: Crisolocanna idem Atriplex)
25.	Atriplex agrestis	Attriplex agrestis	Atriplex hortensis, Orache; or Beta vulgaris, Beet
26.	Arage	Arache	As above.
27.	Π Gliconium	Gliconiu <i>m</i>	Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal.

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28.	Pulegium regale	Pulegium regale	As above.
29.	Piloile riall	Puliol reale	As above.
30.	Π Glaucus	Gricus (?)	Crocus sativus, Saffron, Crocus; or Carthomus tinctorius, Safflower, Bastard Saffron.
31.	Crocus magnetis	Crocus	Probably 'crocus' Lapis magnetis is the next entry in Sloane 282. Betson seems to have run the two together.
32.	Saferon	Safran	Crocus sativus, Saffron, Crocus.
33.	Π Giro lapis		Magnet
34.	Π Gisasterios	Gisastereos	'A red pigment containing ferric oxide.'
Image 80, Rig	ht, Folio 76r, Col. B		
1.	Bolus armoracus	As above. Bray: Bo which is funde in	lus Armenicus hit is a rede er <i>the</i> Armanye.
2.	Gum arabik	A natural gum from Acacia tree.  Bray: Gum Arabice: when it ys y wryte simplich gumme, it shal be understonde gumme of Arabik	
3.	[H]		
	Hastula regia	Hastula regia vel	Asperula odorata, Wodruff;
4.	Hasta regia	Hasta regia	As above.
5.	Woderove	Anglice Woderove	As above.
6.	Π Hastula Sancti Xtofori	Hastula Sancti Xpofori	Actaea spicata, Baneberry, Herb Christopher.

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7.	Pollicaria minor	Policaria minor	Pulicaria dysenterica or P. vulgaris Common and Small Fleabanes.
8.	Scabbeworte	Scabwort	Inula helenium, Elecampane, Horseheal, scabwort.
9.	П Herba benedicta	Herba benedicta	Conium maculatum, Hemlock.
10.	Cicuta incubus	Cicuta incubus	As above.
11.	Hemelok	Hemmelocke	As above.
		Herba paralisis	As line 12 below – See Hunt p.137
12.	Π Herba Sancti	Herba Sancti	Primula veris,
	Petri	Petri	Cowslip.
13.	Kowisloppis	Cowsloppe	As above.
14.	Π Herba	Herba Roberti	Geranium robertianum
	Roberti		Herb Robert.
15.	Acus muscata	Acus muscata	As above.
16.	Pes Columbe	Pes Columbe	Geranium ssp.,
			Dove's foot Cranebill;
			or Cruciata laevipes, ?Crosswort;
			or ? Aquilegia vulgaris, Columbine.
17.	Π Herba	Herba Iohannis	Hypericum perforatum,
	Iohannis		St John's Wort.
18.	Π Herba	Herba perforata	As above.
	perforata		
19.	Yp <i>er</i> icon	Yp <i>er</i> icon	As above.
20.	Fuga demonum		As above.
21.	Seynt Johns Wort	Seint Ion Wort	As above.

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22.	П Herba Walteri	Herba Walt <i>er</i> i	Asperula odorata, Woodruff; or ?Potentilla anserina, ?Silverweed.
23.	Herbe Water	Herbe Water	As above.
24.	Herba Acetosa	Herba Acetosa	Rumex acetosa / acetosella, Common or Sheep's Sorrel; or Oxalis acetosella, Wood Sorrel.
Image 81, Left	t, Folio 76v, Col. A		
1.	Acedula oxilapacium	Acedula oxilapacium	Rumex acetosa / acetosella, Common or Sheep's Sorrel.
2.	Sorrel Sourdok.	Sorel or Sourdock	As above.
3.	П Herba luminar <i>ia</i>	Fol. 170r., Col. B  Herba l <i>umi</i> narie	Vebascum thapsus, Mullein.
4.	Tapsus barbastus	Barbastus	As above.
5.	Flosmus pontfelyon	Flosmus Ponfilion	As above.
6.	Molena Moleyn	Molenia, Molyne	As above.
7.	Π Herba cruciata	Herba cruciata	EMED has Crosswort (Galium cruciata).
8.	Herbe croise	Herb croise	As above.
9.	Π Herba medee	Herba mede	?Melissa officinalis, ?Balm. EMED.
10.	Medeworte	Medewort	As above.
11.	Π Herba Fullonu <i>m</i>	Herba fullonum	Saponaria officinalis, Soapwort; or Dipsacus fullonum, Teasel.
12.	Soponaria. (sic)	Saponaria	As above.
13.	Brith.	Berith	As above.
14.	Cousope (sic)	Crowsope	?As above.

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15.	Π Herba Sancti Pauli	Herba S <i>anc</i> ti Pauli	?Euphorbia, Spurge; Or ?Spergula, ?Spurrey.
16.	Sperorgle	Spergula	As above
17.	Π Heronia et Hirvett (?)	Hironia et Yronea	Equisetum, Horsetail. See Hunt 'Hirema' p.143, and Daems#59, p.115 for variants.
18.	Hiposeta	Hiposita	As above, and Hunt p.143
19.	Cauda caballina.	Cauda equine, Cauda caballina ys a row herb with the wych men polisshen combes, bowes and coppis.	As above. The Bray quotation is taken from Cambridge University Library version (Dd.II.45).
20.	Π Herba Hirca est	•	As above. But Daems has similar at #105, p.132 under Trapogon pratensis, Showy Goat's Beard.
21.	cum quaedam hastae radiu <i>ntur</i>		
22.	Hispia . major minor	Hypia maior et minor	Maior: Anagallis arvensis, Scarlet Pimpernel or Pimpinella saxifraga, Burnet Saxifrage. Minor: Stellaria media, Chickweed.
23.	Hispia ma[ior] m[in]or est (text repeated)		Minor: Stellaria media, Chickweed.
24.	Morsus gallincia.	Morsus galline	As above.
25.	Chekynworte	Chikyn mete	As above.
26.	Hispia minor	Hippia minor	As above.

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27.	Selfhele	Selfhele	As above. Hunt p.149 cites several MSS where variant spellings of Selfheal are included in both Ippia major and minor.
Image 81, Lef	t, Folio 76v, Col B		
1.	[I]		
	Iacia nigra	Iacia nigra	Centaurea scabiosa / jacea, Greater or Lesser Knapweed.
2.	Matfelon alba	Matfelon with a reed flour	Centaurea scabiosa, Greater Knapweed; or ?Potentilla anserina. Silverweed.
3.	et Nigra		As above.
4.	Π Iacia alba.	Iacia alba	As above.
5.	Matfelon rede	Matfelon with a purpur flou <i>r</i>	MED: Knapweed, matfellon: ( <i>Centaurea nigra</i> ); also, greater knapweed ( <i>Centaurea scabiosa</i> ); ?lesser knapweed ( <i>Centaurea jacea</i> ).
6.	П Iarus Pes Vituli	Iarus Pes vituli	Arum maculatum, Cuckoo-pint.
7.	Barba Aron	Barba Aaron, Zekesters	As above.
8.	Π Ilapeas.	Ilascas.	Arctium lappa, Burdock. See Hunt p.146 for variant spellings.
9.	Bardana	Bardana	As above.
10.	Lappa Clote	Lappa, Anglice Clote	As above.
11.	Insana	Insana	Hysocamus niger, Henbane.
12.	Iusqueam <i>us</i>	Iusquiamus	As above.
13.	Henbane	Anglice Hennebane	As above.

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14.	П Jumelon alba	Ilk Viola alba	? Viola, Violet. Hunt p.152.
15.	White violet.	Whit violette	As above.
16.	Π Incubus cicuta	Incudus (sic)	Conium maculatum, Hemlock.
17.	Herba benedicta homelok	Cicuta, Herba Benedicta, Humbelok	As above
18.	Π Incuba sponsa solis	Incuba Sponsa soli	Calendula officinalis, Pot Marigold.
19.	Cicoria	Cicorea	As above.
20.	Mirra solis	Mirra solis	As above.
21.	Verucaria Rindene (sic)	Verucaria Roodyn	As above. Hunt p.81 also suggests Cichorium intybus, Chicory, with 'Roddis' as one translation.
22.	Π Indidictulus	Indi dactilis	Tamarindus indica, Tamarind. See Hunt p.147 for Indi Dactilis
23.	Acetosus oxifencia	Acetosus, Oxifencia,	As above.
24.	Thamarinides.	Tamarides	As above.
25.	Π Yperycon	Ypericon	Hypericum perforatum, St John's Wort.
26.	Herba Johannis herba perforatum	Herba perforate, Herba Iohannis	As above.
27.	Scopia regia et ts ( <i>Iohannis</i> ?)	Scopia regia Seynt Ion Wort	As above.
28.	Π Ypia major	Ipia maior, Morsus galline,	Anagallis arvensis, Scarlet Pimpernell.

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		Folio 170, Col. C Chikenmete, Iria minor	
29.	Ulex. eyeworte.	Ulex or Heywort 'Wheywort' is in Hunt at p149, with 'Wayworte' as Ippia maior.	Anagallis arvensis, Scarlet Pimpernell or: Stellaria media, Chickweed.
30. 31.	Ypoquintides a superfluitate that groweth oute	Ipoquistidos Is a superfluite growing on the brere which thei beth rosa canina	Rose Gall
Image 81 Rig	ht, Folio 77r, Col. A		
1.	of the breer and		
2.	Prat ? rosas caninas		As above ?
3.	Π Yris hath a purpul flour	Iris ha <i>th</i> a purpur flou <i>r</i>	Iris germanica, Iris.
4.	Π Yreos hath a whyte flor	Ireos a whyte floure	<i>Iris florentina,</i> Florentine Iris.
5.	And Gladiole hath a yelu flour a safron	Ireos an other that ys y clipid gladone. Hyt hath a yelw floure liche safron	Iris pseudacorus, Yellow Flag.
6.	Another is clepid spatula fedida and it hath no flour.	A nother there ys that is y clipid spatula fetida he hath no flour at al	?Iris foetidissima, ?Gladden, Stinking Iris.

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		Iunipus, Iunipeer	
7.	Π Iovis barba	Iovis barba	Sempervivum tectorum, Houseleek.
8.	Senegrene	Syngrene	As above
9.	Π Iringi	Iringi,	Eryngium, esp. Eryngium maritimum, Sea Holly.
10.	Secaul Iringes	Setacul, Yringes	As above.
11.	П Ysyon centory	Ision, Anglice Centori	Centaurium erythraea, Centaury.
		U	Solsequium, Herba Sancte Marie, Kufordafyn, Anamomum, Ranel
12.	[K] Katariacum	Kateriacu,	Shavings of deer horn for Ammonia.
13.	Rasura	Rasura cornuum cervi	As above.
14.	Cornum cervi		As above.
15.	Shavyng of hartis horn	Shavyng of an hertes horne	As above.
16.	П Kakabre Vernyssh	Kacabre Vernis	A type of varnish.
17.	П	Fol 169r, Col B	
	Kalendula solseq <i>uium</i>	Calendula Solsequ <i>ium</i>	Calendula officinalis, Pot Marigold.
18.	Π Kufordafin	Kufordafyn	Cinnamomum zeylanicum, Cinnamon.

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19.	Sinamomu <i>m</i>	Cinamomiu <i>m</i>	As above.
20.	Canell.	Kanel	As above.
Image 81. Rig	ht, Folio 77r, Col. B		
1.	[L]		
	Labrusca	Labrusca	Vitis vinifera, Wild Vine; or ?Bryonia dioca, Bryony.
2.	Labru <i>m</i> Veneris	Labrum veneris	Sonchus ssp., Sowthistle.
3.	Cardo	Cardus	Cnicus benedictus, Blessed Thistle;
	benedictus	benedictus	or Senecio vulgaris, Groundsel.
4.	Semen eiusdem	The seed ys y clipped Seynt Marie seed	As above.
5.	Lactuca domestica.	Lactuca domestica	Lactuca sativa, Lettuce.
6.	Letuse	Letuse	As above.
7.	Π Lapdanum a gumme	Labdanu <i>m</i> ys a gume	Cistus ladanifer, Gum Rockrose, or Laudanum, Labdanum.
8.	Π Lappa bardana	Lappa brandana (sic)	Arctium lappa, Burdock.
9.	Glis Gleton	Glis, Elixis, Gleton, Clote	As above.
10.	Π Lappatium gum <i>m</i> e		Rumex ssp. esp. sanguineus, 'Red Veined Dock, or Arctium lappa, Burdock.
11.	Lappa Barba		?As above
12.	Π Lappatium rotundum	Lappacium rotundum	Rumex ssp. esp. obtusifolius, 'Broad-Leaved Dock' or Arctium lappa, Burdock.

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13.	the moch dok	Bray: Mechedok, Rumes, Parelle. Whan hit is y write simpullich of Lapacium acutum, hit shal be understonde Lapacium acutum. Liteldok  See Hunt p156. 'Rumes' is not given, but may be variant for 'Rumex' in Hunt at p.224 as 'muche dok'.	
14.	Π Lappatium acutum		Rumex aquaticus / sanguineus, Dock, esp. Red-Veined Dock.
15.	<i>th</i> e smale dok	Liteldok	As above.
		<i>Bray:</i> Lapis Lazuli made	i ys a ston of <i>th</i> e which azure is
16.	П	Folio 170v, Col A	
	Lapis armoniacus	Lapis Armenicus i <i>dem</i>	Probably Azurite.
17.	Π Lapis calamiar <i>is</i> .	Lapis Calamaris Ben gode to medycines	Calamine or Zinc Carbonate.
18.	Π Lapis urrtis flynt ?	Lapis parietis, Silex idem est. Anglice Flyntes. The term 'Lapis parietis' could not be found, but perhaps 'wall stone' as flint is used for building.	Perhaps burnt flint. See Image 109 left, folio 104v, Lines 27-33, for heating of flints for 'Aqua silicis'.
19.	Π Lapis magnetis.	Lapis magnetis	

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20.	Lodestone giron.	Githon, Lodestone	As above.
21.	Π Lanceola		Plantago lanceolata, Ribwort Plantain.
22.	Plantago minor		As above.
23.	Qui <i>n</i> con <i>er</i> via		As above.
24.	Ribbeworte		As above.
25.	Lannceole		As above.
26.	Π Lapis linxcis	Lapis Lincis cometh of the urine of a wolf y pissed in the hills & muntaynes crudded	Some kind of fossilised stone, perhaps Belemnites.
27.	Volpevemt (?)		Not found.
28.	$\Pi$ Lapis agapitis	Lapis agapis	'Lapis Lazuli'
29.	Lapis iudiacus	Lapis iudaicus idem	As above.
30.	Π Litaridos (?)	Lactarides – this is bracketed by Bray with Catapucia and Anabulla below.	Euphorbia lathyris, Caper Spurge, or Daphne laureola, Spurge Laurel Betson's Litaridos not found; SB, Mowat, p.93 has Lacterides.
31.	Catapucia	Catapucia	As above.
32.	Anabula.	Anabulla	As above.
Image 82, Left	, Folio 77v, Col. A		
1.	Π Lauriola	Laureola, Lepidon, Alipiados	Laurus nobilis, Bay Tree.

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2.	Concodium / semen ei est	The seed thereof ys conconidium	As above. See Hunt p.85 Coconidium.
3.	Π Laurencia, Bugla	Laurencia, Bugle	?Lavandula officinalis, Lavender 'Bugle' appears to have been inserted in error, if Ajuga reptans is meant.
4.	Π Lavendula	Lavendula	Lavandula officinalis / latrifolia, Lavender, or French Lavender.
5.	Lavendure	Lavendure	As above.
6.	Π Laurus Lorelt <i>re</i>	Laurus, a Lorey tree	Laurus nobilis, Bay Tree.
7.	Lentiscus arbor	Lentiscus ys a tree which swetyth out oyl of hym.	Pistacia lentiscus, Lentisk, mastik.
8.	Ex qua olium manat	,	
9.	Π Lempnius.	Lempinos	Arsenic.
10.	Orpement.	Orpime <i>n</i> t	As above.
11.	Arcenik	Ersenek	As above.
12.	Π Levisticum	Levisticum, Lovestiche	Levisticum officinale, Koch; Lovage.
13.	Loveache.	Anglice Loveache	As above.
14.	Π Lenticula aquatica	Lenticula aquatica	Lens culinaris, Lentil.

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15.	Lentigo Lenteldow	Vel Lentigo, Lentildew, Anglice Endemete.	Lemna minor, Duckweed. See Hunt p157 for variants.
16.	Π Lectoria.	Lectoria	Corylus avellana or C. maxima, Hazelnut.
17.	Nux Coruli Avelana	Nux Corula, Avellana	As above.
18.	Nux	Nux perna (?)	As above.
19.	Filberdys nux p <i>ar</i> va	Fylberd	As above.
20.	Nux pontica	Nux pontica	As above.
21.	Π Battitura eris	Lempidos, Calcathis, Battitura eris	Sweepings of brass
22.	Shallis of bras	Shales of Bras	As above.
23.	Squama eris		As above.
24.	Π Leporina	Leporina, Prianinscus (?)	?Hyacinthoides non-scripta, Bluebell, Wild Hyacinth; or Orchis, Orchid. SB, Mowat, p. 35 has 'priapismus dicitur herba leporina, satirion idem'.
25.	Sutirion	Saturion	As above.
26.	Π Lepus hare ante (?)	Lepus silvestris an hare	Lepus, leporis: Latin for the animal 'Hare'.
27.	П	Folio 170v, Col B	
	Leuco Pip <i>er</i> albu <i>m</i>	Leuco piper Piper album	White Pepper: the unripe fruit seeds of <i>Piper</i> <i>nigrum</i> , Black Pepper.

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28.	Libanum Olibanum Thus	Libani, Olibani	Boswellia thurifera, Frankincense.
29.	Π Libanatidos	Thus Libanatides, Rosemarie	Rosmarinus officinalis? Rosemary.
30.	Rosemaryn		As above.
31.	Π Ligustrum	Ligustrum	Primula vulgaris, Cowslip.
	t, Folio 77v, Col. B		
1.	Wilde lylly. Primerose.	Wild Lylye	As above. See Hunt p.159 Ligustrum.
2.	Π Lilium lilly	Lillium, Lilye	Lillium candidum, White Lily.
3.	Lilifagus	Lilifagus	Salvia officinalis, Sage, or Teuctrium scorodonia, Wood Sage.
4.	Salvia agrestis.	Salvia agrestis	As above.
5.	Ambrosia	Ambrosia	As above.
6.	Epatorium.	Eupatorium	As above.
7.	Hyndhale	Hyndhale, Wild Sauge	Teuctrium scorodonia, Wood Sage, Hind Heal.
8.	Π Licosoma seme <i>n</i> Saxifragi	Licosperma est semen saxifragie	Hunt p.164 lists Betson's andBray's entries under Lithospermon 'Saxifrage'. (Lithospermon officinale is now Gromwell.)
9.	Π Linilion oliu <i>m</i> lini	Linilion, Olium Lini	Linum usitatissimum, Flax.
10.	Lynsede	Lynseed.	As above.
11.	Π Litodemonis blak		Jet.

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12.	stone of Ynde	U	s ys a blak ston wich cometh out of sym with frotyng & he drawyth to lice Gette.
13.	Π Lymphea aquati <i>ca</i>	Limphia aquatica	<i>Nymphea alba / lutea,</i> White or Yellow Water Lily.
14.	Memphen (?)	Memphea	As above.
15.	Lillium aquaticum	Lilium aquaticum	As above.
16.	Nemifar (?)	Nenufare	As above.
17.	Water lily.	Water Lilye	As above.
18.	Π Lynochites.	Linochites	Mercurialis perennis, Dog's Mercury.
19.	Mercuriell	Mercuriale	As above.
20.	Π Lingua canis	Lingua canis	Cynoglossum officinale, Hound's Tongue.
21.	Houndis tong	Howndestonge	As above
22.	Π Lingua cervina	Lingua cervina	Asplenium scolopendrium, Hart's Tongue Fern.
23.	Scolependria	Scolopendria	As above.
24.	Hertistong	Hartes tonge	As above.
25.	Π Lingua bovina		Anchusa officinalis, Bugloss.
26.	Buglossa oxistong		As above.
27.	Π Lingua agnina	Lingua agnina	Plantago major or lanceolata, Great Plantain or Ribwort.
28.	Agnoglossa (sic) plantago	Arnoglossa	As above.

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29.	Centudina	Centinervia, Pantago (sic for Plantago)	As above.
30.	Π Lingua avis.	Lingua avis	Stellaria holostea, Stichwort; but also: Fraxinus excelsior, Ash Keys (semen fraxini).
Image 82. Rig	ht, Folio 78r, Col. A		
1.	Stichwort	Stichewort	Stellaria holostea, Stichwort.
2.	Π Lingua ircina	Lingua Hircina	Plantago lanceolata, Ribwort; but also Lepidium coronopus, Swine Cress; or ? Asplenium scolopendrium. Hart's Tongue Fern.
3.	Plantago minor.	Plantago minor	Plantago lanceolata, Ribwort.
4.	Laciolata. (sic)	Lanceolata	As above.
5.	Π Lippotoma	Lippotomia i <i>dem</i> malef <i>acti</i> ō sincopis	Fainting from 'a defect in the motion of the heart'. EMED: Lipothymia
6.	Manfocon	Malefcō	As above.
7.	Sinicopis		As above. See EMED for Sincopis
8.	Swoyning	Swonyng	ME 'Fainting'.
9.	Π Lynarye? berith	Linarie purgith the colour the wiche bereth a white flour	? Linaria vulgaris Mill. Wild Flax, Toadflax. But the flower is yellow.
10.	a white flour.		

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		Linoyse i <i>dem</i> spynnache, <i>th</i> e wiche bere <i>th</i> an	Not found
		Ynde blew flor	
11.	Π Longum piper	Longum piper	Piper longum, Long Pepper.
12.	Macro peper.	Macro piper	As above.
13.	Agrimulatum Gith.	Agrumlatu <i>m</i> Gith	Agrostemma githago, Corncockle. OR Lollium temulentum, Darnel. See Hunt p.11, Agrimulatum.
14.	Π Lollium nigella	Lollium, Nigella	As above.
15.	Melancium kokkel	Melancium i <i>dem</i> kokkille.	As above.
16.	Π Lupines	Lupine	Lupinus albus or L. luteus, Lupin.
17.	Faba egypciaca.	Faba egipcia	As above.
18.	Marcilum lupynis	Marfilu <i>m</i> Lupines	As above.
19.	[M]  Mabafematicon is the juse of wylde caule dried	Mabafematicon, the iuce of wilde caul y dryed	Brassica species, or Crambe maritima, Sea kale
20.	Macedonia semen	Maces folium Macedonica, Alisandre	Smyrnium olusatrum, Alexanders, Horse Parsley.

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21.	Alexandrie		As above.
Image 82, Rig	ht, Folio 78r, Col. B		
1.	Π Magnetis <i>th</i> e lodston <i>e</i>	Magnetis ys a ston <i>tha</i> t ys clyped a lodestone	Magnet
2.	Π Maculata trifoliu <i>m</i>	Maculata trifoliu <i>m</i>	Trifolium ssp., Clover.
3.	the iij leved grasse	Threleved gras	Trifolium ssp , Clover.
4.	Π Maiorana Marcus	Maiorana	Origanum vulgare, Marjoram.
5.	Amaricom Cimbrium	Amaricon, Amaracus Cimbrium	Origanum vulgare, Marjoram; or Majorana hortensis, Moench. Sweet Marjoram.
6.	Sansucus prosa (sic)	Sansucus persa	Majorana hortensis, Moench. Sweet Marjoram. Hunt p.227.
7.	Merchworte	Muchelwort	As above.
8.	Π <u>Malum</u> macianum	Malum macianum	Malus sylvestris, Crab Apple.
9.	Malu <i>m</i> macidum	Malum macid <i>um</i>	As above. macidum for macidonicum?
10.	Pomu <i>m</i> silvestre.	Pomu <i>m</i> Silvestre	As above.
11.	Wodecrabbis.	Wodecrabbes	As above.
12.	Π Malum punicu <i>m</i>	Malu <i>m</i> punicum	Punica granatum, Pomegranate.
13.	Malum granatum	Malu <i>m</i> granatum	As above.
14.	Pome garnett.	Pome granett	As above.

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15.	Π Mala coctaita		Cydonia oblonga, Quince. See Hunt pp.84 & 166 for Mala Coctana etc.
16.	Mala citorina		As above. Hunt has 'citonia' and 'citonica' p166
17.	Quencys		As above.
18.	Π Melano	Malonopiper piper nigrum	Piper nigrum, Black Pepper.
19.	Nigrum piper		As above.
20.	Π Malum terre	Malum terre	Conopodium majus (Gouan) Loret. Pignut, or Cyclamen hederifolium, Sowbread.
21.	Ciclamen	Ciclamen	?As above.
22.	Celsamus	Calsamus	?As above.
23.	Panis porcinus	Panis porcinus	As above.
24.	Erthnote	Erthe notes	As above.
25.	П Macro piper longum		Piper longum, Long Piper.
26.	Π Malua voscus	Malua viscus	Althaea officinalis Marshmallow.
27.	Bismalva eviscus	Bismalva, Altea, Eviscus	As above.
28.	Π Matricaria	Matricaria	Artemisia vulgaris, Mugwort.
29.	Arthemisia	Arthentesia (sic)	As above.
30.	Mugwort	Muggewort	As above.
31.	Π Matrisilva	Matri silva	Lonicera Periclymenum, Honeysuckle
Image 83, Left	t, Folio 78v, Col. A		

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1.	Caprifolium.	Caprifolium	As above.
2.	Oculus Lucii	Oculus lucii	As above.
3.	Volubilis minor.	Volubilis maior	In Hunt as Convulvulus arvensis, Bindweed, but there was some confusion of 'maior', 'media' and 'minor'. Hunt p.265. Probably Honeysuckle.
4.	Caprificus.	Caprificus	As above: Lines 31 to 5 bracketed with 'Matri Silva'.
5.	Wodebynde	Wodebynde	As above.
6.	Π Marsilium	Marsilium	Lupinus ssp. esp. albus L., Lupin
7.	Faba lupine.	Faba lupina	As above.
8.	Faba egipciata	Faba egipciata	As above.
9.	Lupines	Aelagonglice (?) Lupine	Betson as above. Bray may have had a corrupted version of 'anglice lupine' – see Hunt p165.
		been omitted here, a relevant Betson ent Feniculus porcinus	ry's Sloane 282, Fol. 171r, Col A, have and inserted where appropriate after the cries. These include Masmatrum, b, Houndefenel, Maratrum, Horhound, ra, Melandria, Mede, Mel, Mellilotum
10.	Π Melissa	Melissa	Melissa officinalis, Balm.
11.	Citraria	Citrana	As above.
12.	Pigmentaria	Herba primentaria	As above. Hunt p.207
13.	Citrago.	Citrigo	As above.
14.	Π <u>Mellones</u> sunt mundificatores	Mellones beth mundificatices	Cucumis melo, Melon.

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15.	Π Mellancium	Melancum, Gith, Agrimulatum	Agrostemma githago, Corn Cockle; Or Lolium temulentum, Darnel.
16.	Gith. Nigella.	Nigella	As above
17.	Cokkill	Cokel	As above.
18.	Π Menta amana	Menta Anana	Menta aquatica, 'Water Mint'. Hunt has Menta Anana and Amana p.176.
19.	Fissh mente.	Fisshementes	As above.
20.	Π <u>Menta</u> aquatica	Menta aquatica	As above.
21.	Π Mentastum		'Mentastrum': Hunt p.241 has both Mentha sylvestris and Mentha aquatica, for this and for Horsemint and 'Water Mint'.
22.	Semibrium (?)	Sizimbrium	As above. See Hunt p.241 Sisimbrium
23.	Horsmynt	Horsmyntes	As above.
24.	Π Mentula Episcopi	Mentula episcopi.	Ficaria verna, Lesser Celandine, Pilewort. Hunt p.176-77.
25.	Mede flo <i>ur th</i> at grow <i>eth</i>	Mede flour & hyt hath a yolw flor & brode leves & hyt growth on wateres.	As above.
26.	in waters with a brode		
27.	lef and a yelow flour		
28.	П Mentula sacerdot <i>is</i>	Mentula sacerdotis	Cichorium intybus, Chicory, Wild Succory.

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29.	Sacanus	Sircoure – Hunt p.177 for variants	'sacanus' not found. Sircoure is as line 28 above.
30.	Mercurialis	Mercurialis	Mercurialis perennis, Dog's Mercury.
		Linochites, Parcenochidos	As above. See Linozostis in Hunt at p.163, and Parthenocidos at p.198.  Daems #315, p.208 has similar variants – Linozostis and perenotidos.
31.	Lablis	Libleb. Bracketed with mercurialis; neither the Betson nor the Bray are in Hunt.	See Mowat, Antidotarium Nicholai, p.220 : 'Arab Ableb, Latin vero mercurialis' Simon of Genoa under 'Alhulbub' also has: 'yelbub est mercurialis et iebub et halbub.'
32.	Π Meu is an herb lik	Meu is an herbe that is lich houndfenel, but yt is more croked.	?Anethum graveolens, ?Dill; ?Meum athamanticum, Spignel, Meu, Baldmoney; or Peucedanum palustre, Hog's Fennel, Milk Parsley.
33.	Hondesfennel but it is not croked.		As above.
Image 83, Left	t, Folio 78v, Col. B		
1.	Π Menelata	Menelata	Glebionis segetum, Corn Marigold; or ?Convolvulus arvensis, ?Bindweed.
2.	Goldis boton	Goldesbomes puli, noef pomfles	As above. Hunt has 'goldysbothom' p.175.

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3.	Π Mespilus		Mespilus germanica, Medlar.
4.	Merles	Melees	As above. See Hunt p177.
5.	Π Meltrodatum (?)	Meltrodatum de machian (?)	Not found.
6.	Sanguis draconis	Folio 171r, Col B Sanguis draconis	Daemonorops draco, Blume ex Schult; Dragon's Blood(Resin); Dracaena draco L. Dragon Tree.
7.	Miconium white pop. [poppy]	Michoniu <i>m</i> , Micocodu <i>m</i> , papav <i>er</i> albu <i>m</i> , Whit popy	Papaver somniferum, White Poppy.
8.	Π <u>Supercilium</u> veneris	Millefolium, venter apis, Supercilium veneris,	Achillea millefolium, Yarrow.
9.	Yarow	Anglice Yarowe	As above.
10.	Π Meleum solis	Millium solis	Lithospermum officinale, Gromwell.
11.	Granum solis	Grana solis	As above.
12.	Cauda porcina Grømyll	Cauda porcina, Anglice Gromyle	As above.
13.	Π Mirtus est frutex	Mirtus est fructus	Vaccinum myrtilis, Bilberry?
14.	ben clepid Mirtels	that ys clyped myrtilles, Anglice Hortene	As above
15.	Hurtene	Hortene	As above. Hortene and Hurtene are both in Hunt at p.179.

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16.	Π Mirta est frutex	Mirta est frutex that growth on mores, idem Gaweil.	As above ?
17.	ben clepid/myrtillis		As above ?
18.	Anglice witene (?) and it groeth		As above ?
19.	in marisse and galwill		As above. See Hunt p.179 'Mirta '
20.	Π Mira solis	Micarea solis, cicorea, Anglice Rooden.	Calendula officinalis, Pot Marigold.
21.	Ruden		As above.
22.	Π Mirabulanes est	Bray: Mirabolanes beth fruytes & they beth of v. divers maners. Videte Kebuli Indorum, Embilicorum, Citrinorum et Belliricorum.  Terminalia bellerica, Belleric, Bastard Myrobalan.	
23.	Fructus kebuler Indo <i>rum</i>		As above.
24.	Emblicorum et belericorum		As above.
25.	Π Mirra, Anglice gum of a tre	Mirra, gume of a tre	Commiphora myrrha, Holmes; Myrrh.
26.	Π Mirica genesta bro <i>m</i>	Mirica, Genesta, Brome, Genet	Cytisus scoparius, Broom; or Calluna vulgaris, Ling Heather.
27.	Mora. blak berys	Mora, Blakberies or Dewberies	Rubus fructicosus, Blackberry.

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28.	Π Mora celsi.	Mora celsi	Morus niger, Mulberry.
29.	Mulberys	Molleberis	As above.
30.	Π Morella	Morella	Atropa belladonna Deadly Nightshade; or Solanum nigrum, Black Nightshade.
31.	Strignu <i>m</i>	Strignu <i>m</i>	As above.
		Solatrum, Herba Sancte Marie, Morel. Morsus demonis. Herbe coupe (Hunt p181)	Perhaps incorrectly for Atropa Belladonna. Morsus diaboli (Hunt p181) is also 'reucoupe' as here. Probably Succisa pratensis, Moench, Devil's Bit Scabious. See Betson entry below, line 3, again 'Morsus demonis'
32.	Seynt Mary bery	Herba Sancte Marie, above	As above.
Image 83, Rig	ht, Folio 79r, Col. A		
1.	Morsus galline	Morsus Galline	Stellaria minor, Chickweed. Also: Anagallis arvensis, Scarlet Pimpernell; or Pimpinella saxifragia, Burnet Saxifrage;
2.	Chikenmete. Ypia.	Ipi <i>a,</i> Chykenmete	As above.
3.	Π Morsus demonis		Succisa pratensis, Moench. Devil's Bit Scabious.
4.	П Malena. moleyn	Molena, Tapsus barbastus, Moleyne	Vebascum thapsus, Mullein.
5.	Π Muscata woderofe	Fol. 171r, Col C. Muscata, Hasta regia, Woderove	Asperula odorata, Sweet Woodruff.

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6.	Π Muscus, humiditas	Muscus ys the hemedite ['humidity' or sweat] of a beste	Musk.
7.	cuiusdam bestis		
8.	Π Mulsa is made of viii parties of water and	Mulsa is made of viii partes water & the ix parti of hony & y soden	Mulsa – a form of honey drink.
9.	ix parties of hony	the ix parti of hony	
10.	and sodun to the consumcon [consumption]	& y soden [boiled away, seethed] to the consumpcion	
11.	of the third parte	of <i>the th</i> ridde parteye.	
		Mus is a best, a mous.	
12.	Π <u>Mater silva</u> Anglice wodbind		Lonicera periclymenum, Honeysuckle.
13.	[N]		
	Π Nata a fissh.	Narcha is a fisshe that when he is drawen with hoke or line, yf the fisher put his honde uppon hit, hit maketh his	Mowat, Alphita, p.123: 'Narchos vel Narcha piscis, teste Aristotele, adeo stuporifere nature, vel saporifere nature ut medianmte ligno vel calamo vel hamo vel rethi reddat manum piscatoris insensibilem et totum corpus, nisi citius dimittit. Inde

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		honde onfredeabile [numb] & all the body after.	narcoticum, idem medicamen stuporiferum vel saporiferum.'
14.	Π Nasale vel	Nasale is a	Nasal spray.
15.	Suppositorie equivocum ad pessarie.	Suppositor or a pissarie	
16.	Π Nasale is an instr-	Nasale Ys an instrument	As above.
17.	ument to cast in medicyns into the nose thirlis (nostrils)	To cast in medicine by <i>th</i> e nostreles (sic)	
18.	Nasturtium aquaticum		Rorippa nasturcium- aquaticum, Watercress.
19.	Water crassis		As above.
20.	Nasturtium ortulanu <i>m</i> Toun cressis	Nasturcium ortulanum an Touncressen	Lepidum sativum, Garden Cress.
21.	Watercrassis		As above.
22.	Nasturtium	Nasturcium	Capsella bursa-pastoris,
	por <i>c</i> inu <i>m</i>	porcinum	Shepherd's Purse.
23.	Sanguinaria	Sanguinaria	As above.
24.	Bursa pastorum	Bursa pastoris	As above.
Image 83. Rio	ht, Folio 79r, Col. B		
1.	Speperdis purs (sic)	Shepherdis purs	As above.

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2.	Π Nasturtium	Nasturcium	Lepidum sativum / campestre,
	agreste	agreste	Garden Cress / Pepperwort.
3.	Wild cressis.	Wilde carse	As above.
4.	Π Nardostanch- iu <i>m</i> .	Nastancium	Nardostachys jatamansi, Spikenard; or ?Cyperus longus, Galingale.
5.	Spiconard. spikenard	Spicanardi, Spikanarde	As above.
6.	П Nemp (?)	Napta, petrolion, oleum of tile stones, Oleum benedictum Napium, semen Sinapis, Mustard seede, Nardelion, oile of spikenard	Naptha
7.	Ungule cabilline.	Nenuphar, Menpheare, rote Fol 171v., Col A there of that is y cleped ungula caballina	Nymphea alba, White Water Lily; or Nuphar lutea, Yellow Water Lily.
8.	Π Nimphea	Nimphia	As above.
9.	Liliu <i>m</i> aquaticum	Lilium aquaticum	As above.
10.	Π Nunphar Anglice water lily	Idem est Nenufa, Water Lilye	As above.

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11.	Nepta calami <i>n</i> ta m <i>in</i> or	Nepta is <i>th</i> e lasse ( <i>lesser</i> ) Calamente	Nepeta cataria, Catmint.
12.	Cattisment		As above.
13.	Π Nigella kockill. Posita in aqua per noctem et mane teratur, naribus odoret et caput purgat et dolores aurium (illegible) quae sint in capite attrahit.	Nigella, Gith, Agrimulatum, Cockell	Here Agrostemma githago, Corn Darnel.  Hunt also gives: Nigella sativa, Black Cumin; and Lolium temulentum, Darnel.
14.	Nitrum squens (?) et salis.	Nitrum is a veyne of the erthe or a kynde of salt	'Native sodium carbonate, natron' (EMED). SB, Mowat p.31 has: 'Nitrum lapis est albus et salsus.' Perhaps the Betson and Bray is a confusion of 'salsus'.
15.	П Nux maior walnote	Nux maior, Walnote	Juglans regia, Walnut.
16.	Π Nux muscata	Nux muscata, Nux mirista, Notemuge	Myristica fragrans, Houtt. Nutmeg
17.	Notmuges. (i.e. 'nut megs')		As above
18.	Π Nux vamica	Nux vomica	Strychnos nux-vomica, 'Poison Nut' at Hunt p.188 which also had Castanea sativa, Chestnut.

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19.	Chastaynes	Chasteynes	Castanea sativa, Chestnut;
20.	Nux longa	Nux longa	? Prunus amygdalus, Bosch. Almond
21.	Almonds	Almondes	As above.
		Nux Pontica, Avellana, Lectorica, Nux coruli, notes of hasel tree (Hazelnut)	Corylus avellana or C. maxima, Hazelnut.
22.	Nux pina	Nux pina	Pinus pinea, Pine Nut.
23.	Avelan <i>n</i> a lactoria		Corylus avellana or C. maxima, Hazelnut.
24.	Nux coruli		As above.
25.	Hasilnott		As above.
26.	Nucheus pynes.	Nucleus, Anglice pynes	Pinus pinea, Pine Nut.
Image 84, Lef	t, Folio 79v, Col. A		
1.	[O]		
	Obtaratium	Obtarticu <i>m</i>	'Sneeze herbs', as below.
2.	Sternutatorium	Sternucarium ys thing	
3.	do make men snese.	to make men snese	
4.	Π Obtalmiam	Obtalimicum	Hunt p188: ?Calamintha ascendens Jord. ?Common Calamint, but see the next two entries.

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5.	Lapis calammaris	Idem Lapis Calamaris	See next entry
6.	Calamys	Calamyn	EMED gives 'An ore of zinc, cadmia, calamine; prob. both zinc carbonate and the hydrous silicate of zinc.' It notes that it is sometimes confused with calaminte.
7.	Π Oculus Xpi oclis	Oculus Xi ys good for mannys yeen	Calendula officinalis, Pot Marigold; or Delphinium ambiguum, Larkspur; or Leucanthemum vulgare, Ox-Eye Daisy; or Salvia sclarea, Clary.
8.	Oculus bovis	Oculus bovis idem Bothon	Leucanthemum vulgare, Ox-eye Daisy.
9.	Bachum	Bothon	As above. See Hunt p.188.
10.	Π Oculus populi	Oculus populi	Populus, Poplar-bud.
11.	Burjuones of pepul	Borions of popler	As above. See Hunt p.190 for 'burgeon' varieties.
		Offei, gum edere; Ypocissi, gum of Yvy;	
12.	Π Olium leva	Olium lenti, Oleu <i>m</i> olive	'Ordinary oil'
13.	Oly de olyf		Oliva europeae, Olive Oil.
14.	П Olium commune	is commune oyle	As above.
15.	Π Olium de Luthion	Oleu <i>m</i> lini, Linelion	Linum usitatissimum, Linseed oil (flax).
16.	Ole de lynsede	Oyl of Lynseed	As above

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		Oleum lapidum, Oleum perleon, Oleum benedictum	
17.	Π Omentum	Pinguedo, Fatness foreseyd is put (F himself, hit shal bethenne.	men, Sumen, Zirbus, Sagimen, se, or Grece. And when any of these sol. 171 v., ColB) begins) simplech bi se undertstonde of swynces grece xungia' below. Auxungia meant ease'.
18.	Auxungia	Auxungia	As above.
19.	Hogges gres	'swynces grece'	Hog's grease.
20.	Π Olibanum	Olibanu <i>m</i>	Boswellia thurifera, Frankincense.
21.	Libanum thus	Libanum thus	As above.
22.	Frankensens	Frankencens	As above.
23.	Π Olixatrum	Olixatrum	Smyrnium olusatrum, Alexanders.
24.	Alexandrum	Alexandrum Petrosilinum, Anglice Alesaundre	As above.
25.	Alexandrs		As above.
26.	Π Opium	Opium	Papaver somniferum, Juice of Opium Poppy.
27.	Quirinacium	Rare and not cited in Hunt's 64 MSS. An unidentified plant. EMED gives Quirinaik, the gum resin of the Old World silphium. It was equated to a form of Umbelliferae, esp. Ferula foetida, Asafoetida., as at SB, Mowat, p.32	

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		'opium quirinaciun Cyreniacum.	n'. From the name 'Cyrene' –
28.	Juse of blak pope		Papaver somniferum, Juice of Opium Poppy.
29.	Π Opium theobaicum	Opium theobaicum	'Opium from Thebes'. The Cambridge Bray (CUL Dd.11.45) is the sole source cited by Hunt, though it also occcurs in Chaucer. The next entry below (Juse of whyte popy) seems to be an expansion on this term.
30.	Juse of whyte popy	Is the iuce of whit popy, but is good for men that mow not slepe, to be anointed ther with about the temples & idem the pame (palm) of the hondes & on the sole of the fete.  Opium quinacium is the iuce of blak	?Papaver rhoeas, Corn Poppy.
31.	Opium iusqana (sic)	Opium iusquiami, spuim (sic) miconis, the iuce of Hennebane	Hysocamus niger, Henbane. Miconium is generally Papaver somniferum the white poppy. Perhaps used here generically – 'spume or froth from henbane.'
			out simple lich bi hym silf, of Opium l be understonde <i>cum more</i> .

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		'Cum more': 'it sha usage.'	all be understood according to customary
32.	Juse of henbane.	As above	As above.
33.	Opopunus is clepid [illegible]	Opoponak is the iuce of an herbe	?Opoponax, Opoponax, Sweet or Bisabol Myrrh.
		Opopiris is clene bran fro <i>th</i> e bran payn de mayne	Opopiris seems to have been flour for bread of the highest quality (payn de mayne).
Image 84, Left	t, Folio 79v, Col. B		
1.	Π Orpoba <i>th</i> e juse of balsamum	Opobalsamus <i>th</i> e iuce of bame	Gum of <i>Commiphora opobalsamum</i> , Balsam Tree.
2.	Π Orobus. Fech, apllu. (?)	Orobus Milan mous	Lathyrus ssp. Vetch, Tare. Hunt p.193 has various 'mousevetch.'
		Ordei, Barlich, Pece	
3.	Π Origonum, Oxiforus (?) Pilioreal, Wodemynt.	Origanum	Origanum vulgare, Marjoram; or Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal; or Thymus serpyllum, Wild Thyme.
		Orgon, Orton, Veriena, Anglice Verveyne	Probably all Verbena officinalis, Vervain – see Hunt p193
		[Three words of Bro	l ay text illegibile]

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			i is a bon [bone] on the hert of an e found in the heart of a stag.
4.	Π Oxifencia	Oxifencia finico, Dactilus acetosus	Tamarindus indica, Tamarind.
5.	Tamarindes	Tamarindes, Sorel	As above.
6.	Π Oxi venegus	Oxi vynegre	Betson not found. Perhaps vinegar?
7.	П Oxi rey	Oxiren	Vinegar : Mowat, Alphita, p.133, Oxiren idem, forte acetum.
8.	Strong vinigur	Stron vinegar	As above.
9.	Π Oxilappatium	Oxilappaciu <i>m,</i> Acedula, Rumen, Herba acetosa	Rumex acetosa, Sheep Sorrel. See Hunt Oxilappatium p.195
10.	Surelt, Surdok.	Souredokke, Sorel	As above.
11.	Π Oxicantium.	Oxicantu <i>m</i>	Perhaps <i>Berberis vulgaris</i> , Barberry.
12.	Berberies.	Verberys	?As above.
		Oximu <i>m</i> , semen basiliconis	
Lamium / Urtica ss., Npettle.	$\Pi$ Ozimem <i>th</i> e sede of netill.	Ozimu <i>m,</i> Igia, Acantu <i>m,</i> Urtica. A seed netel.	
Osmunda regalis, Royal Fern; or Polypodium	П <u>Osmunda</u> boneworte	Osmunda Polipodie Fol. 171v., Col C	

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ssp., 'Polypody'.		<i>th</i> e fern of an oke	
13.	Oscurtiu <i>m</i> alexandr (?)		Perhaps for Olusatrum – Smyrnium olusatrum, Alexanders
14.	[P]		
	Papaver album.	Papaver album	Papaver rhoeas, Corn Poppy.
15.	White popy. blak	Blank susement Whit popy	Papaver rhoeas Corn Poppy; and Papver somniferum, Opium Poppy.
		Papaver nigrum, noir susement, Blak popy.	As above. Blank & Noir Susement are only in Sloane 282, according to Hunt p.197.
16.	Π Palma Xpī	Palma Xpi	?Leonurus cardiaca, ? Motherwort; or ? Ricinus communis, ? Castor Oil Plant; or Lithospermum officinale, Gromwell; or Artemesia vulgaris, Mugwort; or Lamium purpureum Red Dead-Nettle.
17.	Cauda porcina	Cauda porcina	Peucedanum palustre, Hog's Fennel; or Lithospermum officinale, Gromwell; or Sonchus oleraceus, Sowthistle.
18.	Π Pampiris	Pamphinus	Vitis vinifera, Vine Leaf.
19.	Folium vitis	Folium vitis, <i>th</i> e lefe of the vyne	As above.

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20.	Π Panifiligos	Pamphiligos, flosmus tapsus barbastus	Vebascum thapsus, Mullein
21.	Moleyn	Moleyne	As above.
22.	Π Panis cuculi	Panis cuculi, All <i>elui</i> a	Oxalis acetosella, Wood Sorrell.
23.	Wodesoure	_	As above.  Ticlamen, Malum terre, Erthe notes, rne, or Weybrede, Planto Cimium nontayne
24.	Alleluia		Oxalis acetosella, Wood Sorrell.
25.	Π Passarla	Passula, Passulus.	Raisins
Image 84, Rig	ht, Folio 80r, Col. A		
1.	Peysyns (sic)	Uva passa, reysones	As above.
2.	Π Pastinaca. Pastenep	Pastinaca, Baucia, Pasternepe	Daucus carota, Wild Carrot, or Pastinaca sativa, Wild Parsnip.
3.	Π Passerina Ling <i>ua</i>	Passerina lingua	Persicaria aviculare, Knotgrass.
4.	Corigiola	Corigiola	As above.
5.	Cynuniglata (?)	Geniculata	As above.
6.	Proserpinia.	Prosperina	As above.
7.	Sweynes gresse	Poligo, Swynesgrece	As above.
8.	Π Prassium	Prassium, [porrus, leek] Prassium viride	Marrubium vulgare, White Horehound.

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		Fol. 172r., Col A.	
9.	Horehonde	Horehounde	As above.
10.	Π Marubium	Marubrium albu <i>m</i>	As above.
11.	Morell	Marioll	Morell is usuallySolanum nigrum, Black Nightshade. But here under Marubium it is perhaps Marioll as in Bray.
12.	Π Paritaria. Pitary		Parietaria officinalis / diffusa, Pellitory of the Wall.
		Paritoria, Perciados (?for Perniciades - in Mowat Alphita, p.134 under Paritaria ), Herba vitriola, Herba murialis (?), Paritorie, Stonhore, Walwort. Hunt p201.	
13.	Penticla cortex cit (?)	Pecula cortex, Cicrim, Pentafilon, Quinquefolium	Potentilla reptans, Creeping cinquefoil
14.	Five leved gres	Fivelevede gras	As above.
15.	Π Pentadactulus	Pentadactulus	As above.
16.	Palma Xpi	Palma Xpi	As above.
17.	Swynestaile	Swynestayle	Peucedanum palustre, Hog's Fennel; or Lithospermum officinale, Gromwell; or Sonchus oleraceus, Sowthistle.
18.	Π Petrocillum	Petrociliu <i>m</i>	Smyrnium olustratum, Alexanders, Horse Parsley.
19.	Macedonu <i>m</i>	Macedonium	As above.

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20.	Alexandris sede	Alexandris seed	As above.
21.	Π Pes ancipitris		Geranium, esp. ssp. G. columbinum; or ?Aquilegia vulgaris, Columbine.
22.	Columbynd.		As above.
23.	Petrolium olium de petra	Petrolinum, oleum de petra, oleum benedictum	Presumably a form of mineral oil.
24.	Olium benedictum	Oleum benedictum	As above ?
25.	Π Pes leporis	Pes leporis	Geum urbanum, Herb Bennet.
26.	Avence	Avancia	As above.
27.	Π Perechenicion	Pericheminon, Mater silve, Caprifolium, Capistus, Oculus lucis, Volubilis maior	Lonicera periclymenum, Honeysuckle.
28.	Wodebynde	Wodebynde	As above.
29.	Π Peristerion	Peristerion.	Verbena officinalis, Vervain.
Image 84, Rig	ht, Folio 80r, Col. B		
1.	Columbaria verbena	Columbaria	As above.
2.	Culrage.	Culerage	Polygonum persicaria or P. lapathifolium, or P. hydropiper, Redshank, Pale Persicaria or Water-Pepper.
3.	Persicaria	Persicaria maior	As above.

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4.	Dropeworth	Dropwort	Filipendula vulgaris, Dropwort.
5.	Pigaminis	Piganis,	Ruta graveolens, Rue, or Thalictrum flavum, 'Meadow Rue'.
6.		Pulmonaria, Velpella.	Pulmonaria officinalis, Lungwort.  'Velpella' not found, but next entry in SB, Mowat p.35 is 'Pulpilla', for pupil of eye, so perhaps a mis-reading of this.
7.	Bellewede	Bellewort	Hunt p206 and pp216-7 has Bellewort as both Rue and Pulmonaria officinalis, Lungwort, as above.
8.	Π Persa	Persa maiorana	Maiorana hortensis Moench. Sweet
	maiorana	cimbrium,	Marjoram; or
0		Sansucus,	Origanum vulgare, Marjoram.
9.	Amaracus		As above.
10.	Methworth.	Muchwort	Melissa officinalis, Balm.
11.	Pepones. melones	Pepones, Melones	Cucumis melo, Melon.
12.	Pes nisi. Pollit <i>ri</i> cum	Pes nisi, Pulinona, Pollitricum	?Adiantum capillus-veneris, Maidenhair fern; or ?Asplenium trichomanes, Maidenhair Spleenwort; or ?Asplenium adiantum-nigrum, Black Spleenwort.  Bray 'Pulinona' not found.
13.	Hawkisfote	Sperhaukesfote	As above.

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14.	Pes vituli. Iarus	Pes vituli, iarus, Barba aaron, zekersterse,	Arum maculatum, Lords and Ladies.
15.	Pes corvi: ligatum ad digitum, aufert dolorem dentium	Pes corvi, Apium emoroidarum,	Ficaria verna, Lesser celandine, Pilewort , Crowfoot.
16.	Crowisfote	Crowes fote.	As above.
		Fol.172 r., Col B Pes pulli, And <i>ra</i> go	
17.	Pes columbe	Pes columbe idem	Geranium ssp., Dove's foot Cranebill; or Cruciata laevipes, ?Crosswort; or ?Aquilegia vulgaris, Columbine.
18.	Peucedanum	Peucedanum, finiculus porcinus,	Peucedanum officinale, Hog's Fennel.
19.	Houndesfenell	Houndefenel	As above.
		Penidie, Penetes, Varieties of pitch or	Picula, Pyx liquida, Anglice pitch r tar.
20.	Pistasie. Ben fruts	Pistacie beth fruytes y liche pynes	Pistacia vera, Pistachio.
21.	like pynes		'Like pine nuts'
22.	Π Pygamen	Pigamen, wild rewe	Thalictrum flavum, 'Meadow Rue'.
23.	Wilderwe (sic)		Wild rue, as above
24.	Pigla. lingua avis.	Pigla, Lingua avis, Pigle	Here <i>Stellaria holostea</i> , Stitchwort; but also: <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> ,

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			Ash Tree Keys.
25.	Stichwort. Prigill	Stichewort	As above.
26.		melanum, nigrum	, Fulfulabiat, Piper longum, , Fulfulesbeck. Hit is macro piper. is in Mowat, Alphita, p.69 as piper 'looks like another variant. Alphita has er nigrum.'
27.	Pilobella (sic)	Pilosella	Pilosella officinarum' Mouse Ear Hawkweed.
28.	Peluet		As above.
29.	Chenet	Channet	As above. See Hunt p.207
30.	Moushere	Moushere	As above.
31.	Pigmentaria.	Pimentaria	Melissa officinalis, Balm.
32.	Mellilote	Melissa citrago, Melilot	Trifolium ssp. Melilots and Clovers.
Imaga 85 Laft	t, Folio 80v, Col. A		
1.	At top of Page:  I Pimpinella pilos sed saxifragia non habet ullos.		Anagallis arvensis, Scarlet Pimpernel; or Pimpinella saxifraga, Burnet Saxifrage; or Sanguisorba officinalis, 'Great Burnet'
2.	Π <u>Psidia</u> cortex ma-	Psydia cortex ma	Pomegranate rind.
3.	-li granati	-li granati	
4.	Π <u>Psillium</u> seme <i>n</i> aliq <i>uis</i> herbe	Psillium is <i>th</i> e sede of an herbe	Pulicaria dysenterica or P. vulgaris, Common & Small Fleabanes; or Plantago indica, Fleawort.

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5.	Piretrum	Peretru <i>m</i> , Peletre of Spayne	Anacyclus pirethrum, Pellitory; or Parietaria judiaca, Pellitory of the Wall.
6.	Peletre of spayn.	Peletre of Spayne	Veratrum album, White or False Hellebore; or Helleborus foetidus, Bears Foot.
7.	Foliu <i>m</i> marinu <i>m</i>	Pollium marinum	Sempervivum tectorum, Houseleek.
8.	Pulegium	Pulegium	Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal.
9.	Puleim monta <i>num</i>	Pollium montanum	Mentha pulegium, Penny-Royal; or Thymus polytrichus, Wild Thyme.
10.	Pyliol montayning	Poleos, Pulyole montayne	As above.
11.	Π Propoleos alba cera	Propolis, whyte wex	'Propolis'. Here 'white wax', but now meaning the hard dark resin, collected by bees from the gum of certain trees, to glue up the hive.
12.	Π Pollicaria est h <i>er</i> ba	Policaria is an herbe & the sede ther of is y clipped psillium	Pulicaria dysenterica or P. vulgaris, Common & Small Fleabanes; or Plantago indica, Fleawort.
13.	cuius semem no <i>mine</i> psilliu <i>m</i> .		As above
14.	Π Pollicaria mi <i>n</i> or	Policaria minor	As above

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15.	Skabworte.	Skabbewort	Inula helenium, Elecampane, Horseheal, Scabwort.
16.	Π Plumbum. Led	Plumbum leed	Lead.
17.	Π <u>Polipod</u> um	Polipodium, Feugerole (French: Feugerole de Chêne)	Polypodium ssp., 'Polypody'; also Thelypteris dryopteris, Oak Fern.
18.	Everfern growing in oke	Overfern growing on oke	As above. These seem to be corruptions of 'oakfern' or everfern. See Hunt p.211.
19.	Π Podagra lini	Podagra lini, Cuscuta, Dodire	Cuscuta europaea, 'Large Dodder'; Or: Cuscuta epithymum, Common Dodder.
20.	Cuscuta Dogir	Cuscuta, Dodire	As above.
21.	Π Pes pulli	Andraginis, Pes pulli, Portulaca, Abaga.	Portulaca oleracea, Purslane; or Tussilago farfara, Coltsfoot; or ?Nuphar lutea, Yellow Water Lily; or Ranunculus acris, ?Meadow Buttercup; or ?Ficaria verna, Lesser Celandine.  'Abaga' not found
22.	Purcelana	Porcellana	As above.
23.	Purslane	Purcelane	As above.
24.	Pomum quercinum	Pomum quercinum, Galla Sciadon	Oak Apple

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25.	Galla Alapsa	Alapsa	As above.
26.	Okappull	Anglice an oke appel	As above.
27.	Π Pomum citrine	Pomum	Citrus limon, Lemon; or
28.	Π Pomecitrina	citrinum, Pomme citrine	Citrus aurantium, Orange.
29.	Pomfilion	Ponfilon	Vebascum thapsus, Mullein. See Hunt p.197 – Panphilagos.
30.	Plasinus	Flosmus, Tapsus barbastus,	As above. Betson's source appears to have read 'Plasinus' for 'Flosmus'.
31.	Maleyn.	Molyne	As above.
Image 85, Left	r, Folio 80v, Col. B	Pulegium,	Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal; or
	Gliconum	Gliconium	Thymus serpyllum, Wild Thyme.
2.	Golena Puliol roial.	Golena, Puliol real	As above.
3.	Pulegium maris	Pulegium martis	Origanum dictamnus, Dittany of Crete, or Dictamnus albus, White Dittany.
4.	Diptanus, Dyptand (?)	Dyptamnus, Ditayne	As above.
		Plumbu <i>m</i> leed, l	Prima a plum <i>m</i> e, Prunella ys a sloe
5.	Pimpinella, Selfhele Hyacinthoides		Anagallis arvensis, Scarlet Pimpernel; or Pimpinella saxifraga, Burnet Saxifrage; Or Sanguisorba officinalis, 'Great Burnet'

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			'Selfheal' is now the common name for Prunella vulgaris.
6.	In the gutter: 'Labria' then illegible.		
7.	Bleddistong		Galium aparine, Cleavers. Tongbledes is in Mowat, Alphita, p.157 under Rubea minor, Clivure.
8.	П Pilosella Moushere		Pilosella officinarum, Mouse Ear Hawkweed.
9.	Policaria contra puli / ces (against fleas).		Pulicaria dysenterica or P. vulgaris Common and Small Fleabanes.
10.	Persicaria		Poligonum persicaria, Persicaria, or Poligonum hydropiper, Water-Pepper
11.	[Q]		
	Quercus an oke	Quercus an oke	Oak Tree
12.	Quercula maior		Ajuga chamaeptys, Ground Pine; or Teucrium chamaedrys, 'Wall Germander'.
13.	Quercula m <i>i</i> nor	Quercula minor, Camedreos, Germand <i>er</i>	As above.
		Quercula maior, Camepiteos, mede ratill (all	As above.

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		bracketed in Bray)	
14.	Germander	As above	As above.
15.	Quinquerina	Quinquinerina	Plantago lanceolata, Ribwort. See Hunt p.218 for Quinquenervia
16.	Plantago minor	Plantago Lanceolata	As above.
17.	Lanciolata ribwort	Ribwort	As above.
18.	Quinquefolium	Quinque foliu <i>m,</i> Pentafilon	Potentilla reptans, Cinquefoil.
19.	Cameleon	Camolee, Quintfoile, Fyveleved gras	As above. Hunt p.63 also gives: Chamaemelum nobile, Sweet Camomile; or Anthemis cotula, Stinking Chamomile, Mayweed; or Anthemis arvensis, Corn Chamomile.
20.	[R] Radix simple	Radix whan hit is put simpliche	Radish ssp.
21.	Raphanus radissh	Of Raphani, idem Radich hit shal be understode	Raphanus sativus, Radish; or Armoracia rusticana . Gaertn. Horse-Radish; or Raphanus raphanistrum, Wild Radish, White Charlock.
22.	Rapistum	Raphistrum, Dragancia	Raphanus raphanistrum, Wild Radish, White Charlock.
23.	Charlok	Cherlok	As above.
24.	Resta lini	Rasta lini, Podagra	Cuscuta europaea, 'Large Dodder';

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			Or: Cuscuta epithymum, 'Common Dodder'.
25.	Cuscuta	Cuscuta, Dodyr	As above.
26.	Regina Moderwort	Regina aquilia, Anglice Roynet, Moderwort or Medewort	Filipendula ulmaria Meadowsweet. See Hunt p220
27.	Resta bovis (as catchword at bottom of page).	Resta bovis	Ononis repens, Restharrow. 'holding back the ox (bovis) at the plough.'
Image 85, Rig	ht, Folio 81r, Col. A		
1.	Resta bovis	Resta bovis	As above.
2.	Camlok	Cam <i>m</i> ok	As above.
3.	Rosina rosyn	Resina, Rosyne	Rosin. Sometimes also in ME as new or 'white' wax.
4.	П Rami cedri.	Rama Cedri, Lignu <i>m</i> Iuniperi	'Cedar branches'
5.	Lignum Ienuper	Lignu <i>m</i> Iuniperi	Juniperus communis, Juniper.
6.	П Ресогее	Recope, Recopie,	Succisa pratensis, Moench, Devil's Bit. See Hunt p181-2, Morsus Demonis.
7.	Morsus demoins (sic)	Morsus demonis	As above
8.	Forbiten	Forbytene	As above
9.	Π Resuris	Rasi, Rys	Rheum raponticum, Rhubarb

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10.	Rubarbe	Rubarbe is a rote or <i>th</i> e leves of Genet.	As above.
11.	$\Pi$ Radix minor		Cytisus scoparius, Broom.
12.	Genest		As above.
13.	Π Repontiphus		As above.
14.	Rosa rubea.	Rosa rubea, Reed Rose, Rosa alba, Whit Rose,	'The red rose' Hunt has 'Rodon, Rosa, anglice red rose'
15.	Π Rodaxigrou	Rodix ioron	Not found
16.	Oleum rosarum		'Oil of Roses'  tinue:Ros marinus, Antos os Ciriacus, Floures of Maythes.
17.	Π Rostrum	Rostrum porcinum	Sonchus oleraceus, Milk- or Sow-Thistle.
18.	Thowisall (?)	Sowthistel	As above.
19.	Π Robelia.	Robelia, the commune pese	Pisum sativum, Pea; or Lathyrus ssp., Vetchling.
20.	Rubea Maior	Rubia maior	Rubia tinctorum, Madder.
21.	Warencia mather	Warancia, Mader	As above.
22.	Rubea Minor	Rubia minor,	Galium aparine, Cleavers.
23.	Hereve Cliten	Hayrif, Anglice Clithrone	As above. For Clithrone see Hunt p.223.

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24.	Rubus rumex, Tribulus	Rubus, Rumex, Tribulus	Rubus fructicosus, Blackberry, Bramble.
25.	Ruba blak bery bremble	bremles bote whe	te hit wel <i>th</i> at <i>th</i> er be <i>th</i> many en Rubus is simplich y set of <i>th</i> e th blak beries hyt shal be
26.	[S] Sagapium Serapium	Sagapinu <i>m idem</i> Serapinum	?Maiorana hortensis, Moench. ?Sweet Marjoram.
		Sansucus, Amariscus, Amaracus,	
27.	Maiorana	Maiorane	As above.
28.	Mecheworte	Muchelwort	(Filipendula ulmaria) Meadowsweet
Image 85, Rig	ht, Folio 81r, Col. B		
1.	Sambucus	Sambucus actis	Sambucus nigra, Elder.
2.	Eleer [elder]	Ellerne	As above.
3.	Sanguis draconis	Sanguis draconis, Multisdatum, Demathian	Daemonorops draco, Blume ex Schult; Dragon's Blood (Resin); Dracaena draco, Dragon Tree.
4.	Sankdragon	Sankdragon	As above.
5.	Π Salix sallinea	Salix,	Salix ssp., Willow; or Salix viminalis, Osier Willow.
6.	Welew tre	A withy tree	As above.

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		Salinuca, Spica celtica,	
7.	Π Salvia sauge	Salvia, Salgia, Sawge	Salvia officinalis, Sage.
8.	Salt gum <i>m</i> e	Sal comen idem salt, but ther beth many maner of saltes.	It appears that Betson's source has mis-heard 'sal comen', common salt, and run it together with 'Sal gemma', Rock Salt
9.	Π Sal armoniak	Sal armoniak	Ammonium Chloride. EMED
10.	Π Sal geme	Sal gemme	Rock Salt
11.	Π Sal capodoxitu <i>m</i>	Sal capadocium	Not found.
12.	Π Sal traceatum	Sal tracencium	Mowat, Alphita, p.159 under 'Salis': 'sal tragesicon vel tragesion, quod nos habemus in Alexandro, et est sal [pensum] quod est fuligo nata in tectis balneorum'
13.	Π Sal ponsinus ?	Fol. 172v., Col A Sal pensum	'Sal Pensum' : sal ammoniac, ammonium chloride.
14.	Π Sal sacerdotale	Sal sacerdotale	Not found.
15.	Π Sal matelli. (?)	Sal mateli	Not found
16.	Π Sal catercutie (?)		Not found
17.	Π Sal nitrum	Sal nitri	Native sodium carbonate, natron. EMED

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18.	Π Sal alkali	Sal alkali	As alkalises substance obtained from
10.	11 Saraikan	Saraikan	An alkaline substance obtained from the calcined ashes of plants. EMED
19.	Π Sal tartari	Sal tartari	Potassium Carbonate. EMED
20.	Π Saundres ben iii spics (three species)	Saundres: <i>th</i> er be <i>th</i> th <i>re</i> spices of he <i>m</i>	This seems to be Santalum album, White Sandalwood; Pterocarpus santalinus, Red Sandalwood, and a yellow (citrine) variety.
21.	White. rede et citrine	Whyte, reed & citrine	As above.
		Wodemerch; Sand	, Bursa pastoris, Sanicla, Sanicle, or dix ys wode; Sanamunda, Pes ta, Anglice Avance.
22.	Sandonicum	Sandonicum,	Artemesia maritima, Sea Wormwood; or Santolina chamaecyparissus, Lavender Cotton.
23.	Sewarmede		As above, Sea Wormwood
24.	Π Sandarica vinssh [varnish]	Sandarica, Anglice Vernishe	Mowat, Alphita p.161, Sandarica idem quodam vernicis. But also in Mowat, SB, p37 as Sandarica, idem auripigmentum rubrum.
25.	Π Sapa est novu <i>m</i> vinum	Sapa, new wyne	EMED: 'New wine boiled to a syrup.'
26.	in tempore vino <i>rum</i> musto	The time of the vine mat (?)	Perhaps 'in the time of the wine 'must' or fermentation'

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27.	Π Saponaria canaid (?)	Saponaria, Saveney,	Saponaria ocymoides or officinalis ? Rock Soapwort or Soapwort
28.	Crowsope	Crowesope, Netebroun	As above.
29.	Π Saturion leporina Costirlos? [illegible entry in gutter]	Saturion, Priamuscus (?), Leporina	Orchis ssp. esp. Anacamptis pyramidalis; Pyramidal Orchid; or Arum maculatum, Cuckoo Pint; or ?Hyacinthoides non-scriptus. Bluebell
30.	Satercia Savereyu (?)	Satireia, Tymbra, Anglice Savereye	Satureia hortensis, Summer Savory; or Satureia montana, Winter savory.  In Hunt at pp.230 and 252
31.	Sarcocolla the gum	Sarcocalla ys the gumme of a tree	Astrogalus fascislifolius, Boiss. Gum Saracolla; or Bryonia dioca, White Bryony; or Agrimonia eupatoria, Agrimony.
32.	of a tre.		
		Savina, bracteos	Juniper. Mowat, SB, p13: Brateos vel Brachteos idem Savina
Image 86 Left,	Folio 81v, Col. A		
1.	Scoriola silv.	Scariola silvestris	Possibly Lactuca virosa, Prickly Lettuce; or Euphorbia ssp., Spurge; or Sonchus oleraceus, Milk- or Sow- Thistle.
2.	Wilde letuse.	Ys wilde letuse	?As above.
3.	Stafisatis	Stafisagria	Delphinium staphisagria, Stavesacre, licebane.

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4.	Herba prinits	Herbe pinnetis & lyes (for nits and lice).	As above
5.	Π Scamonia.	Scamonia, Diagradium	Convolvulus scammonia, Levant Scammony.  Diagradium or Diegradium was a preparation of Scammony by Galen used as a laxative. See EMED & OED (Diegradium)
6.	Π Saxifragia	Saxifragia	Saxifrage spp., Saxifrage; or Pimpinella saxifragia, Burnet Saxifrage.
7.	Acinalia (?)	Acinalia	Not found.
8.	$\Pi$ Statumcellus	Statumcellus	<i>Umbilicus rupestris,</i> Salisb., Pennywort.
9.	Umbilicus ven <i>er</i> is	Umbillicus veneris	As above.
10.	Penyworte	Anglice Balariu <i>m</i> (?), Penywort	As above.
11.	Speragon.	Speragiis, Alyon	Not found.
12.	Π Spatula fetida	Spatula fetida	<i>Iris foetidissima,</i> Gladden, Stinking Iris.
13.	Glady <i>n</i> berith no flor	Gladyn, which berith no floure.	

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14.	П	Fol. 172v, Col C	
	Setacul, Seholin	Setacul, Yringes, Seholme	Eryngium esp., E. maritinum, Sea Holly. For variants see Hunt p.237.
15.	П Sepha. Ysopus	Sepha, Ysopus	Hyssopus officinalis, Hyssop.
16.	Π Solerata. (read Scelerata) Apium risus.	Selerata, Aquilaria, Apium risus, Botracion (?)	Ranunculus sceleratus, Celery-leaved Buttercup; or Levisticum officinale, Koch. Lovage; or ? Anthriscus sylvestris, Wild Chervil.
17.	Π Silium merchsede	Selinu <i>m</i> , semen apii, Anglice Merchsede	Apium graveolens - Seed of Wild Celery.
18.	П Semen Urtice		Seed of <i>Lamium / Urtica</i> ssp., Nettle seed.
19.	Acantium. Nettil sede		As above
20.	Π Semperviva (sic) Housleke	Semperviva, Barba Aaron	Sempervivum tectorum Houseleek
21.	Herba aaron Housleke		As above.
22.	Selfgrene Housleke	Anglice Synegrene	As above.
		Bray: Semen bulli Oyninnet	, semen grosse, Cepe, Oynounys or

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23.	Π Semen rose	Semen Rose	Rose 'Seed' or Anthers
24.	Antera	Antera	As above.
25.	Sede of rose	Seed of Rose	As above.
		Bray: Semen Lini. Acinarticuli (?), I	Lynseed, Semen Saxifragii, icospermatis
26.	Π Semen rapistri	Semen Rapistri, Armoinaca, Cherlok sede, Semen Nasturcium	Raphanus raphanistrum, Wild Radish, White Cherlock, or ?Lepidum sativum, ?Garden-Cress Seed.
27.	Touncras sede	Toun cresse seed	As above.
28.	Senacio	Senacon	Senecio vulgaris, Groundsel; or Cnicus benedictus, Holy Thistle.
29.	Watercressis	Nasturcium aquaticum, Watercars	Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum, Watercress.
30.	Seneciu <i>m</i>	Senico, Senicium	As above.
31.	Grounsaile In margin: gronswille	Groundeswylie	Senecio vulgaris, Groundsel; or Cnicus benedictus, Holy Thistle.
		Bray: Semen sene, lavatife. Senna	the seed of a sene tree & hit ys
Image 86 Left,	, Folio 81v, Col. B		
1.	Π Salvatelle been iv	Salvatille beth 4 (sic) veynes in the handes	A vein in the feet and fingers
2.	wynes in the handis		wynes: veins.

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3.	between the littil fin-	Bray: Bytwene the litel finger & the next fenger & upon the foote in the same place.	
4.	ger and the fynger next		
5.	hym		
		Stercus Vaccarum Stercus Ovium, th Stercus Columban Stercus Anatis, th Stercus Yrundinis [Fol. 173r. Col A]	the donge of the goote.  the donge of cowen.  de donge of sheep.  rum the donge of columon (?)  de donge of mawlards.  state donge of a swalwe.  de donge of a mows.
6.	Π <u>Serpillum</u> pelege	Serpillum, Peletree	Anacyclus pyrethrum, Pellitory of Spain.
7.	Π Serpentaria	Serpenteria, Dragancia, Columbria, Cocodrilla,	Polygonum bistorta, Snake root, Bistort; (probably not Dracunculus vulgaris, Dragon Arum a Meditteranean plant).
8.	Nedir worte	Edderwort	As above.
9.	Π Scicida, vide nep	Scicida, Bryonia, Wild Nepe	Bryonia dioca, Bryony; or ?Ecballium elaterium, ?Squirting Cucumber.
10.	Π Simphonica	Simphonica, Caniculata, Iusquiamus,	Hysocamus niger, Henbane, for Simphoniaca.
11.	Hennebane	Hennebane	As above.

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12.	Simphitum	Simphitum, Anagallis, Anagallicum, Consolida maior,	Symphytum officinale, Common Comfrey. See Hunt p.87.
13.	Conferey.	Conferye Sinapis, Seneneysed	As above.  Mustard seed.
14.	Π Synonum.	Sinonu <i>m</i> , Petrosiliu agreste	Sempervivum tectorum, Houseleek; or Smyrnium olusatrum, Alexanders, Horse Parsley.
15.	Wilde Parsly sede	Wilde Persil sede	As above. See Hunt pp239-240 for variants.
16.	Π Sigillum Ste marie	Sigillum Ste marie	Eryngium esp., E. maritinum, Sea Holly.
17.	Seynt mary flour	Seynt marie floure	As above.
18.	Π Squilla see oynons	Squilla Cepa marina, Squilles	Drimia maritima, Squill. 'This poisonous Mediterranean plant should not be equated with edible onions.'EMED
19.	Π <u>Squinatum</u> esca camelor <i>um</i>	Squinantum, esca camelorum	Cymbopogon schoenanthus, Camel's Hay, Squinant.
20.	Camelismete	Camelis mete	As above.
21.	Π <u>Sizinbeum</u> baume, brookmyt [brook-mint]	Sisimbriu <i>m,</i> Balsamita, Bawme	Mentha sylvestris, Horsemint; or Mentha aquatica, Water Mint.

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22.	Π Strignum morel.	Strignum, Solatrum, Morell	Solanum nigrum, Black Nightshade.
23.	Π Spica celtica	Spica celtica,	Valeriana celtica, Celtic Spikenard; or Ophioglossum vulgatum, Adder's Tongue.
24.	Spikenard	Spicanardi	Nardostachys jatamansi, Spikenard; or ?Cyperus longus, Galingale.
25.	Π Sicomorus ficus	Sicomorus ficus	Possibly the fruit of one of several trees: the Sycamore Fig, Ficus sycomorus; or the Common Fig, Ficus cariaca or the Mulberry tree Morus.
26.	Fatua is at gode for them that ben love sike [love sick]	Ficus fatua, hit is good for hem that beth love syke	The fruit of the Sycamore Fig is insipid – 'fatua'. F. sycamorus is not hardy in Britain, But the common fig, Ficus carica, is. Both have similar leaves.
27.	Π Stunci Stugni be <i>n</i> fisshis	Stincti, Stygni, thei beth fishes as tench and water enetes.	Newts: Lacerta agilis ? Sand Newt?
28.	Π Spinathia Spinach	Spinachia, Spinoche	Spinarchia oleracea, Spinach.
29.	Sistra, Dill, Agnetum	Sistra, Anetum, Dille	Anethum graveolens, Dill.
30.	Π Sirnus (?) Betony	Sirnys, Betoyne	Betonica officinalis, Betony.

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		Sileu <i>m</i> , semen Apii, Merch seed	
Image 86 righ	t, Folio 82r, Col. A		
1.	Sisoleos siler montanum.	Siceleos Silerimontani, Seyrmo <i>n</i> tayne	Laserpitum siler, Sermountain.
2.	solirmountayn		As above.
3.	Π Sicla, Beta, Bleta	Sicla, Bleta, Betes	?Beta vulgaris, Beet
4.	Bletes.	Fol. 173R., Col B.	?As above.
5.	Π Siriarca. Malewis	Siriaca, Melochia, Malva, Malwes	Althaea officinalis, Marsh Mallow
		Stuptera, Alumen,, Zuccarium	
6.	П Sigia, Storax liq <i>ui</i> da	Sigia, Storax liquida	A resin from the storax tree (Styrax officinalis), a kind of storax. EMED
7.	Π Sinabrium	Sinabrum minium (?), vz fine (?) Vermilion	Cinabrium in SB, p.43, Alphita, Mowat, p192 and footnote, as 'uzifur i. vermilion'.
8.	Wuylow		Salix ssp, Willow
9.	Π Spodium Os elefan-	Spodiu <i>m</i> , os elephantis,	Ivory
10.	-tis vel ebur combustum	The bon of an elyfant, y brent or yvy brent	Burnt ivory

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11.	Π Sponsi (sic) solis roden	Sponsa solis, Solsequium, cicoria, Incuba, Vericaria, Eleutropia, Anglice Rooden	Calendula officinalis, Pot Marigold; or Lithospermon officinale, Gromwell; or Cichrium intybus, Chicory.
12.	Π Scordion harbell	Scordion, Allium agreste, Harebolle	Here <i>Hyacinthoides non-scriptus</i> , Bluebell / Wild Hyacinth; but also <i>Allium ursinum</i> , Ramsons, Wild Garlic,Crow Garlic.
13.	Π Scolopendria	Scolopendria, Ligna terrina,	Asplenium scolopendrium, Hart's Tongue Fern.
14.	Hertistong.	Hertestonge	As above.
		Storax rubia, confitta rubia	
15.	П Scopa regia	Scopa regia, Herba perforate,	Hypericum perforatum, Saint John's Wort.
16.	Herba Johis cum ceteris [with the other (names]		nis, Centum foramina, Ypicon, Fuga
		Scrofularia, Scrobilia, Poma	
17.	$\Pi$ Sulphur vivu $m$ .	Sulphur vivum, Tibarirum, Tipapirum	Obsolete term for naturally occurring sulphur. Bray's alternative versions are ultimately a corruption of

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			Dioscorides. See Alphita, Mowat p.186, 'Tybappari', 'Tybapirum', footnote 2, and p.32, 'Canibapirum', with footnote 19, for original Greek.
		Sumac, Anagodan	
18.	Sturtium	Sturtium, caulilus agrestis, caliculus agrestis, Brasica, Small Caule,	Brassica oleracea, Wild Cabbage; or Saponaria officinalis, Soapwort; or Peucedanum ostruthium, Master Wort; or Crambe maritima, Sea-Kale.
19.	Brasica smale caule		Brassica oleracea, Wild Cabbage.
20.	Π Succus prunella <i>rum</i>	Succus prunellarum, Acacia	Prunus spinosa, Sloe.
21.	Juse of sloue	Ithe iuse of the wide sloon	Sloe juice
		Spuma marina permis (?)	'Sea foam' ?
22.	Π Succus frume <i>n</i> ti	Succus frumenti	Starch
23.	Amydon	Amidon	As above.
24.	Π Supercillium veneris	Sup <i>er</i> cillium veneris	Achillea millefolium, Yarrow.

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25.	Yarewe. Vent <i>er</i> apis ide <i>m</i>	Vent <i>er</i> apis, Millefoliu <i>m</i> , Yarwe	As above.
26.	Π Sandix Wodemad <i>ur</i>		Isatis tinctoria, Woad; or Rubia tinctorum, Madder. EMED has 'wild madder' as Rubia peregrina, or perhaps Galium mollugo.
27.	Saliunca h <i>er</i> ba asp <i>er</i> a est, alia calketrape, cont <i>ra</i> opilac <i>i</i> ones		Ulex europeaeus, Gorse; or Eryngium campestre, Eryngo; or Valeriana celtica, Celtic Spikenard.
28.	Hamariscus Ameryndis	Tamaryndes, Oxi- [Fol. 173R., Col C.] -fencia, Dactulus acetosa,	Perhaps Tamaris gallica, Tamarisk
Image 86 righ	t, Folio 82r, Col. B		
1.	[T]		
	Π Tapsus moleyn	Tapsus barbastus, Flosmus, Ponfilion, fy	Vebascum thapsus, Mullein.

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		Balinarie (?), Moleyne	
2.	Π Tartarii Argoil	Tartari, Petra vini, Argoil	'The tartar produced by fermentation of wine, crude potassium bitartrate.' EMED
3.	Π Tarascon Scariole	Tarascon, Scariole	Sonchus oleraceus, Milk- or Sow- Thistle; or Lactuca serriola, 'Prickly Lettuce.'
4.	In right margin: Tanacetum agreste pulvis eius desiccat vulnera et valet contra dissinteriam.	Tanasetu <i>m</i> , Tansye,	Potentilla anserina, Silverweed. Hunt p249 also gives Tansy, Chrysanthemum vulgare at 'Tanasia'.
5.	Π Tanacetum domest <i>icum</i>		Chrysanthemum vulgare, Tansy; or Potentilla anserina, Silverweed.
6.	Terpentina	Terbentina,	Pistacia terebinthus, Terebinth, Turpentine.
7.	Terpentyne	Terbentyne	As above.
		Terra Hispania, Chimolea	Chimolea est terra inuenta sub mola fabri ut uidetur per Rogerum capitulo

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			de inflacione testiculorum. Alphita, Mowat p.38, and SAN, Mowat p 206
8.	П Terra Sarazenica	Terra sigillata, Terra Saracena	Potter's Clay
9.	Argentaria.	Argentaria	As above.
10.	Terra Sigulli Argilla	Terra sigulli, Argilla	As above.
11.	Potters cley	Tonkeres clay, or clay	As above.
		Triticum whete	
12.	Tumbra Sandyugus (?)	Tumbria, Timbra, Satureia, Satiregia, Saverey	Satureia hortensis, Summer Savory; or Satureia montana, Winter Savory.
13.	Tibapirum.	Tibaripu <i>m</i> , Cibapiru <i>m</i>	Sulphur – see above Image 86 right, Folio 82r, Col. A, Line 17
14.	Sulphur vivum	Sulphur vivum	A now obsolete term for naturally occurring sulphur. EMED
		Bray: Trisogomis, minor, Tymum, T	Camedreos, Germandria, Quercula Tyme
15.	Titimall plures sunt	Titimallus the beth many spices of the Walwort, Esula, anabulla, catapucia and other more.	Euphorbia spp., Spurge; or Sempervivum tectorum, Houseleek.

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16.	Spe <i>cies</i> earundem		'There are many species of them.'
17.	Walworte, esula		As above.
18.	Anabulla, catapucia		As above.
		Tysana, hit is decoction of waterand Barlich	
19.	Laureola		(Daphne laureola or Daphne mezereum) Spurge Laurel, or Mezereon.
20.	Tribulus ruby	Tribulus rinneth(?) rubeus, Ronce, Reed Brere	Rubus ssp., Bramble.
21.	Redebrere idem [red briar]		Red Brer: The dog rose (Rosa canina). <i>EMED. But here apparently Bramble</i>
22.	Toxima. Endyve	Toxima, Endive, Endiva	Chicorium endiva, Endive; or Sonchus oleraceus Sowthistle; or Lactuca serriola, 'Prickly Lettuce'.
23.	or Scariole.	or Scariole	
24.	Turiones. sumi-	Turiones, sumitates vitis sunt, the croppys of vynes whit or reed	Vitis, Vine shoots.

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25.	-tates vitis, the top		
26.	of a vyne		
		Thus, Olibanum, Frankencence	
27.	Testiculus muris		?Potentilla anserina, Silverweed.
28.	Pim <i>er</i> nella		Anagallis arvensis, Scarlet Pimpernell. See Hunt p.207 for other possible identifications.
29.	Tormentilla <i>In</i> margin temperata cum lacte ovino et diariam cedat.		Potentilla erecta, Common tormentill.  Tr.: mixed with sheep milk, it halts diahorroea.
30.	Timbria, Bisworte		Satureia hortensis, Summer Savory; or Satureia montana, Winter savory.
31.	Silvestris Pulegia species folia habent		Origanum vulgare, Marjoram; or Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal; or Thymus serpyllum, Wild Thyme.
32.	longiora et plus subalbiora.		
33.	[U / V]  Valeriana. Fu.	Valeriana, Feu, Amantilla, Potentilla,	Valeriana phu or V. officinalis, Valerian. The latter is now more likely in Britain. Both kinds are mentioned as growing at Syon, along with dioca, montana, pyrenaica,

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		Zeduariu <i>m</i> agreste	sambucifolia and tripteris by Forrest 1831, p.194.
34.	Valeriane	Valerian	As above.
Image 87 Left,	, Folio 82v, Col. A		
1.	Π Uve Acerbe	Uva matura, rype grape  Uva acerba, soure grape	'sour grapes'
2.	Soure grapes Uva passa	Uva passa	Raisins
3.	Π Reisyns	Reysones Fol. 173v., Col A	Raisins
4.	Π Vaccicinium	Vaccinum	Vaccinium myrtillis, Bilberry
5.	Morum nigrum.	Morum nigrum	As above.
6.	Mirtilles. Hurtene	Myrtillis, Hoorten	Vaccinium myrtillus, Bilberry; or Myrica gale, Bog Myrtle.
7.	Π Venter apis	Venter apis, Supercilium veneris	Achillea millefolium, Yarrow
8.	Millefoile	Millefolliu <i>m,</i> Yarwe	As above.
9.	Π Uva Lupina	Uva lupina, Strignum, Morell	Atropa bella-donna, Deadly Nightshade, Great Morel; or Solanum nigrum, Black Nightshade, Petty Morel.
10.	Morell		As above.
11.	Π Verucaria	Verucaria, Cicoria, Incuba	Calendula officinalis, Garden Marigold.
12.	Rodenes	Roodes	As above.

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		Anglice Angultwy  Various worms of womat, Alphita, p.	, Lubrici terrestres, yche, Wormes of the erthe which 'Angeltwiche' is attested in 87, under 'Isculi' and also footnote 12, sely an 'angle twitcher' They were 'nervos incisos'.
13.	Π <u>Vermicularis</u>	Vermicularis	Sedum telephium, Orpine (V. maior); or Sedum acre, Common Stonecrop (V. minor).
14.	Crassula minor (sic)	Crassula maior	See above.
15.	Stonecrope	Stone crope	As above.
16.	In Wervena In margin: Succus vervene, distemperatus cum lacte, nutrificit humores et valet ad rubeos (?) oculorum.	Vervena, Pisterion	Vervena officinalis, Vervain. Pisterion is ultimately Dioscorides' Peristerion, SB, Mowat, p.33, where it is 'idem vervena'. See also Hunt p201, Persisterion.
17.	Herba veneris	Herba veneris  Vernix, Bernix,  Classia	As above
18.	Π Vespertilio	Vesp <i>er</i> tilio	A bat species.
19.	Reremous	A Reremous	Bat

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20.		Vigellum, Popillus	Agrostemma githago, Corn Cockle, or Lollium temulentum. Both in Hunt at p262.
21.	Π Virga pastorum	Virga pastoris, Oseragi (?)	Dipsacus fullonum, Teasel.
22.	Wildetasill	Wildetasill	As above.
23.	Π Usifur vivum	Usifure vivum	Cinnabar
24.	Vermilion	Virtuosa. Names f of 'Wrachiell'.	As above.  iolette, Viola alba, Wrachiell, for the violet. See Hunt p262 for variants  prusca, Vitecella, Wild Vine.
25.	Π Vitriola. Herbarum	Vitriola, Herba muralis,	Parietaria judiaca, Pellitory of the Wall.
26.	Paritaria Perciados	Paritoria, Perciados Perco (?)	As above.
27.	Pitarye		As above.
28.	Π Vitriolum arme <i>n</i> t.	Vitriolu <i>m</i> , Dragantum, Calcantu <i>m</i> , Armen.	EMED: Vitriol; iron sulphate, copper sulphate, or a mixture of the two: (a) used externally for its corrosive and astringent properties; (b) used as an emetic and cathartic; (c) used as a suppository. Also: Bleach.

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		Viscus quercinus, Wilde Cheyn, (= gui de chêne) or Mystelon of Oke	Viscum album, Mistletoe. See Hunt p264 for these and other variants.
29.	Π Umbilicus ven <i>er</i> is	Umbilicus veneris, Cotiliden,, Cicube, Laria, Anglice Penywort.	Umbilicus rupestris, Pennywort.
30.	Pennyworte		As above.
		Vulgago	Asarum europaeum, Asarabacca
31.	Azarabaccara	Azarabaccara, Gariofilus agrestis	As above.
32.	Agresas		Not found. ?As above.
Image 87 Left	, Folio 82v, Col. B		
1.	Volubilis maior		Lonicera periclymenum, Honeysuckle, or Convulvulus arvensis, Bindweed.
2.	Edera arborea		Hedera helix, Ivy, but perhaps here Honeysuckle – see Hunt p132 for wodebynd ivy under this name.
3.	Caprifolium		Lonicera periclymenum, Woodbind, Honeysuckle.
4.	Π Volubilis minor	Volubilis minor	Convulvulus arvensis, Bindweed or Glechoma hederacea, Ground Ivy.
5.	Edera terrestris	Edera terrestris,	Glechoma hederacea, Ground Ivy.

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6.	Heyhove	Heyhove Fol. 173v., Col B.	As above.
7.	Π Urtica mortua	Urtica mortua, Archangelica	Lamium spp., the dead nettles
8.	Blynde Netile	Blynd netel	Lamium album, White Dead Nettle; or Lamium purpureum, Red Dead Nettle.
9.	Π Urtica greca	Urtica Greca, Ronge Urteie, Lees Netel	
10.	Wildenettill	Wild Netel or deed netel	?Urtica spp.
11.	Π Ungula caballina	Ungula caballina	Here Water Lily (Nymphea), on account of the similarity in the shape of its leaves to horse hooves.
12.	Et Radix lilii aquatici	Hit is <i>th</i> e rote of Water Lilie, or elles of Menphie [Nenuphar]	Water Lily as above.
13.	vel radix nenuphar		As above
14.	Π Virga pastoris		Dipsacus fullonum, Teasel
15.	Wildetasill		As above.
16.	[X]		
	Xantos interp <i>retatur</i>		Almost identical to Mowat, Alphita, p. 193 'Xantos', which is described as

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			'cortex celsi'- presumably bark of the Mulberry Tree.
17.	Rubeum inde ypoxanto		As above.
		Bray: Xilocassia, Cassia Lignea Cassia rubia et sicca	These are all synonyms for Cinnamomum cassia, Cassia Bastard Cinnamon. See SB p44 - Xilocassia
18.	П Xillobalsamum	Xilobalsamum	Wood or bark of the Balsam tree (Commiphora meccanensis or opobalsamum). EMED.
19.	Lignum balsami	Lignum balsami	As above
20.	Carpobalsa- mum id id <i>est</i> fru	The fruytof this ys y clypid carpobalsamum	As above. Mowat, Alphita, p.34, Carpobalsamum id est semen balsami.  Hunt gives Teucrium Chamaedrys, 'Wall Germander' but 'fructus' does not seem right here.
21.	tus eius.		J
22.	Xpīana h[abe]t folia ro-		Christiana Lathyrus ssp. Vetchling. or ?Senecio vulgaris, ?Groundsel.
23.	-tunda aliquantulum		
24.	spissa (?)		
25.	ut unum h <i>abe</i> t stipitem		

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26.	magnum et multi parvi stipites		
		Ysopus, Ysope	
27.	[Y]		
	Ypericon Perforata (sic)	Ypericon, Yercatoum Psillum, Herba scti Iohis, Scopia regia, Seynt Ion Wort,	Hypericum perforatum, St John's Wort.
28.	Centum		As above.
29.	foramina Herba Iohannis		As above.
30.	Π Ytea, wilow	Ytea, Salix, Wythie	Salix viminalis, Withy, Osier.
Image 87 Righ	nt, Folio 83r, Col. A		
	$\Pi$ Yriana vitis agrestis	Yriana, Labrusca, Vitis agrestis,	Sonchus ssp. Sowthistle.
2.	Π Ypia maior	Yria maior, Morsus galline	Stellaria Media, Chickweed
3.	Chikenmete	Chyke mete	As above.
		crocus or Spatula	flores gerit Yrios albu <i>m.</i> Gladiolus fetida Pu <i>pure</i> us (?) Yris ha <i>th</i> s hath a whit flour
		Yposilia fabaria, Lemyk, Faverolle	Veronica beccabunga, Brooklime.

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4.	Π Ypoquistodos	Ypoquistidos	Rose Gall
5.	Is a rounde appull	Beth ronde ball	
6.	growing aboute a brembill	Growing about a bremel	
7.	Π Ydromel is a watr	Ydromel is hony with water y soode	Hydromel: A mixture of water and honey that becomes mead when fermented.
8.	Drunk with hony.		
9.	Π Ygia. Netil sede	Ygia, Ozimum, netelseed	Lamium / Urtica ssp., Nettleseed.
10.	Π Yposarcan is a dropsy of malencoly	Yposarcan is a dropesie <i>tha</i> t come <i>th</i> of melancolye	Modern medical terms: Hyposarca / Anasarca, meaning swelling of the flesh.
11.	Π Ypomaratrium	Ypomaratrum	Foeniculum vulgare, Here Fennel Root & Fennel Seed.
12.	Wild fenell	Wilde Fenel	As above.
13.	[Z]		
	Zacaton Persillum	Zachaton, Persilium	Plantago indica, Fleawort. See Hunt Zaracon p.267; and Daems (Psillium) #368, p.228 where it
		Fol. 173v., Col C.	is identified as Plantago afra.
14.	Zodarium i. radix.	Zeduariu <i>m</i>	Curcuma zedoaria Setwall, Zedoary, White Turmeric.

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15.	Setwale	Sedewale	As above.
16.	Π Zima Fermentu <i>m</i>	Zima Fermentum, Leveyne	Yeast.
17.	Leveyis		As above ?
18.	Π Zima is an apostum of flemus	Zimia is apostem Engendryd of flewme	'A pustule caused by phlegm.' EMED
		Zipule, crispule o	entafilon, Anglice Fivelevedgras ynnones, Zinziber, Gynginer, Zubus, Grece, Fatnesse.
19.	Π Zyrungen Borage	Zyrungen, Borage	Borago officinalis, Borage.
20.	Π Zyzania Kokkill	Zizzannia, Gith, Cokkle  Explicit Liber Synonum editus a Magistro JB. (Johannes Bray)	Agrostemma githago, Corn Cockel.
21.	Π Zertia impetigo		EMED gives 'A pustular skin disease' for 'zerna'.
22.	Seripigo sive Serpiga		'A spreading skin eruption or disease, such as ringworm.'
23.	T intensa Impetigo ut superior		Tr.: intense impetigo, as above.

Explicit Herbarium

# THE SYON ABBEY HERBAL

# II THE REMEDIES

Table: Abbreviations for Apothecaries' Weights.

Weight	pound	ounce	dra(ch)m	scrupul	grain
Abbreviation:	₹ħ, li	3	3	Э	gr.
<b>Equivalents:</b>	1 lb, li	12 ₹	96 <b>ʒ</b>	288 Э	5,760 gr.
		1 3	8 3	24 Э	480 gr.
			1 ʒ	3 Э	60 gr.
				1 9	20 gr.
Metric Equivalents:	373 g	31.1 g	3.89 g	1.296 g	64.8 mg

# Other Common Apothecaries' Abbreviations:

.lī	one pound	12 oz
.lī.h or .lī.dī (half and dimidium)	half pound	6 oz
qarto. or qarto. dī, 'quartroun'	quarter pound	3 oz
$q^art^o.h.$ or $q^art^o.$ $d\bar{\imath}$ 'half quartroun'	eighth of a pound	1½ oz.
$\beta$ for the word 'semi' meaning half	of the preceding mo	easure.

3	a drachm	3 scrupuls
.3.h. or .3.dī	half a drachm,	1½ scrupuls
.Э.j 'pennyweight'	a scrupul	20 wheatcorns,
.Э.h or .Э.dī	half a scrupul	10 wheatcorns
m.j	handful	
m.h or m.di	half handful	

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Source: *Medical Works of the 14th Century*, Henslow, page 131.

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the same amount of each herb

**Note 1:** the tentative Middle English, and modern English and Linnaean names of plants mentioned below are set out in full in Appendix 2.

# Image 87 right – Folio 83r, Column B

26.

do so onys till it sane.

1.	For all maner	Similar in eVK2 under 'virgin wax'.
2.	of ache. Recipe ole de	Olive oil.
3.	olif & virgin wax	Wax from new combs.
4.	and Terbentyn. Melte	Terebinth, Turpentine.
5.	thies iij togidere than	
6.	take the juse of Rwe	Rue
7.	the juse of Bromblossums	Flowers of the broom.
8.	and the juse of blem-	
9.	blis croppis, agode	Top leaves of the Bramble.
10.	quantite of thies juses	
11.	and put hem to thin oynt-	
12.	ment and lete it boil	
13.	but a litill and kepe	
14.	well this in an glas.	
in the viele	t margin: <b>ffor the moder</b>	Iltorus or Unotoria
in ine rign	••	Uterus, or Hysteria .
1 5	Dogina Dogana amus	D
15.	Recipe Rosemaryn	Rosemary.
16.	in poudur, and gif the	Rosemary.
16. 17.	in poudur, and gif <i>th</i> e sike to drynk div <i>e</i> rs	Rosemary.
16. 17. 18.	in poudur, and gif <i>th</i> e sike to drynk div <i>e</i> rs tymes.	Rosemary.
16. 17.	in poudur, and gif <i>th</i> e sike to drynk div <i>e</i> rs	Rosemary.
16. 17. 18. 19.	in poudur, and gif <i>th</i> e sike to drynk div <i>e</i> rs tymes. wheresoev <i>er</i> it be.	
<ul><li>16.</li><li>17.</li><li>18.</li><li>19.</li></ul>	in poudur, and gif the sike to drynk divers tymes. wheresoever it be.  t margin: For an hors that is gallid.	Rosemary.  Not in eVK2; gallid: chafed.
<ul><li>16.</li><li>17.</li><li>18.</li><li>19.</li><li>in the right</li><li>20.</li></ul>	in poudur, and gif the sike to drynk divers tymes. wheresoever it be.  t margin: For an hors that is gallid. Recipe. Take the sote in a	
<ul> <li>16.</li> <li>17.</li> <li>18.</li> <li>19.</li> <li>in the right</li> <li>20.</li> <li>21.</li> </ul>	in poudur, and gif the sike to drynk divers tymes. wheresoever it be.  the margin: For an hors that is gallid. Recipe. Take the sote in a fire stok or in a chym-	
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<ul> <li>16.</li> <li>17.</li> <li>18.</li> <li>19.</li> <li>in the right</li> <li>20.</li> <li>21.</li> <li>22.</li> <li>23.</li> </ul>	in poudur, and gif the sike to drynk divers tymes. wheresoever it be.  **margin:* For an hors that is gallid.*  Recipe.* Take the sote in a fire stok or in a chymney and grynd it	

#### in the right margin: For the sauffleme

- 27. Take Dragance
  - saucefleume (n.): A skin ailment considered symptomatic of a type of leprosy. EMED.
- 28. whan he is moost / brymmest and dry brymmest: at its best.
- 29. it in the sun, rote
- 30. and al, and grinde
- 31. it into poudre. *Th*an

#### Image 88 left, Folio 83v

- 1. take the water of the Rederose a quarte or Quarte: two pints; Potell (two quarts): four pints or about 2.3 litres.
- 2. a potell and put *th*is poudre *th*en in and
- 3. let it seth to gider till *th*e water be half
- 4. wastid *th*an take it down and kepe it in
- 5. a glasse and with a fedur anoynte the
- 6. seke at eve*n* and at morowe.

# in the left margin: For a mole / in a lynencloth

Mole: stain.

- 7. Recipe Alleluia vel Wodesour rub it upon the mole a
- Wood Sorrell.

- 8. gode while *th*en wassh it oute in clen
- 9. water or in lye or in sope. And if it go not
- 10. a way take more of Allum and rub it as thu
- 11. didist first.

#### in the left margin: For a cloth that is steined

- 12. Wassh *th*i cloth in common
- 13. Ly, scalding hote and it shal do it awey

**ly**: lye.

14. and if it wole not, take ly made of ben

ben ashis: bean

- ash.
- 15. ashis warmed and wassh *th*i cloth ther*with*

# in the left margin: For to know the cold dropsi fro the hote. Not in eVK2.

- 16. If the face of the seke be to bolned *Bolned*: *To swell, become distended;*
- EMED.
- 17. and the necke and the swellings go down
- 18. to the leggis *than* is the dropsy cold. And if
- 19. *the* body be bolned and the face slenndur

20.	and the leggis lene <i>than</i> is the dropsy hote	
21.	Recipe yongspring of elder, a goode dele	Take the first shoots of Elder.
22.	and scrape away the utterest to the white	utterest: outer.
23.	till you have ii handful than boile it in	
24.	a pottell of white wyne and an other	four pints; about 2.3 litres.
25.	of ale unto the half and make the seke	
26.	to drynk thereof at even and at morrow,	
27.	and he shal pisse oute all the evell. A Me-	Not in eVK2.
28.	dicyne for all manner of sore eiyen:	sore eiyen: sore eyes.
29.	take poudur of tutty <sup>122</sup> and poudur of Calamint	
	tutty: a product obtained from smelting furnaces: Cadmium, ox	ide of zinc.
30.	in like proporscioun and grend hem to gider with	
31.	fressh capoun gresse and make a plaistur	capon gresse: chicken fat.
32.	and ley to the sore eiyen.	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>122</sup> 'Tutty': Medical Society MS136 folio 43v - 'as they of Montpellier use it in the final stages of opthalmia' Warren R. Dawson, A Leechbook, MacMillan, 1934, pp160-161, his para no. 486, as an eye disease remedy.

#### **De Urinalibus (**'Concerning Urine Flasks')

# (Image 88 right, folio 84r to Image 90 right, folio 86r, line 5)

This text, whose title means 'Concerning Urine Flasks' presents an interesting puzzle.<sup>123</sup> In the first place, urine flasks are nowhere else mentioned in this section of Betson's text. Second, the text appears at first glance to be the section on urines taken from '*Pro conservanda sanitate ... remediorum ... liber*' attributed to the Franciscan Priest-Cardinal, Johannes Vitalis (1260-1327), and first printed in 1531. However, the supposed Vitalis text, both in its original manuscript form and its later printed form, actually incorporates material already circulating earlier, in the twelfth century, and hence not by Vitalis.

M. Teresa Tavormina has identified Betson's text as in fact originating in two other widely circulating texts of the early Middle Ages, which she catagorises as *Urina Rufa* and *Colamentum sanguinis* (*Reddish Urine* and *Cleansing of the Blood*). *Urina Rufa* is Betson's section from image 88 right, folio 84r, line 1, to image 90 left, folio 85v, line 1. *Colamentum sanguinis* runs on from image 90 left, folio 85v line 1 to the end of Betson's *De Urinalibus* text at image 90 right, folio 86r, line 5. The two texts both originated in a 12th-century uroscopy treatise that has been called by German scholars, for example Gundolf Keil, '*Der kurze Harntraktat*' (The Short Treatise on Urine).

The text is also listed, under its Incipit, as at Betson's Line 1 below (*Urina rufa significat salutem et bonam*), by Thorndike Kibre as .k 1610B), in eight examplars, of which four in the UK.<sup>124</sup> These have not been examined by us, but one or more may prove to be close to Betson's original source, since his text contains some questionable readings and omissions that might help identify related copies. M. Teresa Tavormina notes that in the known English and Anglo-Latin copies, the second source, *Colamentum sanguinis*, often ends, as in our text here in Betson with

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> M. Teresa Tavormina has kindly provided this information on the origins of the text used by Betson. (Pers. Comm. August 2014, and her forthcoming in 2014 "Uroscopy in Middle English: A Guide to the Texts and Manuscripts," in Studies in Medieval and Renaissance History, 3 ser., vol. 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> M. Teresa Tavormina has kindly provided 'a very partial list of other manuscripts in British libraries or of British origin containing the Latin texts of *Urina Rufa* and *Cleansing of Blood*' which includes Egerton 2852, 16v-18v (which begins and ends with similar wording to the Betson text); Royal 17 C.24, 1<sup>r</sup>-4<sup>r</sup>; Sloane 7, ff. 60v-61v; Sloane 1388, ff. 38v-39v; Ashmole 391, V, ff. 2vb-3va, Ashmole 789, f. 366<sup>ra-b</sup>; Ashmole 1481, ff. 2v-3v, 42<sup>rv</sup>; Bodley 648, 5<sup>r</sup>-7<sup>r</sup>; Bodley 591, ff. 33<sup>r</sup>-34v; Hatton 29, ff. 75v-77v and 78<sup>r</sup>-79v; Rawlinson D.1221, ff. 9<sup>r</sup>-10v; CUL Ii.6.17, ff. 42<sup>r</sup>-47<sup>r</sup>; Pepys 878, pp. 108-10; G&C 413/630, 32<sup>r</sup>-34v; TCC R.1.86, ff. 1v-4<sup>r</sup>; TCC O.9.31, 28<sup>rv</sup>; Rosenbach Museum MS 1004/29; and the Dickson Wright MS (ed. Talbot 1961).

the wording, 'nisi fuerit per talem urinam expulsio materie venenose est signum mortale/mortis.'

The attribution of the text to the *Harntraktat* solves an interesting bibliographical question, since there was no copy of Vitalis' Pro conservanda sanitate in the Syon Registrum, and none is listed in any of the current BL Corpus catalogues<sup>125</sup> as being present in Britain. Furthermore, the printed version of the imputed Vitalis text did not appear until 1531, and so again cannot have been used by Betson, who died in 1517.

On balance therefore, it seems that Betson had access to a Latin version of the Harntraktat rather than a copy of Vitalis, despite the latter's close similarity to Betson. 126 M. Teresa Tavormina also points out that there were printed versions of the text incorporated in the so-called Ketham Fasciculus Medicinae from 1481. The Fasciculus is also not in the Syon Registrum or indeed the BL Corpus, and so is unlikely to have been available a source for Betson. The textual relations among versions of these texts of the *Harntraktat* in the later Middle Ages have still to be worked out. There are a considerable number of treatises on urine listed in the Syon Abbey Library Catalogue, and it may be that one of these will eventually provide a source.127

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>125</sup> SHARPE, Professor R., Editor, (1990-2013). Corpus of British Medieval Library Catalogues.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> The 1531 printed text used by Vitalis, from which Betson deviates only slightly, can be accessed at: http://reader.digitale-sammlungen.de/en/fs1/object/display/bSB 10149531 00022.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> Edited by Vincent Gillespie (2001).

# Image 88 right, Folio 84r

# De Urinalibus

1.	//Urina ruta sig <i>nifica</i> t salutem et bonam	
2.	dispositionem corporis humani. //Urina	
3.	subrufa sanitate <i>m</i> bon <i>am</i> sig <i>nifica</i> t non o <i>mn</i> ino	
4.	ita p <i>er</i> fecte sicut rufa. //Urina citrina qu <i>ando</i>	
5.	est cum substantia mediocre et quando circulus est ei	usdem
6.	color est laudabilis. Et etiam subcitrina licet	subcitrina: pale yellow.
7.	non ita perfecta sicut citrina. //Urina ru-	
8.	bea sicut rosa sig <i>nifica</i> t febre <i>m</i> effemera <i>m</i> et si	
9.	continue mingatur significat febrem continuam.	
	continue mingatur: continuous urination.	
10.	//Urina rubea sicut sanguis in vito significat fe-	read as <b>vitro</b> : glass.
11.	bre <i>m</i> ex nimio sanguine et tu <i>n</i> c statim debet	
12.	fieri minutio nisi luna fuerit in signo geminorum	minutio : blood-letting.
13.	//Urina viridis quando mingitur post rubeam	
14.	significat adustionem et est mortalis//	
	Some Vitalis 1531 text missing in Betson, including:	
	'Similiter, urina nigra post rubeam est mortalis'.	
15.	Urina rubea a claritate omnino remota declinationem	l
16.	morbi sig <i>nifica</i> t // Urina rubea p <i>er</i> mixta ali-	
17.	quantulum nigredine epatis calefactionem sig <i>nifica</i> t	
18.	//Urina pallida sig <i>nifica</i> t defectione <i>m</i> stomachi	
19.	Et impedimentum se <i>cunde</i> digestionis. // Urina	
20.	Alba sicut aqua fontis significat cruditatem hu-	
21.	morum et in acutis febribus est mortalis. //Urina	
22.	lactea et cum spissa substantia et si accidit in muli-	
23.	eribus non est ita perculosum sicut in viris propter	
24.	indispocitiones matricis tamen in acutis febribus est	
25.	mortalis. //Urina lactea superior et inferior	
26.	obumbrata circa mediam regionem clara	
27.	ydropsim significat. Item: urina in ydropico ru-	
28.	fa vel subrufa mortem significat. //Urina	
29.	karapos sig <i>nifica</i> t multitudinem humoru <i>m</i> kara	pos: 'the colour of camel hair'.
30.	corruptorum sicut accidit in flemmatico ydro-	

# 31. pico, padagro et sic de aliis. //Urina nigra padagro: read podagro, gouty person.

Image	e 89 left, Folio 84v	
1.	ex <u>calore</u> naturali extincto tunc est mortalis	
2.	et potest esse propter expulsionem materie venenose	
3.	que expellitur per vias urinales et tunc significat	
4.	salutem. In quartana semper est mortalis et mala.	
5.	//Urina lucida sicut cornu significat indispositiones lucida sicut cornu: as transparent as (yellow) horn.	
6.	splenis et indispositiones quartane. //Urina cro- Vitalis 1531 has 'dispositiones quarternae'	quartan: perhaps malaria
7.	cea cum spissa substantia fetida et spumosa ictericiam	<b>ictericia</b> : jaundice.
8.	Significat. //Urina rufa vel subrufa infer-	
9.	ius habens resolutiones rotundas vel albas significat su	ıperius
10.	aliquantulum pinguis febrem eticam significat. //Urina 'Rufa or subrufa urine with round or white sediments below, somewhat fatty above, signifies hectic fever.'	
11.	in fundo vasis usq <i>ue</i> ad medietatem clara	
12.	postea vero spissa, gravidinem pectoris sig <i>nifica</i> t. //U-	
13.	rina spumosa clara et quasi subrubea dolo-	
14.	rem in dextero bracchio magis quam in sinistro	
15.	significat. //Urina alba et spumosa significat majorem	
16.	dolorem in sinistro latere quam in dextro. Frigidius est	:
17.	enim sinistrum latus quam dextram. //Urina tenuis  Several lines of Vitalis 1531 edition reversed.	
18.	aceto similis fleuma significat. <del>Urina tenuis</del> Betson's crossing out. Vitalis 1531:  'Urina tenuis, pallida et clara, acetosum phlegma significat.'	
19.	Si circulus urine nullo quiescente tremulus	
20.	apparuerit decursum flegmatis aliorumque humorum	
21.	a capite per collum et per posteriora ad inferiora	
22.	significat. //Urina spissa et plumbea circa me-	

diam regionem nigram paralisim significat. //Urina

spissa et plumbia (sic) circa mediam regionem. Ut supra.

23.

24.

- 25. //Urina spissa et lactea et pauca et crassa
- 26. inferius cum squamis, lapidem demonstrat.
- 27. //Urina sine squamis spissa et lactea et pauca
- 28. fluxtum ventris significat. //Urina spissa et lactea
- 29. et multa guttam in superioribus partibus significat vel
- 30. inferioribus membris. //Urina inferius 1531: vel membris corporis.
- 31. pallida in viris dolore*m* renum, in mulieribus

#### Image 89 right, Folio 85r.

1. vero vitium matricis significat. // Urina in qua frusta frusta: piece.

Sloane 2852 & 1531 versions both have 'frustula' meaning 'a small piece'.

- 2. apparent, si pauca sint si pauca sint (repeated) et turbida, Vitalis 1531 version: 'sit', agreeing with 'pauca..urina', singular, and not with 'frustula' plural.
- 3. vene [venae] rupturam circa renes et vesicam significat. //U-
- 4. rina in qua sanies apparet in fundo vasis con- sanies: bloody matter, pus.
- 5. tiguam renum et vesice putredinem vel apostema
- 6. significat. Etsi in tota urina sanies apparet totius
- 7. corporis putritudinem significat. //Urina in qua
- 8. frusta apparent parva et lata vesice excorationem
- 9. significat. // Urina athomosa per multum tempus **Urina athomosa**: Vitalis 1531: 'arenosa' 'sandy' or 'gritty' as 'gravel'.
- 10. lapidem in renibus significat. //Urina alba sine
- 11. febre in viris et in mulieribus aliquando dolorem renum
- 12. aliud aliquando impregnationem mulierum significat. //Urina
- 13. pregnancium si unum mensem vel duo vel tres ha-
- 14. buerint debet esse multum clara et alba, yposta-
- 15. stasim debet habere in fundo. Si vero quatuor menses
- 16. habuerint urinae debet esse serena et ypostasis alba *ypostasis: deposit.*
- 17. et grossa in fundo. Solet imago in vase u-
- 18. rinali tamquam in speculo apperere. Si urina illa
- 19. sit mulieris, conceptionem factam significat. Et
- 20. si ymago iudicantis appareat in uri*nam* pacientis
- 21. febres interpoellatas vel epaticam egritudinem
- 22. prolixitatem morbi significat. //Urina spumosa
- 23. ventositate*m* stomachi in mulieribus vel ardo

- 24. rem in umbilico usque ad guttur & sitim significat.

  1531 version: 'ab umbilico'; 'heat from the navel to the throat.'
- 25. // Urina vero virginis quasi subcitrina debet
- 26. esse. Unde urina lucida livida (sic) et nimis serena Vitalis 1531version: Unde urina livida nimis, virginem.
- 27. virginem declarat constantam. // Urina
- 28. turbida in qua seme*n* apparuerit in fundo vasis,
- 29. mulierem recentem cum viro significat. Mulieres

  Betson's text omits three lines of the Vitalis 1531 version here.
- 30. menstruatae faciunt urinam sanguineam.
- 31. Et si iste sanguis sit coagulatus in muliere

#### Image 90 left, Folio 85v.

- 1. apparebit pregnans donec dissolvatur. OMNIS<sup>128</sup>
- 2. urina est colamentum sanguinis et est duarum
- 3. rerum proprie significativa. Aut enim significat passionem
- 4. epatis et venarum aut vesice et renum. Aliarum re-
- 5. rum est improprie significativa. Sed in uri*n*a
- 6. consideranda sunt diversa *scilicet* substantia colores
- 7. regiones et contenta. Aliud [blank space] 129 causa sediminis of sediment.
- 8. cum enim in humano corpore quatuor quali-
- 9. tates scilicet caliditas frigiditas siccitas et
- 10. humiditas sint cause substantie et coloris. Calidi-
- 11. tas est causa coloris rubei frigiditas albi, siccitas
- 12. est causa tenuitatis et humiditas spissae.
- 13. //Urina in quatuor partes dividitur. Superior

  Vitalis 1531 version: Urina autem plures in partes dividitur.
- 14. est circulus 2ª corpus aieris, 3ª perforatio.

128 M. Teresa Tavormina suggests that the capitals here for 'OMNIS' may suggest the use of a different text, since MS Ashmolean 391, for example, also ends at 'dissolvatur', the last word of line 1 above.

Pers. Comm. Aug. 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>129</sup> 'Omission of logically necessary material here also occurs in Ashmolean 391, though not in Fasciculus medicinae or Bodley 648; the blank space suggests that Betson recognized there was a problem.' M. Teresa Tavormina, *Pers. Comm. Aug* 2014.

15.	4 <sup>tus</sup> fundus. Per circulum capitis et cerebri. Per
16.	corpus aieris spiritualium membrorum et stoma-
17.	chi per perforationem epatis et splenis. Per fundum
18.	renum et matricis et inferiorum membrorum
19.	accidencia iudicamus. // Urina habent 3 regiones scilicet
20.	infimam mediam et supremam. Infima incipit
21.	a fundo urinalis et durat per spatium duorum digi-
22.	torum. Media regia incipit ubi terminatur infi-
23.	ma et durat usque ad circulum qui circulus $\mathbf{e} s t$
24.	in supprema. Et qu <i>ando</i> in ista regione suppr <sup>e</sup> ma
25.	est spuma significat ventositatem ebullientem
26.	in viis urinalibus vel inflationem vel aliud
27.	vitium pulmonis. Circulus vero grossus significat
	Betson here omits two sentences found in the Vitalis 1531 version.
28.	nimiam replecionem in capite et dolorem. In
29.	regione media quedam nebula est-in sanis

#### Image 90 right, Folio 86r.

30.

- 1. digestionen materie morbi. In infima regione
- 2. sunt aliquando lapilli arenosi et tunc denotat quod pac-

malum signum est. Sec in febricitantibus significat

- 3. ciens est calculosus. Et aliquando sedimen est nigrum
- 4. et tunc nisi fuerit per talem urinam expulsio materie
- 5. venenose, est signum mortis. Explicit. 130

#### In right margin Laxativum

6. **Pro matrice** take Rubarbe<sup>131</sup> ii.d*ram*; turbit

matrix: uterus

7. ii.dram; Ireos i dram; Theodoricum ii dram; Scamonium ii dram.

\*Ireos: Yellow flag. Theodoricum: 'A purgative medicament; EMED; Scammony.

<sup>130</sup> 'Like Ashmolean 391, and other Anglo-Latin copies, the concluding '*De modis iudicandi*' text found in Vitalis and in Fasciculus medicinae is not given by Betson.' T. Taormina *Pers. Comm. Aug.* 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> See folio 81, col A, line 10 and SB, Mowat, p.36: 'Reubarbarum radix quaedam est, quae affertur de barbaria.' (Tr.: 'a certain root which is imported from barbaria'). It is sometimes unclear if Rhubarb or Iubarbe (Sempervivum tectorum, Houseleek) is meant. Here the association with laxatives suggests Rhubarb, but the amounts seems rather small, ½ and ½ oz.

in the righ	t margin: Oleum Rosarum (Tr: Oil of Roses).	
8.	Sic fit: take iii. libra of oyle de olif, ane pounde	
9.	of Rosis and half a ponde in a glasse vessil.	
10.	Put them in a cawdroun full of water aun the	aun: on.
11.	fire, and stry it. And than hast thou oile of	<b>stry</b> : stir.
12.	Rosis, gode and fine. Oleum de Violet, oleum	
13.	Sambucinum, oleum Martinum, fiunt de eodem modo	<b>).</b>
	Oil of Elder, oil of Myrtle.	
In the righ	t margin: <b>Oleum Ov<i>orum</i></b>	Tr.: oil of eggs.
14.	Sic Fit: take of the white of eyren and put	
15.	hem in a panne over the fire and styre hem	
16.	with a sklise till they wax rede and take and	sklise: spatula EMED.
17.	wryng out <i>th</i> e oile.	
In the righ	t margin: <b>Pro Morfea</b>	Tr.: a skin disease.
18.	Take rede yelkis	
19.	and the rotis of rede dockis and do awey	
	rede yelkis: red egg yolks EMED; rede dockis: 'Red Dock'	
20.	<i>th</i> e skyn <i>there</i> of and myse he <i>m</i> smale as	Myse: mince, EMED.
21.	gynger and temper hem to gidere with vinagre	
22.	and make <i>there</i> of a plaist <i>ur</i> and lei it to <i>th</i> e morfu	
in the righ	t margin: For a man that is bresten withinforth.	Perhaps 'ruptured.'
23.	Take peticonsoude, Confery, the	Withinforth: inside.
24.	rotis of wilde Brakis, Aveunce of ech ylike	
	Daisy, Comfrey <sup>132</sup> , Fern, Avens.	
25.	mych and put hem to gidur & seth hem in ale	
26.	and hony and drink the licour at morn and	
27.	at even, and thou shal be hole.	

# Image 34 Right, Folio 30r:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> The use of Comfrey an ingredient for internal use is now banned in many countries as too dangerous, because of its association with liver failure.

This single sheet, though early in the MS, may not be in Betson's hand. 133

#### 1. Urina habet signa vi

(but list shows eight signs).

- 2. Per collorem, per spumam, per substantiam, per quantitatem
- 3. per odorem, per circulum, per ypostasim, per consistencia ypostasis: the lower part of the urine sample, in which sediment settles.
- 4. Urina Rubea
- 5. In Thysi, in Ydropisi, in Appoplexia, in Epilencia,
- 6. in Periplimonia, in Paralisi, in Colica, indifferenter significat mortem.

  \*Periplimonia: abscesses on the lungs.
- 7. Urina Mulieris<sup>134</sup>
- 8. Virginis est lucida et serena. Corupte est turbida,
- 9. et sperma viri ap*par*et in fundo vasis. Menstruate
- 10. aparet sanguinea. Pregnantis in primo mense, 2º et 3º,
- 11. nebulas habet minutas inferius. Est grossa et
- 12. lucida et ypostasim habet albam et urina est nimis
- 13. clara. In 4° mense serena est et viride*m* h*ab*et
- 14. colorem & ypostasim albam.
- 15. Urina habens animum iocundum est aurei coloris

animum iocundum: 'happy spirit' from Ps-Albertus Magnus, De secretis mulierum. The lines here seem to be curtailed. Albertus says: 'Si vero fuerit aurei coloris, clara et ponderosa, continet animi iucundi signum, id est appetitum, et hoc est verum in non corruptis...."

- 16. clara et ponderosa
- 17. Pulvis silicis nigre bene provocat urinam ut expertum
- 18. a quampluribus.

*Pulvis silicis nigre*: powdered black flint. British Library, Harley 2340 and Stockholm, Royal Library 10.90 contain a similar preparation for gout (and for treating hawks). For Betson recipe see: Image 109 Left, Folio 104v, line 27. Black flint is common in Southern England.

19. Emigraniea Migraine.

- 20. Medicina probatur (?) ad tollendum emigram [illegible]
- 21. Recipe bene magnam cepe (sic) et proferando detrahatur partes
- 22. iacentes iuxta [illegible] et assetur perfecte super car-

though the text itself seems to be early 12th century, according to Green (p190).

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 $<sup>^{133}</sup>$  The authors are grateful to Dr Winston Black, Emily Reiner and T. Tavormina for their invaluable help in transcribing this difficult hand, and in identifying its sources. Tavormina also points out that the forms of v, d, and e are different from Betson's, and possibly the forms of other letters as well.  $^{134}$  Monica Green (2011, p179) cites a similar version of lines 7-13, collated from two other MS: BL Sloane 1621; Bethesda (MD); National Library of Medicine NLM E8. Sloane is dated to '16<sup>th</sup> century'

- 23. bones, et quando perfecte assatus est, extrahatur et infundatur
- 24. oleum de oliva et iterum assatur, et postquam fuerit cale-
- 25. factum applicatur oleum cum cepe ad partem illam capitis contrariam
- 26. partem capitis in qua est emigrania, iacendo super cepe per
- 27. duas horas vel per unam ad minus.

#### **Omitted:**

Image 91 Left, Folio 86v, Line 1: Tractus de disposicione hominis. Image 93 Left, Folio 88v, Line 10: Explicit de disposicione hominis.

Betson has included here a general section on the influence of the planets on the human character. We have omitted it on the basis that it has no direct relevance to the herbal, though the astrological implications for health would not have been lost on readers at the time.

Betson's source appears to be similar to Bodleian Digby MS 29, Item 32, ff194b – 196, *Tractatus Brevis sed Perutilis de Constellacionibus*, which begins, as Betson, *'Sciendum quod si quis nascitur in aliqua hora diei'*. Betson's text also has strong similarities to the Middle English treatise *The book of physiognomy* which appears in at least three surviving manuscripts: Cambridge University Library Ll.4.14, ff 156b-159b (1400-50); University College, London, Anglice 6, f 48b (1450-1500); and Colombia University Library, Plimpton 260 ff 14a – 31b (1400-1425). See also *Reading Faces: Translation of a Latin text and translation and edition of a Middle English text concerning physiognomy, by Marjan Grinwis*. (Web document from: igitur-archive.library.uu.nl/student-theses.)

#### Image 93 Left, Folio 88v, from Line 11.

In right margin: **Pro siatica Passione**Tr.: For the pain of sciatica.

- 11. Take colde Uryn a quantite and alsmykill Not in eVK2. alsmykill: as much as, the same amount of.
- 12. dreggis of ale, and seth hem in a clene vessill
- 13. and steme hem well and put to them a quantisteme: to boil, see the or simmer. EMED.
- 14. *t*e of whete bran and alsmikill comyn salt,
- 15. cromys of soure brede *an ounce*, and boile he*m* tille
- 16. *th*ei be thyk and *th*en plaist*ur* hem. ----

In the right margin: **Powdur Holand** 

Powder of Holland is not in EMED; The OED has 'a medicinal powder taken for the treatment of abdominal pain' dated to 1534. eVK2 kas a 'Powder of Holland' remedy – but not this one.

#### -----Recipe Carawey,

- 17. Fenell, Spykenard, Anice, Synamome, Galangur
- 18. of alkon d 3, a nounce Gromell, a nounce Licoalkon: of each one. half a drachm each of Caraway, Fennel, Spikenard, Aniseed, Cinnamon, Galanga; one ounce of Gromwell and Liquorice, one ounce of Groundsel (?).
- 19. res, 3 j, Senecium, sicut de omnibus, and make all Senecium as the others.
- 20. in powdur and it is a singuler pouder for the
- 21. colek and the ston.

#### In right margin: Pro Pestilencia

*Tr.: For the Plague - Not in eVK2.* 

Take the juse of Feverfue,

- 22. Matfelon, Modirwort, Goldis, Scabiose, Dogefe-
- 23. nell, Avance, Dandelion and put all thies to-Common Centaury, or Feverfew, Knapweed, or Silverweed, Motherwort, Corn Marigold, or ?Bindweed, Scabiose, ?Stinking Camomile, Avens, Dandelion.
- 24. gidere with Triacle and temper hem with white
- 25. wyn or els stale ale and gif the pacient vj
- 26. or vij tymes sponefull to drynk. **Pro eodem**
- 27. Take juse of Madeworte, Gouldis, Avance. Perhaps *Motherwort*, *Corn Marigold*, *Avens*.
- 28. Tryacle mellid *with* whyte wyn is gode also.

#### Image 93 right, Folio 89r.

- 1. **Medicina contra difficultates:** Not in eTK.
- 2. Anelitus et grossum flegma.

(Tr.: A Medicine for difficulties: breathlessness and heavy flegm).

- 3. Recipe Minte, Absinthei 3. ii, Zinziber, Cinamon
- 4. ana ana 3. j. &  $\beta$ ., Galange 3. ij, Zeddoar, Maratri
- 5. ana ana 3. j. & β., Anisi 3. iij, Liquirico 3. iiij, Zuccarum two drachms of Mint and Wormwood, one and a half drachms of Ginger and Cinnamon; two drachms of Galangal; one and a half drachms of White Turmeric and Fennel,; three drachms of Aniseed; four drachms of Liquorice; one ounce of Sugar.
- 6. 3.j, misceantur et fiat pulvis. Utatur mane et

7. cero cum servicia calida. with hot beer. For al manere of fevers Not in eVK2. 8. Acc(ipe) borage ij handfull, of Ysope, Hertistong Borage, Hyssop, Harts tongue. 9. of ech demi handfull, of Letuse iij godehand-Letuse: Lettuce var. 10. full, of Anneys sedis obolus brokun grete & Aniseed. obolus: half-penny-weight 11. bounden in a faire cloth. Boile ye thiese in 12. rennyng water and with the licour streyned of 13. almondis that suffisen make the Almond mylk to drynk. And this drynk mad ple-14. 15. saunte with lof Sugur and used plenteuosely 16. shale mekyll ease. Amen God grante. In right margin: A tisane for the stomak 17. Take rotis of Fenell, Alisaundre, Parsyly and 18. Smalach, a godehandfull, well and clen, was-Fennel, Alexanders, Parsley, Wild Celery. 19. hen and wel stanpid in a morter & seth 20. hem in a pottel of water to the half and do 21. therto a litill hony and clens it and drink it 22. at even and at moroun, ix sponfull at oones. at oones: at one go. In right margin: Contra omnem Tussim Tr: for every cough. 23. Recipe Liquirice 3 j. zz quarter semi, semen Coriandri, zz: Ginger, Zinziber. 24. Carewey, Silur Montanum, Galanger ana 3 j. One ounce of Liquorice; 1/8 ounce Ginger; One ounce each of Coriander seed, Caraway, Marjoram, Galingale. In right margin: A Medicine for Feloun **Feloun**: 'Some kind of suppurative sore; perhaps, a carbuncle of virulent type'. EMED. 25. Take Scabiose & Matfelon, the juse of

Scabwort and Knapweed varieties.

and the white of an egge and floure

thies two, then take vynagre and hony,

26.

27.

28. of whete, and make a plaister.

#### For *the* jaundis:

- 29. Take penyworte and dry Not in eVK2.
- 30. him in the sun & bete into pouudre & farce
- 31. him and put *there*to v perties of ludworte *ludworte*: a rare name; see Appendix 1 below for possible identifications from EMED.
- 32. and an gode quantite of yvery and lete *ivory*.

#### Image 94 left, Folio 89v

- 1. the seke receyve it at evening last and at
- 2. morning fastyng. ----

#### in left margin: **For to make White Sope**Not in eVK2.

----Take ij busshel of Busshel: about 80lbs, 36kgs each.

- 3. bene ashes or of wode and sift hem clene
- 4. in a faire flou*r* with a busshel of quyk
- 5. lyme and medle hem to gidere. *th*an do
- 6. hem in a masshfatte *with* an hole in the

masshfatte: 'a vat for boiling malt and water in the first stage of brewing.' EMED.

- 7. botom and ley on that hole a dissh with
- 8. small holis and a pyn of tre in the nether
- 9. hole. Fyll up that fat with faire watir
- 10. and lete it stonde xxiiij houris *th*en lete
- 11. it ren softly oute aboute the pyn and
- 12. whan thou hast y gaderid thy lye do it
- 13. in a vessil on the fire. and do *th*erin two
- 14. or iij olde rotins shone for that wole make rotins shone: rotten shoes.
- 15. it grey and lete it seth to gidere iiijour
- 16. houris than put therto a pottel or iij. quarter of
- 17. mete oyle and a pottell or more of Bay mete oyle: vegetable oil. EMED.
- 18. salt, and lete it boyle well to gidire and
- 19. stere it to gider with a sklis. Thanne forto sklis: spatula.
- 20. wiete whan it is well, tak a litill

21. of that skyme with thy sklis in thi lift hand 'Then, in order to know when it is ready, take a little of the skim with thy slice in thy left hand.' 22. and with thi lift right fyngir, rolle it 23. in thin hand & if it will roll it is well, 24. and if it do not, do in more salt. Thanne 25. with thi skymin cast it in cakes and lete it 26. stonde till it be colde. -----In left margin: For to make Blak Sope ----Take j. parte 27. of wode askis or pruse askis and two pruse askis: Spruce Tree ashes. 28. parties of quyk lyme and iij parties of comon Not in eVK2. 29. asshis and departe hem in vj parties and put 30. hem in vj vessils with holes in the botome **Image 94 Right, Folio 90r** 1. and ley a wasse of stree on ich hole and wasse of stree: bundle of straw. EMED gives 'wase'. 2. put hote water in the first vessil, and that lye 3. poure into an other wessill and so from vessill 4. to vessill till thou have alldo & so thou shalt 5. have lye that wole defoule a wollen cloth. Lye that will clean a woollen cloth. 6. Recipe then vj galons of that ly and j. galon 7. of ole de olyve and boile hem togidere 8. vj. houres and then ley a litill on a tilistone Tile stone. 9. til it be colde, and if it be blak ynough 10. it is well. *Then* put it in barrels, & if it 11. be not blak ynough boile it to it be well 12. and once more prove on a tilistone as it is before.

in right margin: **de albo sapone**: ('Re white soap')

13. Take of the same lye one parte and vi.

14. parties of talough and on parte of common salt Talough: tallow, grease or fat. 15. and boile hem to gidere till it be white & thik and assaye it on a tilistone til it 16. 17. be colde. *Th*an rubbe it in the palme of the 18. hande and if it smell grecy or be fatty 19. boile forth til it be white & not grecye 20. nor smelling of talowe. Then cast it in 21. moldis and dresse it as thou wole have it. in right margin: Oyle of Tartary 22. Recipe j. li. of Tartar made of lies of 23. wyne. Put hem in an erden pot wel anelid anelid: oiled and fired. 24. and fire him strongly untill he turnid into 25. salt than lete him be sette in a moist place 26. till he relent into oyle. turns back into oil. For all maner 27. of evels in a mannys body. Recipe Sca-28. biose, Primpernell, Turmentil & Detayn, Wor-29. mode, Fumitor and Goldis make a water of Scabwort, Scarlet Pimpernel; Dittany (?), Wormwood, Common Fumitory, Corn Marigold, or ?Bindweed. 30. all thiese and drink it. Image 95 Left, Folio 90v 1. Mater herbarum, Mugworte, Modurworte idem All three are Artemisia vulgaris, Mugwort. 2. Ypocras seith it is hote and dry in the 3. thride degree. This helpith to conceyve childe 4. and clensith the womb and makith a wo-5. man to have her flouris. And it destroyher flouris: her periods. 6. Eth the emerodis that growen in the funemerodis: haemmoroids. 7. dament, and on this maner: First he shalbe 8. garsed, aftur take powdur of Mugwort and strew garsed: cut, scarified. 9. on the pappis. Also and a chide be dede and: if a child be dead. 10. in his modurs womb, take Mugwort and

- 11. stamp it smale and ley it to the wombe al 12. colde and she shal have delyverance with 13. outen perell. Also it is gode for the stone 14. and the gravel in the reynes. Also and a reynes: kidneys; and: if 15. man bere it upon him ther shal no ve-16. the yalow evell for to drink it with wyne. Yalow evell: jaundice. 17. nomose beste dere hym and it is gode for dere: hurt, wound, frighten. EMED. 18. And it confortith the stomake & makith 19. women of gode colour. ----
- in left margin: **Planteyn**

#### ----The juse of Planteyn

- 20. mergid with hony and venegre and Pouder
- 21. of Alows helith the cancur in the mouth Alows: Aloes.
- 22. and floyng into the gomes. Also take iij floyng: flowing.
- 23. rotes of Plantayn & stamp & temp hem with wa-
- 24. ter & gif him to drynk that hath the fe-
- 25. vere tercian & he shal be sane Also
- 26. stamp it and let use it to gider and temper
- 27. hem with vynagre and make a plaistre
- 28. and ley it to the right side of a man
- 29. *th*at hath *th*e yelowsought and use it **yelowsought:** 'yellow jaundice'.

EMED.

30. till he be hole. ----

In left margin: **Henbane** No illness is specified. Perhaps used as a painkiller.

----Take and seth it

#### Image 95 Right, Folio 91r

- 1. in water and with it wassh the templis of
- 2. the seke and his fete also hote as he may
- 3. suffir and make a plaister of the sedis
- 4. beten to powder temperd with vinagre and wo-
- 5. man's mylk, and ley it to the templis.

#### In right margin: Warenyce Madur. Madder. 6. Seth it in water and wassh thi hede therin 7. and it shal make the redehere. Also take 8. the greteist that thou maist fynd, and shave 9. it withouten, and anount it & strew theron 10. powdur of Scamony and bynde a threde a ?Scammony. 11. boute the ende and lete a woman put it in 12. to hir privete when she seith tyme, and drawe 13. oute and she shal have delyverance. In right margin: no/va Ysope Nova 14. Ysope is hote and drye inthe thride degre Hyssop. 15. and as Ypocras seith, if a man use to drink 16. it fastyng, it make him of gode coloure 17. and to have god sight & sleith wormys 18. in the womb, and it is gode for the stomak 19. and the lever and the longis, and it is gode 20. for a woman *th*at travalith of childe: lete h*er* 21. drink it with leuk water and she shal have 22. dely *ver* ance anoon. And it is gode for dropsy 23. and othre many thynges. In right margin: Letise Lettuce. 24. Is colde & mo-25. ist in the ij. Degree. It purgith the stomak 26. and softeneth the womb, and makith a man 27. to slepe well & make a woman have grete 28. plente of mylk. In right margin: Cressis Cress. 29. Is hote and drye 30. in the iijde degree. The sede wole dure v. dure: will last five years 31. yere. Take the sede and brisse it in

a morter and gif the seke to drynk iij daies

32.

#### Image 96 Left, Folio 91v

- 1. every day a penny weight with rede wyne
- 2. leukwarm and he shall be stanchid or
- 3. els dy. Also it is gode for the palsy. Take
- 4. the sede and seth it in wyne and do it in
- 5. a pokett and bynd it to his side, there
- 6. as the sore is. Also it is gode for a mannys
- 7. fundement that gos oute, and is takn fundement: anus.
- 8. of colde. It must be put in and take the
- 9. powder of the sede and put in the fundement.
- 10. Anoynte the lendis with hony & same (?)
- 11. pouder above and pouder of Commyn & Colofyn. Cumin; Pine Tree gum.
- 12. Take *the* juse of rewe and comy*n* made
- 13. in poudur and mell hem togider and wete wete cotim: wet cotton.
- 14. cotim *ther*in and ley the blerid eiyen. Also
- 15. for a man that hath dronkun venom, gif him
- 16. Rew to drink with wyn and he shal be hole. Rue.
- 17. Also for a woman that is with dede child, gif
- 18. hir to drynk the same and she shal be deli-
- 19. verid. Also it is gode for the dropsy & ti-
- 20. sik, and it distroieth lechery & wormys in the
- 21. body. Also take Rwe & Fenell and stamp

  Rue & Fennel

?Eyebright.

- 22. hem with hony and everose and it is a preciose
- 23. water for the sore eigen. Also the juse of
- 24. Rwe stanchissh blode of *the* nose whan it
- 25. is pourid into *the* nose thrilis. Also who
- 26. so etis every day fastying xx levis of Rewe Leaves of Rue.
- 27. and iij figgis and a litill salt that day
- 28. schal no venym greve hym thof he were though he were poisoned.
- 29. poysond. Also take Rew, Comon Peppermint
- 30. of echon that proporcioun by weight and

#### Image 96 Right, Folio 92r

- 1. grynde hem well togidere and melle he*m*
- 2. with hony and vinagre and that is a preciose
- 3. oyntment for the breest and for the vaynes

In right m	argin: Scabius	For Scabius see Appendix
1.		
4.	is cold and moist in the ij. degree.	
5.	Stamp it and seth it with white wyn and it	
6.	is a gode drynk for the lyver and for to destroy	
7.	wykid humors in the stomak and drink it	
8.	with Everose ich day fastyng & then schalt yew	?Eyebright.
9.	have impostim breking. Writh in (?) the pow-	impostim: abscess.
	In the right margin: Wermode	
10. Betony.	dur of it and of Centory and Betony of ich y-	Common Centaury,
11.	like proportion sleyth the wormys gifen in	
12.	metis and drynkis. Also for the mylte that	mylte: spleen.
13.	is harde and swollen of colde mater, seth it in	
14.	wyne and lete the seke drynk therof and it shal	
15.	hele and make a plaistur and ley it to the sore.	
16.	Also stamp Wermote and temper it with	Wormwood.
17.	vynagre and some brede tostid, and of	
18.	juse of Myntes and Weybrede, and fry hem	Weybrede: Plantain.
19.	well to gidur and make a plaistur and	
20.	ley to the mouth of the stomak and that	
21.	shal stanche brakying and castyng. Gif it	
22.	in wyne soden cold for the dropsy. And	
23.	the juse put in the ere distroieth wormes.	
24.	Also ley it to the byting of a wode hounde	wode hounde: a mad dog.
25.	with hony, Rewe and salt and it shal draw	
26.	oute the venym and sase the akyng, and	sase the akyng: cease aching.
27.	do awey the ranclyng afar (?) and hele it up.	ranclyng: suppuration.
28.	Is hote and dry in the iijde degree	
In the righ	t margin: Centory	Common Centaury.

- 29. gode for cenose that is sprent. Seth it in water cenose: sprained sinews.
- 30. and wassh *the* ioyntes and cenose in the water
- 31. stampe the erbe and fry it *with* oile olif
- 32. and make a plaister and ley it thereto. Also

#### Image 97 Left, Folio 92v

- 1. a lectuary made of Centaury and hony, well
- 2. thikked, and *th*at is gode for the stomak and
- 3. shall man have gode talent to mete.

# In left margin: Betayn / hot dry 2

Betony.

- 4. Stillid, it shal make a man of fair and
- 5. gode colou*r* and it is a noble drynk for the
- 6. stomak & he shal have no dropsy *that* day *th*at
- 7. he drynk nor shall be dronkyn nor have
- 8. the fever tercian.  $^{135}$  -----

# In left margin: Verven hot dry 2°

-----Mengid *with* planteyn ana 3

Plaintain (and either Betony or Vervain) one ounce of each.

- 9. wole make a goode breth and do away
- 10. the stynch of the mouth and it is gode
- 11. for the tercian and quarteyn with iij. rotes tercian and quarteyn: i.e. fevers.
- 12. and iij troppis dro*n*k w*ith* wyne white.

In left margin: Violet

Colde

- 13. and moist in the seconde degre. Take it, (i.e. the Violet).
- 14. myrrh and Safron. Make a plaister of hem and ley

<sup>135</sup> The use of Betony against drunkenness can be traced in Britain from at least the 12<sup>th</sup> century 'Physicians of the Myddfai' up to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (Christina Stapely, pers. comm).

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16. tyth the swelling and doth away the ake. In left margin: Smalach / merch Wild Celery, Lovage. 17. Cold and moist in the iijrd degree. It con-18. fortis the stomak and sleyth wormes in the womb. Take Smawlach and Rew sede, 19. 20. pepur and salt, and temper hem to gidur 21. when thei ar grondis with viniagre. And that 22. drynk doth awey all colde humors of the 23. Stomak. Hote and dry 2nd gre. -----In left margin: Camomyll Sweet Camomile. ----- It [read 'if' ?] stillid stillid: distilled. 24. and dronkon with wyn, is gode for the 25. stone & *the* bled*er* and gravell in the reyns. in the kidneys. 26. Also it helpith women of diverse sekenesse 27. and makith hem gode stomakis, and is gode 28. for the hede ake and bren*n*yng ague. 'burning ague' EMED, c.1400. In left margin: Netill Nettle. 29. If a woman have *the* maris that is maris: a disturbance or disorder of the uterus. (EMED); frete: to rub or chafe. EMED. 30. full of wikid humoris lete her frete hir with the levis thereof and drinke 31. **Image 97 Right, Folio 93r** 1. with wyn and she shal be well thereafter. In right margin: Sauge Sage Hote 2. and dry. It is gode for cenose for to wash Sinews. 3.

to thy sore eiven that swollen and it aba-

15.

therin. Moreover stamp it & ley it to a wonde

4. full of blode, and it wole drawe oute the 5. blode and hele the wounde cleane. Also drynk 6. sauge with wyn a litill warm and it 7. shal sease the ake undir the sidis and of the 8. wombe and of the stomak. -----In right margin: Parslye ---- Is hote and 9. moist in the iij degre and multiplieth man-10. nys blode and doth awey the tisik and it tisik: wasting of lungs etc. 11. helpith for the fever tercian and the dropsy 12. and confortith the hert and the stomak and 13. is gode for potage. -----In right margin: Fenell -----Is hote and dry 14. in the secunde degre. It confortith the sto-15. make and clensith the lyver and the longes 16. and stanschith the fever, and sethe it in water 17. and therwith wassh thin hede and it wele 18. stanch the hedehak. -----In right margin: Cenerfole Honeysuckle - as cheverfoil. EMED. -----Is a maner of Wode-19. bynd and berith a fewe white flowers Woodbind, as above. 20. almost like a Lily. It is hote and dry in the 21. secu*n*nde degre. Sta*m*p it and temp it *with* hony 22. and it is gode for the kancer in the mouth 23. and drink it with wyn, and it doth awey

<sup>136</sup> Vertigo does appear in English until 1538 (OED).

the gnawing of the womb. Also seith it

Also frie it in oile and shepis talow and

in water and wassh thi hede therein and it he-

that is a gode plaister for swelling of vyniys

lith a sekenes callid *the* vertigine. Vertigo lateralis. 136

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	of vyniys and of iontis: of veins and joints.	
29.	and of iountis that is takn of cold. Also fry	
30.	it with wax and berbr borus grese and it	borus grese: boar's grease.
Image 9	8 Left, Folio 93v	
In left ma	rgin: Mynt	
1.	is gode for al maner swelling of lymys and	
2.	muctose (?) <i>th</i> at ben synsprong (?). Is hote in	neither found.
3.	the seconde degre it restreineth braking	<b>braking</b> : vomiting
4.	and it is gode for the lyver. And if a wo-	
5.	man drynk it with watur it shal cause	
6.	hir to have gode delyverance. And it	it: eaten with salt.
7.	with salt, is gode for bitying of an hond &	for a dog-bite.
8.	shal draw oute the venym. Rose is cold and	
9.	dry in the ii <sup>nd</sup> degree. Stamp him smal and	
10.	ley it to a brennyng sore and it shale	
11.	sease <i>th</i> e aking and the brennyng. Also he	
12.	is gode for the fev <i>er</i> in the stomak. Lete	
13.	a woman drynk it with wyn and it shal re-	
14.	streyn bleding of the maris. Also roseole	
	maris: uterus. EMED. Roseole: Rose oil.	
15.	is principall thing for prikyng of senows	senows: sinews.
16.	and water of hem gode for yyen. The oile is gode	<b>yyen:</b> eyes.
17.	for the hed ake, for to anoynt the temples.	
18.		wen or tre: swellings or splinters.
19.	in mannys fote	
	<b>Lilye</b> Cold and dry in the	
20.	thrid degre. <i>Th</i> e levys sothu <i>n</i> in water is a gode	
21.	plaistur for senewe shortned etc	
	<b>Millefoly</b> and Ya-	Yarrow.
22.	row is all one. It is hote and dry in 3° gra.	
23.	It is gode to staunch the flux and it hel-	

pith the tothake whan it is chewid fas-

24.

- 25. tyng *etc.* -----
  - -----Synonum is gode for hem that hav lost
- 26. her spech in her sekenesse. Temp yt with
- 27. water & lete *the* seke drynk it. Also if a man
- 28. have eten raw mete lete him ete an
- 29. oynon and it shal disavow the maladye
- 30. therof. Also if a man be costif, fry hem costif: constipated
- 31. and fressh grese togidur, and ley hem

#### Image 98 Right, Folio 94r

1. to his navill als hote as he mai suffur.

# In right margin: Garlik /. h.d.4° g.

Tr: Presumably 'hot and dry in the fourth degree.'

- 2. Stampe it and temper it with salt, and it
- 3. is gode for the *tot*he ak. Also stampe
- 4. it with buttur and seth it in white wyne
- 5. and it shal make him *th*at is stokun in the

**stokun**: To stab or pierce someone; thrust with a weapon. EMED.

6. breest forto delyve*re* glet and filth.

glet: phlegm, mucus. EMED.

# In right margin: Pro ydropisi bona medicina et probata

Not found in eTK or eVK2 (2014).

Recipe Rede

- 7. Mynt, Rede Fenel rote, Ysope, Parcly, cum radi-
- 8. ce, et Sauge in maiora quantitate quam omnia Mint ssp., Red Fennel, Hyssop, Parsley with its root, Sage.
- 9. alia & pistentur in sourdough et cum fuerit suf-
- 10. ficient*er* pistata imponatur in una olla terrea
- 11. plena cervisie dissicate quando fuerit extracta
- 12. a ferno (read: furno) et obturatur os olle per diem et noctem a ferno: from the oven.
- 13. et tunc mane et vespere detur egro.

In right margin: pille pestilencie

*Tr.: pills for the plague.* 

14. Recipe Aloes cicotrini abluti 3 iiij , Mirri, Crocei, ana 3 ij

Other texts read 'Aloes epatici' – see eTK1317 L & M. See also Herbarium image 76 left, Folio 71v, Col. B, lines 23-26 for Aloes variants.

- 15. Ligni Aloes, Spicenardi, Cinamom ana 3 i.
- 16. Fiat pulvis et distemp*er*a cu*m* Aq*ua* de Fumo Terre
- 17. et fac pillul*as*.

Four drachms of Aloes (?), two drachms each of Myrrh, Crocus; one drachm each of Agarwood, Spikenard( or Valerian) and Cinnamon; distillation of Common Fumitory.

# In right margin: Pro calore epatis

Not found in eTK.

#### Recipe Aque Endivie, Rose salti

- 18. ana 3, Rosarum Sandalorum, Spodii, accipe ana 3 sem, cam-
- 19. phore .3. 4 s, aceti .3. ij. In istis intinge panOne ounce one drachm each of Water of Chicory (?) and Roses;
  half a drachm each of Roses, Sandalwood, Ivory,
  and half a scrupul of Camphor Laurel. Of vinegar 2 (?)
- 20. num de scarleto et supponatur epati. ------. pannum de scarleto: a piece of scarlet material

In right margin: Contra Usturas

Tr.: for burns.

----Recipe folia

21. Lilii cum acete soluta et decocta. Usturas sanat.

Not found in eTK.

#### In right margin: For eke and scab

eke: dry scab (OED).

22. Take oile de Bay and Mercury mortified

oile de bay: oil from the Baytree, Laurus nobilis. EMED;

Mercury mortified: 'sublimed to clearness and splendor, and sold by Apothecaries.'

23. with fasting spattill and anoynte thi hands

fasting spattill: 'the spittle of one observing a fast or eating sparingly.' EMED.

# In left margin: To clens a wonde

- 24. within, and the solis of thy fete. Take
- 25. juse of Saline and temp it with hony & plaistur
- 26. it to the wonde. Tak of Pynpernell the

Saline: perhaps a vulnerary mixture of vinegar and salt (Mowat, Alphita,pp.132-33.

Osalinum and Oxalmon). Pynpernell: Scarlet Pimpernel.

27. rote and stamp it with hony and ley it to

28. the sore and it shal gete oute iren or wode 29. of the wonde. -----In right margin: To hele a wonde ----Take powdur of Centaury Image 99 Left, Folio 94v 1. and lay on the wonde and wassh it with white 2. wyne or with stale of a man childe. In left margin: **Ut acetum cito fiat**. Tr.: To make vinegar quickly. Not found in eTK. 3. Recipe vas terrenum et imple bono vino cum 4. fabis assatis vel pane <del>us</del> calidius <del>et</del> pistata 5. et obstrue os diligenter et pone in caldario 6. pleno aqua et bulliat. In left margin: Ut servicia non acerbat. Tr:.to prevent beer from going sour. Recipe ova cruda et 7. impone et si sit male saporis impone ova Not found in eTK. **Ova assata dura**: eggs roasted (e.g. in ashes) till hard. 8. assata dura. Pro vino albo discolerato: for discoloured white wine. 9. pone in dolio unam libram vel plus de a-10. romatico et si sit corruptum impone unum 11. sacculum parvulum plenum de testibus ovorum. 12. Ut panis non putrescat: pone pulverem 13. Baccarum Lauri [space] pastor powdered Bay Tree berries. In left margin: Ut acetum convertatur in Vinum Tr.: to change vinegar into wine. Accipe semen Porri Porri: Leek seed. 14. et impone et permitte stare per duos vel tres 15. dies. Ut Rose serventur: fac vini ca-Not found in eTK. 16. dum de quercum et impleatur Rosis et obturatur

vini cadum de quercum: an oakwood wine barrel.

17.	et post suspende in aqua currente.	
18.	<b>Ut talpas capias:</b> pone una <i>m</i> cep <i>am</i> su <i>per</i> forame <i>n Tr.:To catch moles.</i>	Not found in eTK.
19.	et exibit. <b>Ut fructus serventur per ann</b> <i>um</i> :	Not found in eTK.
20.	ponatur fructus cum foliis eiusd <i>e</i> m arboris	J
21.	in vaso aliq <i>u</i> o b <i>e</i> n <i>e</i> obturato a vento. <b>Ut fere</b>	fere: wild animals.
22.	te sequantur: porta tecum ignem et impone	
23.	de Assafetida	
In left marş	gin: Ut Litere appareant in cultello	
	Recipe Vitriolum vel alum glas	
24.	Sal Armoniacum, Ysalgar ana et bulliantur.	
	Assafetida, ?sulfuric acid, potash alum, ammonium chloride, red arsen	ic.
25.	in aceto usque ad tertiam partem, et cum eo scribe.	
26.	Ut Littere sint auree: Recipe salem, acetum,	auree: gilded.
27.	Vitriolum et distilla, prima aqua abiecta.	
28.	Ut littere legantur in nocte et non in	
29.	die: Recipe fel canis, succum Sambuci, glas	
	Dog bile, Elder juice, white and yolk of an egg, and make ink.	
30.	et albumen ovi et fac encaustum. Ad eva-	
31.	cuendam vermes a brasio: impone Abro-	
	Ad evacuendam vermes a brasio: to rid malt of worms.	
Image 9	9 Right, Folio 95r	
1.	tanum, idem Sothernwod. UT Serpentes manu	
2.	capias sine dampno: unge manum tuam	
3.	cum succo Herbe Sancti Johannis Baptisti et non nocebis.	St John's Wort.
4.	UT ovum induratur: Accipe unum (insert: ovum) vacuum	L,
5.	et imple cum albumine ovorum et exsicca in so-	
6.	le et induresset ut vitrum	
In right ma		t found in eVK2.
	Take ij p <i>ar</i> ties	
7.	of Tansey and one of Solseqiuy and drynk	

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- 8. the juse within xiiij houris. For the my-
- 9. gryme take *th*e gall of a bull or of a
- 10. nox, and ry mele and hony, and plaister
- 11. hem to thy temple so *thei* tuche not *thi* nee.

mygryme: migraine.

gall of an ox and rye meal.

touch not thine eye.

#### *In right margin:* **For to breke** *the* **ston**

12. π Use to ete unsett Lekis, optima medicina.

**unsett Lekis**: Leeks that have not yet been transplanted.

#### *In left margin:* **For the flux:**

- 13. pouder of Peppermint & rostid yelkis of egges.
- 14.  $\pi$  For the colyk drynk the juse of Ditany.
- 15. π **For a sore**, make a plaister of Smalach, Wild Celery.
- 16. Ditaigne, a white of a negge, whete mele. Ditany.
- 17.  $\pi$  For to kepe a sore from spreding, anoynt
- 18. the sore with juse of Avence. **For him** Avens.
- 19. *th*at may not brouke drynke or ete, the *brouke*: retain food. EMED.
- 20. poudur of clowis. For agueilis (?) cut Cloves
- 21. *th*em til *th*ei blede and brisse Garlek
- 22. and do therto. **For the flux**: Ete rere eat raw eggs.
- 23. eggis with juse of Millefoly. For Yarrow.
- 24. to pourge *the* breste of yvel humers:
- 25. Take Fenell rote, Parcily rote, Rede Mynte,
- 26. Ysope, Centaury, Licores and seth hem in Fennel, Parsley root, Mint spp., Hyssop, Common Centaury, Liquorice.
- 27. white wyn or in water from a galon to a
- 28. quarte. For stynk of the mouth
- 29. seth the rote of Quinfoile in water till it [be rede]. Creeping Cinquefoil.

#### Image 100 Left, Folio 95v

#### Above main text:

1. Centaurea bibitur cum aqua calida,

Not in eTK.

2. provocat appetitum et sitim tollit.

*Tr.: Centaury is drunk with hot water, it stimulates the appetite, and takes away thirst.* 

#### Main text continues:

3.	be rede and put <i>th</i> at licou <i>r</i> in thy mouth; also	
4.	п Macis soden in wyn. For hym <i>th</i> at pissis <i>Macis</i> :	outer covering of the nutmeg.
5.	п blode drink the juse of Husleke. For him that	Houseleek.
6.	may not pisse, drink juse of Mugwort and	
7.	п of Parcelly rotise. Succus minte & decoctio	
8.	<b>Ysopi</b> causant mulierem concipere <i>Mugwort, Parsley root, Juice of Mint, Hyssop.</i>	
In left n	nargin: Contra Casum Capillorum	Tr.: Against hair loss.
	Lava fre-	
9.	quentur in lexiva facta de Vervena et Absinthio <i>lexiva</i> : soap or lye made from Vervain and Absinth.	
10.	п <b>Contra Idropisim</b> de utraque causa	Not in eTK.
11.	Accipe radicem Petrocillini, Alexandrie, Lappa-	
12.	cii accuti, radicem Sambuci, radicem Ebuli, et	
13.	folia savine, et buliant <i>ur</i> in vino et aqua	
14.	Parsley root, Alexanders, Dock, Elder root, Dwarf Elder root, ? ] et bibatur mane et cero.  To be drunk morn.	Iuniper leaves. ing and evening( 'sero'; late).
15.	Contra dolorem pedum	Not in eTK.
16.	valet succus Urtice cum sepo arietum	sepo arietum: fat of a ram
17.	fricentur cum sale et aceto vel oleo. Contra	against cramp.
18.	<b>Spasmum:</b> valet bibere Salgeam et oleum Rute.	Sage and Rue.
19.	π Succus Apii et Plantaginis restringunt  Juice of Wild Celery and Plantain.	
20.	п sanguine <i>m</i> nasus. Succus Feniculi cu <i>m</i>	juice of Fennel.
21.	vino albo potatus valet contra tussim.	
22.	Succus absinthii cum aqua mixtus ponatur in ore et	Juice of Wormwood
23.	п restaurat loquelam. Ut mulier cito	loquelam: speech
24.	concipiat: decocionem Nepte bibite per 3 dies.  Catmint was also an abortifacient.	Catmint
25.	п Unge facie <i>m</i> et manus cu <i>m</i> succo Malve contra	Juice of Hollyhock
26.	morsum apium vel vasparum. Succus Rute cum	Juice of Rue

- 27. π butiro valet contra spasmum Ad dentes dealbandas:
- 28. farinam ordei, sal, mel et acetum: misce, et fricetur.
- 29. π Pro eis qui non possunt retinere urinam:
- 30. fac pulverem de ungulis porcinis et bibe. powdered pigs' trotters
- 32. п ubicumque fuerit, sanat. **Contra morsum venenosum:**
- 33. tere Rutam et Solsequium et bibe succu*m* et apponatur s*ubstantia*\*Rue and Garden Marigold\*

#### Image 100 Right, Folio 96r

BL MS Sloane 521 at folio. numbered (227 / 204 / 7v), line 15, in John Bray's own remedies begins here, with small variants in the text, as far as image 101 left, folio 96v.

- 1. **For the hede ake:** Take (?) and Verven and Bray has 'Cepe' as missing word.
- 2. Betagny or Wormode and Moderwort. **W**asshe *th*e seke *Vervain, Betony, Wormwood and Honeysuckle.*
- 3. hede and then make a plaistur above the molde *molde*: crown of head.
- 4. in this maner: take the same herbis when
- 5. *th*ei are sodun and wring *then* pur and grynde
- 6. small in a mortar and temp hem with
- 7. the same licor ageyn and do *there*to whete
- 8. bran forto holde in the licor and make a
- 9. garland of a kercheve and bynde the seke
- 10. hote as he may suffur it and bynd the hede
- 11. with a voluper and sithen with a kap above, voluper: head bandage; sithen: after.
- 12. and do this but thre tymes, and he shal be
- 13. hale. ----

# In right margin: For clensing of the hede

-----Take Pillatory of Spayn and chewe Pellitory of the Wall.

- 14. the rote v. daies, a gode quantite, and it
- 15. shal purge the hede and do awey the aking
- 16. and festen the tethe in the gomys. **For**
- 17. *the* vanite of the hede: Take juse of Wal- vanite: light-headedness.
- 18. warte, salt, hony and incence and boile *Walwarte: Pellitory-of-the-Wall.*
- 19. *them* to gidere overe the fire and *thurwith* anoynt
- 20. thy *n* hede and *the* templis. ----

# ----For ill heryng:

21.	take grene assh plantes, ley hem on a	
22.	brandiren and bren hem and kepe the water	
23.	that cometh oute of the endis or els chys	chys gres: cheese grease.
24.	gres, and the juse endes of lekys with fasyngs	
25.	a shelfull, and a shelful of hony, and melt	
26.	that to gidere & boile hem a litill & do hem	
27.	in a fiole of glas and do therof in the hole	fiole of glas: a glass vial.
28.	of the ere and he shal be hole but ley	
29.	the seke on that side that he is defe & put the	
Image	e 101 Left, Folio 96v	
1.	medycine on <i>th</i> e tothir and he schal be hole	
2.	within ix daies. And take woole of a blak shepe	
In left n	nargin: Aliud	Tr.: Another (remedy).
3.	and wombpull it (?) and withit therein & stopp	(stop the ear with it).
4.	For the same: take grece of an ele and	ele: eel.
5.	juse of Sengren of athir ilik and mell tham	<b>CIC.</b> CCI.
<i>J</i> .	of athir ilik: same amounts of both.	
	Sengren: Houseleek, Sempervivum tectorum.	
6.	togidur and bolie <i>them</i> a litill and do it wel	
7.	in the hole ere of <i>th</i> e seke, as it is before seid.	
	Betson's text ceases following Sloane 521 at folio (228/205/2	08v) line 11. This may be the
	meaning of the $\Pi$ sign immediately below at line 8, where Bel	tson switches to another source.
8.	П <b>A medicyne for wormes</b> <i>th</i> at etene	
	Lines 8-30, and next folio 97r, line 1 are also in Sloane 3285,	Folio 93v Lines 1-25
9.	the liddis (illustration of eye): take salt and brenn it wit	h a
10.	clote and temp it with hony and with a fedr	clote: Burdock; fedr: feather.
11.	$\Pi$ anount the een lyddis. <b>A medycyne</b> <i>Cf. Sloan</i>	ne 521, Folio 236/233/36, line 6.
12.	for the web in the (illustration of eye): Take Everrose a	
	? Everose: ?Perhaps Euphrasia officinalis, Euphrasy, Eyebright.	
13.	gode quantite and temp it well and take	
14.	oute the juse and wring thorow a clouth	
15.	and take borisse grece and capon's grece and	
	boar's grease and chicken fat.	
16.	gece grece, and melle thaim to gidere and	gece grece: goose grease.
17.	put in a brason panne and ster hem wel	<b>brason</b> : made of brass.

18.	togidere with a rounde staf. And boile it	
19.	well and lete it kele and than do it in a	kele: cool.
20.	boist and whan the seke goth to bed do a li-	boist: box.
21.	п tl in his sore iyen. <b>For hym </b> <i>th</i> <b>at h</b> <i>ath</i>	
22.	lost his spech in his sekenesse, take	
23.	juse of Sauge or Primerose, and do it in	Sage or Primrose.
24.	$\pi$ his mouth and he shal speke. <b>For a ma</b> $n$	
25.	that spittis blode: take juse of Betayn	Betony.
26.	and temp it with gotis milk and late the	
27.	seke drynk <i>ther</i> of iij tymes v daies. Ite <i>m</i> tak	
28.	Smalach, Mynt, Rwe and Betayn and boile	Wild Celery, Mint, Rue and Betony.
29.	hem wel in gotes milk and late the seke	
30.	sope it hote	
In left mo	argin: <b>Purgam:</b>	Tr.: A purge.
	Take Laureal and make	Spurge Laurel.
Image 1	101 Right, Folio 97r	
1.	poudir therof and temp it with hony, of ather	
2.	ylike moch, and gif <i>th</i> e seke. For hym <i>th</i> at	
	of ather ylike moch: the same amount of both.	
	Lines 2 onwards are repeated, with variations in text an	
3.	hath <b>no talent to mete</b> , take Centory	no talent to mete: no appetite.
4.	<i>Centory</i> : Common Centaury. and seth it wel in stale ale, & when it is wel	
5.	sodun do it in a mort <i>ur</i> and temp it small, and	
6.	do that agen into the pot and seth it well. And	
7.	streyn it, and than take ij. parties of that licour	<i>inch</i>
8.	and <i>th</i> e thrid parte of hony, but boile it and	
9.	skome it and mell hem well to gider and gif	
10.	the seke to drynk iij. sponefull ilk day fasting	
11.	till he be hole. For alle evyls in a mans	
12.	body stomake: Recipe Ache sede, Lyne sede a:	nd Smallage or Parsley, Linseed.
13.	Comyn of ilkon ilik, and temp <i>tham</i> wel togidu	· ·
1./	and gif the calca with bota water to drunk. Ea	

and gif the seke with hote water to drynk. For

14.

15.	him <i>th</i> at has <i>th</i> e <b>perilose kogh</b> : Take Rue and	
	perilose kogh: ? consumption, EMED. In Henslow – Ms Sloc	ne 2584.
16.	Sauge, Comyn & powdur of Peper and seth	
	Rue, Sage, Cumin, powder of Pepper.	
17.	them to gidre in hony and make a letuary,	
18.	and use therof a sponfull at eveyn and another	
19.	at morn. For grynding and akyng	
20.	in the womb: Recipe a Vyne lef & stamp	
21.	it and temper it with stale ale and lete the seke	
22.	drynk therof a sponfull at onys and Pilliole	Pennyroyal.
23.	and bynd it to hys navill as hote as he may Betson picks up Bray Sloane 521 again at folio (229/206/9), lin	ne 8.
24.	suffur. Idem Recipe Rwe and stamp it with salt	
25.	and temp it with ale or with water and gife the	
26.	seke to drynk. For a man that has evel	
27.	in his bak: Take Ach & Egrimony and stamp	Agrimony
28.	hem wel togider and do therto bore grece &	
29.	asill & fry them well and make a plaister & lay	Asill: vinegar
30.	itto as hote as he may suffry to the sore	
31.	side. For the flix: take Hencresse and	
	flix: flux – diahorrea. Hencresse: Shepherd's Purse.	
	This remedy from image 101 right, folio 97r, line 31 above, to in line 11 below, also occurs with some variations, in Sloane 3285	
Image 10	02 Left, Folio 97v	
1.	croppis of Wodebynde and stamp them and	Honeysuckle.
2.	temp tham with warm rede wyn and gif	
3.	the seke drynk and lete him ete iij daies	
4.	ilk day frost v. lek <i>es with th</i> arf brede that	
	frost: first; tharf brede: unleavened bread.	
5.	is hote and drynk but rede wyn warn	warn: read:'warm'.
6.	and lete him sit un a stole with a segge a 'segg	e stool' or 'commode'.
7.	and make therunder a litle chare cole fire	
8.	and lete him be closid with a cloth don	
9.	to the erth that the hete may passe up into	
10.	the fundement and lete him sit theron as	
11.	yern as he may sitt, to he be hote. <b>For</b>	yern: willing.

12.	the stone, a gode medycyn: Recipe Gromel	Gromel: Common Gromwell.
13.	and pale rede Nettill, Violet & Ach and	Ach: Smallage or Parsley.
14.	bray them in a stone mortell and cheris	<b>bray</b> : pound, crush.
15.	tons kirnels and bray <i>them</i> in a brasyn	cherrystone kernels.
16.	mortar and put <i>th</i> em in a pot of erth and	v
17.	do <i>ther</i> to white wyn and lete hem seth	
18.	over <i>th</i> e fire and so lete hem stande in	
19.	the same vessill and gif <i>th</i> e seke to dry <i>n</i> k	
20.	lewk warm and <i>th</i> at shal make him hole.	
21.	For a man that mai not well pisse:	
	Lines 21-24 are also in Sloane 3285 at folio 3, Lines 23-27.	
22.	Take Rewe, Gromell and Percel, and stamp hem	Rue, Gromwell, Parsley.
23.	and mell tham with wyn and gif the seke to	
24.	drynk warm	
	Betson's text here ceases to follow Sloane Ms 521.	
	<u>For hym that hath a</u>	
25.	skaldid pyntill: Take lyncloth that	
26	skaldid pyntill: an inflammed penis.	
26.	is wasshen clene and bryn it and make thereof	
27.	poudur, and take oyle of eggis and anoint	
28.	the sore and put <i>the</i> poud <i>ur</i> in the holis whan	
29.	thei be anoyntid	
	// <b>Laxativum:</b> Take Malues and Mer	- Hollyhock.
30.	cury and seth with a mese of pork and	Mercury: ?Dog's Mercury.
Image 1	02 Right, Folio 98r	
1.	make therof potage and lete the seke ete	
2.	hem and drynk whyte wine and that shal	
3.	make him soluble. For fete that ben swol-	soluble: unconstipated.
EMED.		
	Lines 30 to 3 above also occur in Dawson (page 72, para 186 and Sloane 521 at folio 271 /208/11, Line 16.	5)
4.	len with travell: Take Mugwort and stamp it	Wormwood.
5.	and do therto boris grece and fry	boar's grease.
6.	them togidur and make a plaistur thereof and	

7.	ley thereto. <b>For the syngles</b> , a good med- Sloane 521 at Folio 231/208/11 r, Line 25, verbatim.	shingles.
8.	ycin. It is a malady and it is rede in	
9.	maner of wild firen and it is wondre perilose	
10.	for if it but lepe a man he shall be dede sikir	lepe a man: perhaps 'encircle'
10.		tepe a man. permapo enerrere
11.	ly. And <i>there</i> fore take dof drite that is moist	dove droppings.
12.	and barly meal of au <i>ther</i> half a ponde	auther: of both
13.	and stamp hem wel togidre and so lay it	•
	Sloane 521 adds 'half a pint of good vinegar.' Folio 231 /208/	'11v, Lines 8-9.
14.	colde unto the sore and ley wortis levis a-	
15.	bof to holde in the licor and bynd a cloth	
16.	above all aboute him and let it ly iij	
17.	daies unremevid and on <i>th</i> e thrid day,	
18.	if it be nede, refressh with new and at the most	
19.	he shall be hole within iii plaisturs	
20.	Eartha Marchary rights on blake Taka Zi	ana anna a Canadiania
20.	For the Morphew, whyte or blak: Take 3.j.  Morphew: 'a skin disease characterized by leprous or scurfy erup	one ounce of verdigris
	from the humor melancholy and characterized by dark scabs; whi	,
	humor phlegm; also, leprosy.' EMED.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
21.	of Vertgrece, another of White Brimstone	Vertgrece: verdigris.
	<b>Betson, Lines 21-30:</b> in both Sloane 521 and BL Sloane 328 (Remedy Collection A).	5, folio 94, lines 32 to 38
22.	and make them both in poudur as small as	
23.	you may and take ij shepe hed <i>is th</i> at ar fat	
24.	and clef <i>th</i> e headis and take out <i>th</i> e braynes	clef: separate, cleave.
25.	and wassh hem clene and seth hem til thei be	
26.	tendur and then take down thi vessill and lete it	
27.	kele, and gedure the grece and temp <i>ur</i> it	gedure: work the grease.
28.	with the powdur and make an oyntment	
29.	thereof but let it negh no fire for it shulde	<b>negh</b> : near.
30.	be wrought colde. For the gulsough:	gulsough: jaundice.
31.	Take Worduode and seth it in water and	Wormwood.

# Image 103 Left, Folio 98v

1. wessh wel *the* seke *ther*in twise or thrise and

2.	gif <i>th</i> e seke to drynk Evory shavyns in wyn.	Evory: ivory shavings in
wine.	gir me seke to dryfik Dvory stavyns in wyfi.	Loory : wory simolings in
3.	For a norissh <i>th</i> at wolde have milk:	norissh: a wet-nurse.
4.	Take Verveyn and drynk with wyn or	
5.	Fenell and ete Letuce and buttur and drink	
6.	wyn with Fenell sede, or take Cristall and brek	crystallized quartz.
7.	it and make poudur therof and drynk it with milk	
8.	For to wite whether a mann shal lif or dy	
9.	that hath the menesoun. Take a peny	menesoun:
dysentery.		
10.	weight of Touncresse sede and gif the seke <i>Touncresse: Garden cress, Lepidium sativum. EMED.</i>	
11.	to ete and gif him to drink rede wyn or	
12.	watur and do thus iij. daies and if he staunch	
13.	he may lif with help and if he do not he is	
14.	but dede. For a shepe louse crepen	
15.	into a man's hede or beestis: Take juse of	
16.	Wormode or of Rewe or j <i>use</i> of Sothernwode &	Wormwood, Rue, Southernwood.
17.	do it into <i>th</i> in her.	Rub into thine hair
	Betson ceases to follow Sloane 521 at folio (233/210/12), line 4, 1	perhans indicated by // below.
	//For the ake of the hede:	······
18.	Take Rew and Fenell and seth hem wel	
19.	to gider in water and wassh the seke hede	
20.	and <i>ther</i> of make a plaastur as it is before.	
21.	// <b>For yyen </b> <i>that ar goundy</i> : Take Arne-	<b>goundy</b> : gummed-up eyes.
22.	ment and hony and white of ane ege	
	<b>Arnement</b> : Vitriol. Iron sulphate, copper sulphate, or a mix	ture of the two. EMED.
23.	and temper them wel togider and anoynt	
24.	the sor <i>en</i> yyen when he goth to bed. <b>For</b>	
25.	to make a faire white face: Take	
26.	fressh bore grese and the white of an	
27.	eye and mell <i>tham</i> well togidur with the poudur	<b>eye</b> : egg.
28.	of Bays and anoynt thi face therwith al about.	
	Betson ceases to follow Sloane 521 at Folio 235/212/12, Line 6, a	s perhaps indicated by // below.

# 29. // A noyntment for sore yyen proved:

30.	Take vynagir and put it in a clene basin	
31.	and the juse of Slos and plain Aloen and	slos: sloes; aloen: aloes.
Image 10	3 Right, Folio 99r	
1.	mell tham well togidur and cover thy vessell	
2.	and so lete it stande iij daies and iij nyghtes &	
3.	then do it into a box and do therof into the sore yye	n.
4.	Item take a jordan pot much usid & put out jo	rdan pot: a chamber pot. EMED.
5.	all <i>th</i> e watur and take <i>th</i> e creme of mylk and	
6.	ley it in a bason & cover the creme with the seid	
7.	pot a day or more & ley of that on the liddes	
8.	that ben rede & thei shal be hole. For the web	
	Similar to lines 8-13 in Sloane 3285 at fol 5v, lines 4-7.	
9.	<b>in</b> <i>the</i> <b>iye</b> : Take <i>th</i> e gall of an hare and hony	
10.	purid, of auther ilik, and mell tham well togidur	
	of auther ilik: the same amount of both.	
11.	and with a fedur ley it on the sore yyen and it	
12.	shall breke it within iij nyghtes and sane thi	
13.	sight. For a manis molde that is donn:	
	Lines 13-19 also in Sloane 3285 fol.7 lines 1-6.	
1.4	molde: crown of the head, perhaps the fontanelle.	
14.	Recipe a gode quantite of levis of Egrimonye &	Agrimony.
15.	wassh hem and grynde and do therto a gode	
16.	quantite of lif hony and lat hem fry wel	
17.	to gider and lat shave the hede as far as	
18.	the plaistur shal ly, and ley the plaistur on as hote	
19.	as thou may suffur	
	Neste muslestum	
In the right	margin: Nosto probatum	
•	For mygryme in the	migraine
20.	hede and for dropsy in the hede and	
21.	for the fevere in the hede & for the ake	
22.	in the hede: Take iij. penyweight of the	
23.	rote of Pellitary of Spayn and half a pe-	Pellitory of the Wall.
24.	nyweight of Spikenard and grynde it to	Spikenard, or Valerian .
25.	gid <i>er</i> and boile <i>them</i> in gode vinaigre and take	
26.	a gode sponfull of hony and fill a sauserful	

27.	of Mustard and mell tham well to gider	
28.	and lete the pacient use therof half a sponfull	
29.	at onys, and hold it in his mouth as long	
30.	as he may say ij credis and then spit it oute	
31.	into a vessel and eft take a nothur and do	
Image	e 104 Left, Folio 99v	
1.	thus x tymes or xij., agode while after thou hast	
2.	etyun at none, and a litill before evyn x. ty-	
3.	mes or xij. and algates spite it oute into a ves- algates: always.	
4.	sill, a basun is best. And whan thou shal go to	
5.	bed wassh thi mouth clene and drynk a draught	
6.	and <del>god</del> go to thi bed and use thre iij dayes,	
7.	and take oute <i>the</i> foule glet, and heve it up <i>gleu</i> : 'viscous medicinal preparations made from vegetable matter'. EMED.	
8.	with a stik, for it wole rope as it were birdes  See BL MS Sloane 3825, f3., lines 14-22, for a similar remedy.	
9.	lyme. <i>Th</i> is medycyn is provid. <b>For tham that be</b>	
10.	<b>poysond</b> : Take a penyweight <i>th</i> at is calde	
11.	Simphony and temp <i>er</i> it w <i>ith</i> woman's urine and	
	Symphony: henbane, (Hysocamus niger)?.	
12.	gif it the seke to drynk. For all gouts: Recipe	
13.	Take an ole and poule him and opyn him ole: owl; poule: pl	uck.
	Similar in Dawson p206, para 655, Henslow MS A, Line 15, p19, and Sloane 3285 fol3v, lines 14-32. Also in Culpeper (Last Legacy) as late as 1671.	
14.	as thou wolde ete him, and salt him wel and	
15.	do him in an erthyn pot, and ley a bord	
16.	theron and set it into a litle hoven where men	
17.	set in dogh. And whan men draw forth, lok if thi	
18.	oule be ynough for to make poudur, and if	
19.	it be not, lat it stand still to it be ynough,	
20.	and then bet it to powdur and temper it with	
21.	bore grese, and anoynt the seke by the fire.	
22.	For swelling of a man's yerde: Take	
	See also BL Sloane MS 3285, f29r, lines 21-23, where 'yerde' (penis) is replaced by 'pin	ıtel.
23.	lekys with all the fasynges and wessh tham and	

24. stamp *them* and fry *them* in bore grese and make

fasynges: the small rootlets at the base of leeks.

#### a plaistur and lay aboute the yerde. 25.

Betson picks up the Sloane 521 text again here, at Fol 236/213/16, Line 14, but transposing the

	entries at Line 26 and 6 below.	
	For all	
26.	maner swellyng of leggis or of fete:	
27.	Take welcresse and shrede it small and	common water cress
28.	do it in an erthyn pot and do therto wyn	
29.	dregges and whete bran and wethur talow	
	Wethur talow: fat from a wether (a castrated ram).	
30.	of ilkon ilike by weight and seth them	
31.	well to giddur to thei be right thyk and take	
Image	e 104 Right, Folio 100r	
1.	a lyn cloth and bynd it aboute the swelling as	
2.	hote as <i>th</i> e seke may suff <i>ur</i> it & so lete it be still	
3.	a nyght & a day unremevyd and whan thou ta-	
4.	kis it awey ley therto fressh as hote as he may	
5.	suffre it, & that shal swage the swellyng and	
6.	cease the ake. For ake in a mannys lendis: lendis: loins and lower body.	
7.	Take the rote of Smalach and clene it & wash	Wild Celery.
8.	stamp and temper it with stale ale and boile it	
9.	wel to gider & strene it and gif the seke to drink	
10.	at even hote, at morow cold. For strokis that	
11.	ar blo and not brokin: Take the juse of	
	strokis that ar blo: bruises that are blue, and have not broke	n the skin.
12.	Wormode and hony and medldke mede wax &	
13.	bore grese and poudur of Comyn, of ilkow ilik	each one the same.
14.	by weight, and fry hem all to gider and make	
15.	a plaist <i>ur</i> and ley it to <i>th</i> e sore and <i>th</i> is shal do	

17. golsough: Recipe harde spaynes sope and a litle Betson picks up BL MS Sloane 521 at Folio 239/216/19, line 2.

awey the blaknesse. For the jaundis and

Golsough: Variant of 'yelowsought' See image 95 left, folio 90v, line 28, 'yellow jaundice.' EMED.

16.

18. ale in a cup and rub thi sope ayen the cup botom

- 19. to *th*i ale be white and shave *there*over every, every: ivory. 20. and lete the seke drink. -----Betson omits two short remedies in Sloane 521, then continues the text: ----- For wymen pappis that aken and be rancled: Recipe 21. rancle: to fester, swell. EMED. 22. Groundeswall and Dayse that is Pety Cousell Groundsel and Daisy. 23. a delle Grounswall and the iijde pte Daise and a delle: one part. 24. wassh them and stamp them and drynke them with 25. stale ale first and last. -----In the right margin: pronosticatio vite et mortis vulnerati *Tr.:* to predict the life or death of a wounded person. ---- Recipe Moushere Mouse Ear Hawkweed. 26. and stamp it small and (read: 'with') stale ale and gif 27. him to drynk and if he cast it, he shal be cast: vomit. 28. dede & if he kepe he shal lyve. -----The English text Lines26-28 reflects the Latin of Mowat, Alphita, p.144, for Pilocella, (Mouse Ear Hawkweed): "bibita a vulnerato, si evomuerit morietur, si non, vivet." Betson resumes Sloane 521 at folio (240/217/20) Line 19. In the right margin: Alia de non vulnerato sed egrotato Tr.: Another (method) to predict for someone not wounded, but sick. ----Recipe Urine 29. of him that is seke, and kast it on a Rede Ne-30. till at ones whan he hath pist, and come agen at the morow and if the Netill be not 31. 32. dede, it is a token of lif. And if it be dede, he Image 105 Left, Folio 100v 1. shal dy. -----Betson omits several Sloane 521 remedies, but resumes below lines 1-3. ----For the kancur in a Woman's pappis: 2. Take the penns of the white gose, and the juse penns: feathers. 3. of Cellidony and bray them well to gider and Greater Celandine; pound, crush. ley therof to the sore pappe. To make them 4. 5. **swete** *that* **is seke**: Take dry Cummyn and swete: sweat
- 6. make poud*ur ther*of and mell it *with* oile de Olif
- 7. and with bore grece and fry them to gider

See similar at BL MS Sloane 3285, folio 23v, lines 23-24, and folio 24r, lines 1-5.

8.	well and then facene them and do it in boistis
9.	facene: shape boistis: boxes or vials, EMED.  and anoynt the seke agen a chercole fire
10.	und <i>er th</i> e fete and <i>th</i> e armys and do him a
10.	bade and hill him warm. For the colik:
11.	bade and hill him: bathe and cover him.
12.	Recipe Lauriall and powdur it and do hony therto Spurge Laurel.
13.	nd ete <i>the</i> rof a sponefull or two. <u>For teth</u>
14.	<u>that roggen</u> : Recipe horsmere and anoynt thi toth
	roggen: shake; horsmere: horsedung. EMED.
	See similar at BL MS Sloane 3285, Folio 39v, lines 21-23.
15.	and <i>th</i> i cheke. <i>Th</i> is is proved. <b>To sle wor</b> -
16.	mys in the teth: Take the rote of Henbane
17.	and kerve a small shyve <i>ther</i> of and ley it to
18.	the teth iij. nyghtis. For the stomake en-
19.	<b>glemed</b> : Recipe a saucerfull of clarified hony
	englemed: perhaps affected by phlegm.
20.	and a saucerfull of gode venegre and half a
21.	saucerfull of Mustard and xx or xxx Peper
22.	Cornyes stampid in a mortar and vj. Sauge
23.	levys, hakkid small, and meng all togider meng: to mix or mingle. EMED
24.	& seth it not but a little in a clene vessel,
25.	and then take a gode sponfull of that same
26.	licor in thi mouth as hote as thou may suffur
27.	it, first at morn when thou art fastyng,
28.	and travers it well in thi mouth and in
29.	thy throte, to it benygh and colde, and then
	to it benygh and cold: until it is almost cold.
30.	spitte it oute and do <i>th</i> us iiij. or v. tymes
Image 10	05 Right, Folio 101r
1.	to gidere and after if the nede, and loke wel that
2.	noun passe thi throte. To make a gode Nota
3.	stomake: Recipe a handfull of Redemynt and
4.	a handfull of Comyn and stamp them to gider a litle
5.	and therwith crommys of sower brede and temper
6.	that up with fyne vynager or alegre so that it

7.	Alegre: Soured ale, malt vinegar. EMED.	
8.	be thyk and make a plaister therof and then do it	
9.	in a pokket of lyn <i>en</i> cloth and chauf it at <i>th</i> e fire to it be hote and <i>th</i> en bynd it to <i>th</i> e sto-	
10.	make as hote as <i>th</i> ou may suffre and when	
10.	it kelis and dryeth, chauf it agen at the fire.	
12.	and moist it agen with vynagre and use this oft.	Explic <i>it</i>
13.		Explicit
13.	Forto make oyle Rosett  See similar at BL Sloane MS 3285, folio 6, lines 4-18.	
14.	Take half a pounde of Rosys <i>th</i> at er gederid	
15.	erly whilis <i>th</i> e dewe lasts and be full spredd,	
16.	and put of the croppes and clippen them with a pair	
17.	of sheres on small peces, and do hem into a	
18.	glass vessill & put <i>ther</i> to oile de Olif of <i>th</i> e gre-	
19.	nest. And mell <i>tham</i> well to gid <i>er</i> in the vessill,	
20.	and stop well <i>th</i> i wessill and hing it agen	
21.	the sonn xx dayes, and then draw it thorew	
22.	a kanvas, and put it into <i>th</i> e vessel of glas	
23.	and kest awey the groundis of the rosis, and	
24.	stop well <i>th</i> i vessell <i>th</i> at <i>ther</i> may none ever	
25.	come oute. And ev <i>er</i> ilkday on the mornyng,	
26.	when <i>th</i> ou shalt heng forth <i>th</i> i pot bifore	
27.	it be wrought, take a spater of tre and stur	spater of tre: wooden
spatula.		
28.	it well, and stop agen during xx. daies.	Alio modo
29.	Recipe of Roses and of oyle of ather ilike and	Tr.: by another method
30.	shrede hem & do hem to gider in a vessell	
Image 1	06 Left, Folio 101v.	
1.	of glas, and heng it in a vessill full of water	
2.	up to <i>th</i> e nek during ij. monethis, & ech dai	
3.	stere it ounys and stop it ayen. And streyn it	
4.	aftur thorow a canwas, and do awei the grondes	
5.	of the Rosis, and put it in a vessill of glas,	
6.	for <i>th</i> is is colder of kynd <i>th</i> en <i>th</i> e o <i>ther</i> . A pre-	

cious water to draw awey perle or

7.

8.	<b>haw</b> whether it be and to clarifi [eyes –sketch]	
	perle or haw: morbid growth in the eye. EMED.	
	Also: London, British Library, Harley 2378.	
9.	Recipe: rede roses Smalage and Rwe, Verveyn	
10.	and Maidenhere, Eufrace, Endiss, Sengren, Hil-	
11.	wort, Rede Fenell, Celidon, of ilkon half a quart	
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces each of Red Roses, Smalage, Rue, Vervain, Mai Sowthistle, or Corn Sowthistle, Houseleek, Pennyroyal, or Red Fennel, Greater Celandine.	, , ,
12.	and wassh hem and ley hem in gode white win	
13.	a day and a nyght. And aftur still hem in the first	
14.	watur <i>th</i> e which wole be like golde, <i>th</i> e secunde	
15.	as silver, the thrid as bawm and kepe that well,	
	Similar recipe to above lines 6-17 in Med. Soc. of London I	MS 136, para 988.
16.	for it is worth bawm for all maner of mala-	
17.	dies for sore yyenn	sore yyenn: sore eyes
In right	margin: pro pestilenciam optima medicina	Similar in eVK at .k 0951K
	Tr.: an excellent medicine for the plague.	
	Take Fe <i>ther</i> fuge and	
18.	Matfelon, Mugwort, Solsecul, Scabious and	
19.	Maythes, of ilkon ilike & wassh and stamp	
	Feverfew or the Lesser Centaury, Knapweed, or Silverweed	d, (Hunt), Mugwort,
	Garden Marigold; Scabwort or Knapweed; Stinking Came	omile or similar plant.
20.	hem with stale ale and gif the seke to drink	
21.	vj. sponfull at ons. // <u>For to make</u>	
22.	oile of Rwe: Take a perte oile de olif and	a parte: one part.
23.	the fourte perte of wyn and put therto agode	
24.	quantite of Rwe and seth hem all togider	
25.	to the wyn be wasted and wryng it than tho-	
26.	rough a kanvas. <u>Unguentum geneste</u> : Take	Tr.: Ointment of Broom.
27.	floures of Brome and Wodwis and stamp	
	Broom, Dyer's Greenweed.	
28.	them to gider with may buttur and lete them	
29.	stande all a nyght, and on the morow melt	a nyght: one night.
30.	hem in a pan, and purifie it thorow a kan-	
31.	vas. This oyntment is gode for almaner colde sore	es or colde goute.

#### Image 106 Right, Folio 102r,

- 1. **Pro omni vitio oculorum & experta**: Recipe Feniculi Not in eTK.
- 2. Vervene, Rose, Cellidonie, Rute, Agrimonie, Pim-
- 3. pernelle, Sanamunde, Filaginis, Eufrasie, Caprifolii,
- 4. Betonice, de virgis coruli suspensis, foliis propa- hung from Hazel rods.
- 5. gine vitis terantur in mortario et aspergatur vinum al-
- 6. bum tu*n*c imponetur de pulvere lapidis Calaminaris
- 7. tritici, Aloes Epatice, Camphore, ana, et distillentur len-
- 8. te igne.

Fennel, Vervain, Roses, Rue, Greater Celandine, Agrimony, Scarlet Pimpernel, Herb Bennet, Avens, ?Cudweed; Eyebright Honeysuckle, Betony, Calamine or Zinc Carbonate, Aloes, Liverwort Camphor Laurel.

#### In right margin: AQUA EUFRASIE

Not in eTK.

Eyebright.

- 9. Aqua Eufrasie sic fit: extrahatur aqua
- 10. de foliis eufrasie singularia et specialia su*n*t
- 11. aqua huius lacrimas de causa calida constringere,
- 12. et intercipere palpebras de calida causa tumescen- *Palpebras: eyelids.*
- 13. tes, et cancrum curare visum impeditum de fri-
- 14. gida causa clarificare, maculas de frigida causa
- 15. constringere.

#### In right margin: Aqua rosarum contra febrilem calorem:

Not in eTK.

Extrahitur eodem modo.

- 16. Singularia et specialia huius aquae sunt factae in unc
- 17. tione circa frontem et tempora et venas pulsa-
- 18. tiles, volas manuum et pedum, calorem febrilem volas: palms of the hand.
- 19. reprimere et alterare facta inunctione cir-
- 20. ca venes cerebrum confortatur. Spiritus animales
- 21. augmentare accepta per os in causa calida fluxum
- 22. ventris int*er*cipere.

# In right margin: Aqua viole laxativa

Not in eTK.

- //Eodem modo fit et eosdem
- 23. habet effectus sed in hoc est differentia, quia
- 24. illa constringitur, ista de Violis relaxat. Se-

# In right margin: Aqua fabarum mundificata:

- 25. quitur de aquis mundificativis facei et primo

  Lines 25-29 are very similar to the BB, folio263v, col. A, lines 21-24.
- 26. de aqua fabarum quae sic fit: extrahatur aqua de flo- Not found in eTK.
- 27. ibus fabarum ut de aliis aquis dictum est. Et cum ista Purified bean water.
- 28. aqua delineatur facies et collum et manus. Specialia
- 29. huius aque sunt membra dealbare, cutem atte-
- 30. nuare, et colericas maculas removere. Iterum *colericas maculas: bilious spots.*
- 31. pulverizata muscata conficiant*ur* cum aqua Nutmeg or Woodruff.

#### Image 107 Left, Folio 102v.

- 1. predicta et fiant pillule et desiccentur in umbra et
- 2. cum opris fuerit, facta fumigatione cum aqua opris: for 'opus' (Latham).
- 3. decocionis palei Ordei et Avene distemperentur palei Ordei: barley chaff. Avene: oats.
- 4. due pillule cum predicta aqua et facies deliniatur
- 5. et pepletur per totam noctem et in crastino lavetur pepletur: is covered.
- 6. cum colatura furfuris vel lotura fabarum et post with sifted husks of grain, or water in which beans have been washed (?).
- 7. cum aqua simplici istud fortius (?) habet faciem
- 8. dealbatam, cutem attenuatam, maculas pannos
- 9. lentigines de ca*usa* calida dissolvere et abstergere.

#### In left margin Aqua alia mundificativa contra morpheam

Tr.: A cleansing water against skin disease.

- 10. Accipe flores et folia Gerse et Dragancie et
- Not found in eTK.
- 11. Brionie et extrahatur aqua et deliniatur facies, collum ?white lead, Dragonwort, White Bryony.
- 12. et manus. Singularia et specialia huius aque
- 13. sunt faciem dealbare que est ex melancolia de-
- 14. nigrata maculas pannos lentigines ex frigida lentigo: spot on skin.
- 15. causa abstergere et morpheam.

In left marg	gin De mundificativis	Tr: On Cleansing
(vvaiers).	// Sequitur	
16.	de aquis mu <i>n</i> dificativis spiritualium. Extrahatur	
	(membra) <b>spiritualia</b> : cleansing the thorax, lungs and heart.	
17.	aqua de foliis Ysopi, Satureie levistici et flo-	
18.	rum Yvees, Prassii, Enulicampane, florum trifolii	
19.	quod dicitur Mellilotum, illi <i>us quia</i> multos flores fe <i>ci</i>	t
	Hyssop, Lovage , ?Ivy flowers, White Horehound, Scabwort, Me	
20.	ad quantitatem Nucis Gallice isti enim dum sugguntu	ır
	Nucis Gallice: walnut; dum sugguntur: when they are sipped	1.
21.	habent in se quasi humores mel vel zuccarriam.	
22.	Singularia et specialia huius aque sunt flemati-	
23.	cos humores circa spiritualia dissolvere et consu-	
24.	mere, sputum attenuare et de facili expellere.	
In left marg	gin Contra calorem spiritualium: spiritua	alium: thorax, heart, lungs.
25.	Extrahatur aqua de foliis Plantaginis, Quinque-	
26.	nerviae, Tormentille et Rose. Singularia et specia-	
	Greater and Lesser Plantain, Common Tormentill and Roses.	
27.	lia huius aque sunt si recipiatur in potu cu <i>m</i> cali-	
28.	do vino, calorem spiritualium reprimit & alterat ulcer	ra
29.	facta de causa calida consolidat. Extrahatur	
in left mar	gin: Aqua de / floribus Sambuci	Elderflower.
30.	eodem modo. Singularia huius aque sunt si	
31.	recipiatur per os flemmaticos humores existen-	
32.	tes in stomacho et intestinis dissolvere et per	
Image 1	07 Right, Folio 103r	
1.	ventrem expellentur, unde cibus factus de floribus	
2.	Sambuci, et virtutem habet laxandi fleumaticos	
3.	humores vel coleram citrinam vel vitellinam vel	vitellina: yellow. EMED.
4.	de fleumate salso vel vitreo vel dulci et cetera.	v

# In right margin Aqua Ardens

5. Fit hoc modo: recipe vini nigri vetustissimi

7. menti ana 3 viii, calcis vive lib. j, olei communis  8. vetustissimum 3 vi. Hec omnia coque in vino tam eight ounces each of sulphur and orpiment, one pound of quicklime, and six ounces of very old common oil.  9. diu quousque ad duas partes consumatur tunc extrahi- 10. tur per embotum sicut extrahitur aqua rosis alius tum. per embotum: by means of a finnel.  11. Modus faciendum eam cum proprietatibus scripta 12. est alibi  13. et passionibus frigidis: Recipe Camphore 3 ii, 14. Candi 3 j, Mente, Salvie, Ysopi, utriusque Sci- one ounce  15. cados ana manipulum semis, Tartari Albi, Picis navallis, tuo drachms of camphor laurel, one ounce of candy; manipulus sem: half a handful each of mint, sage Hyssop; Pyx navallis: 'ship tar'.  16. Gummi Arabici, Colofonie, Terebentine, Olei Olivarum  17. ana 3 sem. salis communis, salis gemme, ana 3 ii masticis, half an ounce of salt; two drachms of mastic. For list of ingredients see below line 27.  18. Mellis Euforbii, Asellii Serapini, Opoponacis oli- 19. Bani, Storacis, Cynamomi, Gariofilorum, Gariofi- 20. late, Nucis Muscatarum ana 3 ii Piretri, Alexan- tuo drachms of these ingredients: see list below line 27.  21. dri, Caparis, Squinanti, Spodii, Piperis Longi ana two drachms of these ingredients: see list below line 27.  22. 3 semis Zedoar, 3 ii, Muscum bonum parum, et etiam mo- half an ounce of Turmeric, two drachms of good musk.  23. dicum ossis de corde cervi, Carpobalsami cassie 24. ligni Aloes, Anacardi, Ambre orientalis 25. ana 3 ii que sunt terenda terantur et gummi of each two drachms See list of ingredients below line 27.  26. in bono vino odorifero dissolvantur, et ponantur ad predicta, et distillentur Camphor Laurel, sugar candu, Mint, Sage, Hyssop, ?White Bryony, Houseleek,	6.	quantum oportet sulphuri utriusque auripig-		
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potassium tartrate, ship tar, Gum Arabic, Pine resin, Turpentine, Olive oil, common salt, Rock salt, mastix gum, Spurge Honey?, ?Marjoram vinegar, Opoponax, Sweet or Bisabol Myrrh; Styrax officinalis, Cinnamon, Cloves, Avens, Nutmeg, Pellitory of the wall, Alexanders, fruit of the Caper Bush; Squinant, ground Ivory; black Pepper; Turmeric (?); musk, bone (or cartilage) in the ventricle of a stag's heart; Wall Germander (?), Agarwood, cashew nut, Amber?

## In right margin: Aqua vite perfecta lenioris compositionis

Tr.: An Aqua Vitae of lighter composition.

-----Recipe radices Sax-

- 28. ifrage, Petrocilli, Feniculi, Ysopi, Timi, Pule-
- 29. gii Regalis, Rosmarini de montibus ana 3 iiii
- 30. et lava in aqua pura et tere modicu*m* in mor-
- 31. tario ana Galange, Piperis Nigri, Gariofilorum,
- 32. Zinziberis, Nucis muscat, macis quibubiis Spicenardi

#### Image 108 Left, Folio 103v

1. croci de omnibus videlicet quartam partem 3 et fac

Four drachms of each of Saxifrage roots, Parsley, Fennel, Hyssop, Thyme, Pennyroyal, Rosemary. A quarter of an ounce of each of English Galingale; Black Pepper, Cloves, Ginger, Nutmeg, Mace, Spikenard, Saffron.

- 2. pulverem de speciebus et misce si*militer* pulveres
- 3. specierum et herbas tritas in una lagena vini lagena: flask of wine.
- 4. boni rubei, quia tantu*m* sufficit et no*n* minus, et dis-
- 5. tilla quando sunt bene mixta in distallatorio vitreo
- 6. et in vase vitreo reserva cum fuerit distillatum.
- 7. // Ista aqua, secundum quosdam, reputatur ita bona
- 8. sicut alia in mundo. Effectus istius aque est
- 9. maxime contra omnes frigidas passiones in
- 10. corpore humano et debet sumi per os recipientis,
- 11. ieiunio stomacho, ad quantitatem unius cocliaris. cocliare: spoonful.
- 12. Valet eni*m* in dolore capitis antiquo ex frigida
- 13. causa. Ex ea capite non purgato retardat ca-
- 14. niciem. Omnem scabiem curat si quolibet mane caniciem: grey hairs.
- 15. cum ea lavetur. Memoriam specialiter iuvat si de
- 16. ea petetur seu capud [read: caput] ex ea ungatur si distemperetur
- 17. cum modico tiriace, et recipiatur, ieiunio stomacho,
- 18. bis vel ter interpositis diebus curat perfecte.

- 19. Valet in appoplexia similiter administrata.
- 20. Valet contra paralisim et tremorem membrorum.
- 21. Contra vero paralisim lingue bibat predicto modo
- 22. et teneat peciolam ex aqua predicta linita super lin-
- 23. guam non tantum semel, sed bis vel ter, donec sanetur.
- 24. // Contra tortuositatem faciei ex verberatione ex verberatione: from a beating.
- 25. subita ungat faciem ex ea et bibat predicto

Not found in eTK.

- 26. modo et sanabitur. Contra melancoliam et tristi-
- tristicia: sadness.
- 27. tiam quolibet: mane unum cocliare, ieiunio
- cocliare: spoonful.
- 28. stomacho, lacrimas mirabiliter sistet. // Et
- 29. mirabilis est omni gutte oculorum. // Valet
- 30. surdidati, potata et iniecta in aure*m* bomba-
- 31. ce missa. Valet contra dolorem dentium.
- 32. //Valet dentibus corumptis bibita, et lini-
- 33. ta, hanelitum fetidum emendat. Valet in asmate,

#### Image 108 Right, Folio 104r

- 1. potata cum decoccione Ficuum et Liquiricie. // Valet
- 2. doloribus stomachi fleumaticis ventosis et me-
- 3. lancoliis. //Valet in opilacione epatis et splenis et
- 4. renum super omnem materiam. // Valet in colerica
- 5. frigida bibita et clisterizata. Nerves contractus
- 6. sanat. Omne*m* dolore*m* et omne*m* guttam ex frigida
- 7. causa curat. Ydropicum ex frigida causa in potu
- 8. frequentata curat si ex ea sumatur ter totidie
- 9. et quantitate*m* dimidio teste ovi // Omne*m* quar-
- 10. tana*m* adiunctis sibi debitis herbarum, florum, specierum
- 11. et radicum cito sanat. Datur etiam ante accessionem accessio: onset of fever.
- 12. liberat. // Valet subtilitati ex frigida causa dissen-
- 13. teriam et lienteriam curat. Valet arteticis, sciaticis, 'is of use for dysentery and the flux...gout and sciatica.'
- 14. in frigida causa potetur purgatione convenienti per-
- 15. missa. Vuln*eri*bus multu*m* valet si cu*m* ea laventur.
- 16. Cancrum, fistulam, Noli-me-tangere, omnes si-

'Noli me tangere est apostema venenosum faciei'. SB Mowat, p.31.

(Tr.: **Noli me tangere** is a poisonous swelling of the face).

17.	miles passiones curat. Venenum expellit.
18.	Percussus a mercurio vel malicia mercurii accepta
19.	de eo et oleo lat <i>er</i> nio an <i>a</i> bibat, et loca lesa irri-
	oleo laternio: with oil that has gone off. loca lesa: the injured places.
20.	get. / Vinum corruptum et acetum reparat et ad
21.	pristinam bona <i>m</i> reducit, si de ea adponatur. It <i>em</i> //
22.	Valet difficientibus appetitum cum Salvia, Cerfolio,
23.	Petrocilio et Pipere // Item contra fluxum ventris
	Sage, Honeysuckle, Parsley, Black Pepper.
24.	et men(s)truorum et plagis putridis, et emoroidis
25.	fluentibus constrinigendis. // Item valet pro pus-
26.	tulis fleumata salsa et lentiginibus [duarum?] dolentibus.
	<b>fleumata</b> salsa: phlegm mixed with choler, salt phlegm. EMED.
	lentigo: spot on skin.
27.	Item: Valet pro faciebus leprorum. Item car-
28.	nes et pisces in sua naturali bonitate con-
29.	servat // Item si camphora modico temp <i>or</i> is
30.	spatio in hac aqua reservetur, remanerit aqua
31.	clara sicut prius et retinet in se virtute cam
32.	phore ad delendum maculam oculorum et ista aqua
33.	camphorata infundatur super aquam commune coagu-
Image 10	09 Left, Folio 104v
1.	latur ad modum lactis albissimi. Item: valet
2.	contra tortuositatem faciei ex obumbratione solis
3.	facta si ex ea facies ungatur //Item ista dissolu-
4.	it aurum calcinatum in aquam convertendum corpora
	aurum calcinatum: an ingredient for potable gold. EMED.
5.	leprosorum et transmutandum ea ad veram sani-
6.	tatem ex egritudine lepre. Item ista ponatur
7.	loco Balsami secure et si balsamus esset coniunctus
8.	cum ea melior esset quoniam tunc haberet omnes vir-
9.	[tu]tes balsami, et sine ipso non. Omnes istas vir-
10.	tutes habet quelibet aqua vite, et plures alias.

# In left margin: Aqua ardens non ledens

non ledens: not harmful.

aqua ardens may have been methanol, a different distillate to aqua vitae.

11. Fit etiam isto modo: Recipe ollam et imple eam

Not in eTK.

- semiplene vino rubeo [inserted above: et sale] et cooperi eam et fac bullire
  et cum fuerit bullitum discooperi et appone candelam
- 14. ardentem fumo et ardet. -----

## In left margin: Aqua ardens et ledens

ledens: harmful.

Lines 15-19 below are almost identical to Mirfield's Breviarium, folio 262r, col. A, line 48. But the other'Aqua Ardens' texts in Betson differ greatly from those of Mirfield.

-----Eodem modo fit sicut

- 15. aqua ardens non ledens sed in loco salis debemus
- 16. imponere pulverem Sulphuri, vini et Colofonie et debet *Sulphur, wine, Pine resin.*
- 17. distillari modo predicto et ista ardet omnem rem.

## In left margin: Aqua ardens non ledens

- 18. Recipe Tartari albi sulphuris// ledendo
- 19. vini Colofonie accipe salis tosti ad maiore*m* quantitasal tostus: heated or melted common salt.
- 20. tem vini rubei ad medietatem vasis distallatur
- 21. igne lentissimo. Si linias pannum ex hac, arde- linias pannum: smear a cloth.
- 22. bit sine perditione sue [suae] substantie et si aliquis habeat
- 23. capud flemmaticum potet de liquore isto et
- 24. consumetur illud fleuma sine dampno cerebri
- 25. et valet ad consumptionem flemmatis, paralisis
- 26. litargie, et ad guttam potatur. ---- litargie: lethargy, coma.

  Lines 30-37 below are very similar to BB Folio 266r, col. A, lines 50-54.

#### In left margin: Aqua silicis

Tr.: Flint Water.

----//Hoc modo debetur

- 27. fieri: Recipe silices nigras et frange in parvas
- 28. pecias et calefac diu inter prunas, quousque prunas: live coals.
- 29. fuerint albe et pone postea in distillatorio
- 30. et asperge super cilices (sic) dum sint calide aliquantulum
- 31. aceti, et magnum fac igne*m* in circuitu et fac
- 32. distillare et ardet sicut aqua ardens et valet
- 33. contra guttam frigidam. Aqua que dicitur

#### Image 109 Right, Folio 105r

1. **Lac Virginis**: Recipe **3** iiii salis petre Four ounces.

2. et unam unciam spume vitri et dissolve ea in aqua

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spuma nitri / vitri: sodium carbonate, washing soda.

- 3. calida. Post distilla per filtrum. Deinde recipe vi 3
- 4. Litargir*is* et dissolve in aceto albo fortissimo,

Six ounces of Litarge (?lead monoxide; ?litharge of silver). EMED.

- 5. quia melius est quam acetum rubeum, si poterit reperiri,
- 6. et distilla per filtrum et misce has duas aquas
- 7. simul et vertentur ad modum lactis et ideo vocatur
- 8. lac virginis // Ista aqua valet ad cutem subti-
- 9. liandam et pulcram reddit faciem et lucida*m* et valet
- 10. omnibus apostemati*bus* et virge virili et cancro
- 11. et contra salsum fleuma et guttam rosaceam et contra salsum fleuma: 'phlegm mixed with choler, salt phlegm.' EMED. guttam rosarum or gutta rosacea, swelling, redness of the face. EMED.
- 12. plures alias infirmitates. -----

In right margin: Aquamellis

----// Recipe mel bonum

- 13. et fac inde aquam. Primam aquam serva per se et etiam
- 14. secundam. Si prima aqua fuerit alba, omne nigrum Similar for Aquamel in Ashmole 1447 (18) p.216.

*In left margin:* valet ad capillos restaura*n*dos, et [eos cresc*er*e et ?] fac*it*, et destruit vermes capillos corrodentes.

15. dealbescit et alia <del>nigra</del> aqua nigrescit et palescit.

In right margin: Aqua aurea et viridis

- 16. Aqua que erit aurea su*per* nigrum et viridis
- 17. super album. Recipe arsenicum, sanguinem vitri et cu-
- 18. peros, per equales porcionces. Resolvantur in aqua aceti
- 19. et tunc distilla in vase vitreo que erit aurea super
- 20. nigrum, et viridis super album. //....

#### In right margin: **Aqua mirabilis** (?)

.....Ad visum clari-

- 21. ficandum: et si uno tempore vis facere unam fio-
- 22. lam vitream plenam, continentem decem coclearia magna: fiola vitrea: glass vial. cocliareria: spoonfuls.

23.	Recipe unam patellam eneam bene mundatam et in patellam eneam: a brass or copper plate.	
24.	fundo pone de pulv <i>er</i> e calc <i>is</i> vivi ad qua <i>n</i> titate <i>m</i>	
25.	unius coclearis et dimidii vel duorum ad maximum,	<b>cocliaris</b> : spoonful.
26.	et infundas de aqua clara xi coclearia vel xii.	, ,
27.	Postea una <i>m</i> petra <i>m</i> salis armonici ad quan-	ammonium
chloride.EM	MED.	
28.	titate <i>m</i> magne nucis. Et fincens illa <i>m</i> petram	<i>read:</i> fingens – <i>moulding</i> .
29.	bene cum manu in medio cum aqua et pulvere	
30.	calcis vive [sic] quousque aqua incipiat habere colorem	
31.	azureum, et quanto magis resolvitur de sa-	
32.	le armoniaco, tanto magis erit clarior	
Image 11	10 Left, Folio 105v	
1.	et magis azurei coloris et quando bene habet colo-	
2.	rem azureum et est bene simul commixtum, facias	
3.	aquam istam de pelvi distillari per filtrum et	pelvis: large basin.
4.	violam vitream ubi conservare volueris. Is-	
5.	ta eni <i>m</i> aq <i>ua</i> bene valet quamdiu color azureus	
6.	durat quando tamen vertitur in albedinem, non valet.	
7.	Quando ergo volueris uti ista aqua, accipe bom-	bombax: cotton.
8.	bacem parvum vel parvum pannum lineum bene mun	_
9.	dum et intingas in aquas modice. Caveas tamen	
10.	quod non capias tantum de aqua quod distallat	
11.	a bombace vel a panno in oculum, ne oculus	
12.	periat et quo volueris uti, claudas oculos et oculi	
13.	sint clausie, illinias su <i>per</i> oculos cu <i>m</i> bombace	<b>illinias:</b> anoint
14.	vel panno lineo humido et sic teneas ocu-	
15.	los clausos per modicum tempus quousque sentias	
16.	cum manu quod aqua intus (?) siccatur. Ista Aqua	
17.	mirabilit <i>er</i> tollit obscuritate <i>m</i> ocu visus	
18.	visum ultra modum clarificat si habeatur in usu	
19.	per aliquod tempus	

In left margin: Aqua Preciosa

.....// Herba preciosa her-

#### 20. barum et est mirabilis in virtute ad visum

eTK.k 1324I has similar remedy, from the Tractatus mirabilium aquarum (De preciosa aqua ad oculos) by Petrus Hispanus, beginning: 'Recipe feniculi, ruthe, verbene, euffragie, endive' as line 23 below.

- 21. conservandum necno*n* clarificandum et contr*a*
- 22. omnem maculam in oculo, que sic fit: recipe Rute,
- 23. Feniculi, Vervene, Eufrasie, Endivie, Beto-
- 24. nice, Sileris Montane, Rose Rubie, Capilli
- 25. Veneris, ana per diem et noctem, in albo vino ponatur.

Rue, Fennel; Vervain, Eyebright; ? Sowthistle, Betony, ?Sweet Marjoram, Red Roses, Maidenhair Fern.

- 26. Secundo die in distillatorio ponatur et quod primo
- 27. distillaverit est quasi aurum et quod 2º quasi
- 28. argentum et quod 3º quasi Balsamum. Servetur
- 29. in ampulla vitrea et cum opus fuerit mulie-
- 30. ribus et delicatis, det*ur* pro balsamo. // Per
- 31. quam facit medicus mistica et mirabilia. Sic

#### **Image 110 Right, Folio 106r**

This section lines 1- 13 loosely follows Sloane 1754, folio 27v, lines 12 – 25. It is also similar to an Incipit in eTK with five examples - k 0021B.

## In left margin: Aqua mirabilis:

- 1. fit: Recipe limaturas argenti, eris, ferri, calibis limaturas: scrapings of silver.
- 2. [illegible] auree et argentee storacis, secundum divitias
- 3. et pauperitates patientis. Ponant in urina pueri
- 4. prima die; 2ª die in vino albo calido; 3<sup>ta</sup> die in
- 5. succo Feniculi; 4<sup>a</sup> die in albumine ovorum; v<sup>a</sup> die
- 6. in lacte mulieris; vi<sup>ta</sup> die in vino rubeo;
- 7. septima die in albuminibus ovorum et omnia ista ponantur
- 8. in distillatorio et ad lentum ignem distellentur
- 9. et quod distillaverit, reservabis in vase aureo
- 10. vel argenteo. De laude istius est omnino
- 11. silendum qui potest emi pretio. Eius virtus
- 12. est paralisim, leprosos, lepram non veram destruere
- 13. et om*n*em macula*m* destruit. Conservat iuventutem
- 14. pulcram, oculum super omnia facit pulcrum. / Ad nobi-

# In right margin: Aqua Aromatica:

	// Ad nobi-
les et matronas: Recipe Nucem Muscatam, Gariofilos, Ci-	

- 16. -namomu*m* at aliquantulu*m* Camphore atque Mille-
- Nutmeg, Cloves, or Asarabacca, Cinnamon, Camphor Laurel, Yarrow.

  A different version of this is at BB, folio262r, col. B, line 47.
- 17. folii que in subtillissimum pulverem redigatur
- 18. et pone in aqua rosarum per diem unum et noctem. Postea
- 19. ipsam aquam serva in ampulla vitrea et pulv-
- 20. ere*m* in pixide serva. Que aqua aromotica va-
- 21. let ad ornandum facies earum pulchras et bene odo-
- 22. -ratas.

15.

## In right margin: Aqua dealbativa:

*In left margin in closely written note:* contra [illegible] in ore / pro oculis recipe ruta.

#### Recipe Tartarum vini albi et liga in

- 23. Aq**ua Tartari:** panno lineo ad califaciendum
- 24. **Aqua Coporose:** quousque album fuerit. Post,
- 25. **Aqua Agrimonie:** pone in loco ad resoluendum
- 26. et cum liquefactum fuerit
- 27. pone in sacco canabi et recipe aquam de illo guttan-sacco canabi: take the liquid dripping through a hemp sack.
- 28. tem et serva quia delet lentigines, et faciem et manus lentigo: spot on skin.
- 29. dealbat et si parvas pillulas feceris de argento
- 30. et in illam aquam devenient albe ita quod
- 31. apparebunt margarite. ----

## In right margin: Aqua corrosiva

----Alio modo fit: Recipe

- 32. coporose viridis et sal petre, ana et pone in distil-
- 33. latorio vitrio ad lentum igne*m* ut petat fu*n*du*m*.

#### Image 111 Left, folio 106v.

- 1. Post repone igne et distilla et quod distillaverit
- 2. est aqua corrosiva nam super omnia optime corrodit
- 3. ferrum. ----

#### In left margin: Aqua de floribus malve Marsh Mallow. ----Extrahatur ut de aliis herbis 4. Specialia istius herbe aque est alterare et laxare 5. in causa calida et idem facit aquam florum Viole. Violet. In right margin Aqua Nenufaris est flos Ungule Caballine: 6. Aqua Nenufaris est flos Ungule Cabal-White or Yellow Water Lily. 7. line. Sed duplex est Ungula Caballina maior et 8. minor. Maior croceos habet flores, minor vero 9. albos, et albis vero floribus extrahatur aqua ut predictum est. 10. Valet contra dolorem capitis ex calore solis, et valet 11. ad facies matronarum bene refrigerandum. De radici-12. bus euisdem herbe fiant rotule et ponantur in lixivio lixivium: lye, soap. 13. et dimittantur diu residere ablutio istius lixivi 14. Capillos prolongat et multiplicat, alterat et cla-15. rificat. // Aqua de foliis Caprifolii, Pim-16. pernelle et Filaginis eodem modo extrahitur Honeysuckle, Pimpernel, Cudweed. 17. sicut de aliis herbis superius dictum est. Eius 18. virtus est contra paralisim lingue et loquelam restores loss of speech. 19. deperditam mirabiliter restaurat. //Aqua Plan-20. taginis, Vervene et Morelle eodem extrahitur Great Plantain, Vervain, Deadly or Black Nighshade. 21. sicut de aliis herbis. Eius virtus est ad oculos 22. rubicundos et inflatos. // Aqua de virgulis virga corulii: Hazel rods. 23. **corulii** extrahatur in distillatorio sicut de herbis. 24. Et eius virtus contra oculos fissos vulnera-25. tos et percussos. // **Aqua Terbentine** sic fit: **Terbentine**: Turpentine Water. 26. Recipe Terbintinam et pone in cucurbita vitria cum A glass cucurbit, with alembic. 27. suo alembico bene conglutinato, et distilla aquam

proieceris,	dat flammam	horribilem	et est	p <i>ri</i> nci	palis
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cocliare: spoon.

primo lento igne, postea acriori. Hanc aquam,

si super aquam vel vinum posueris et attenderis,

ardet super ipsam similiter scintilla aut cocleare

unctitur illa aqua et si ipsam super sulphur ignitum

28.

29.

30.

31.

32.

## Image 111 Right, Folio 107r

- 1. aqua ignis greci et valet super omnia medicamina
- 2. in passione splenis et epatis et guttis ex frigida causa
- 3. et est mirabilis efficax et experta.----

## In right margin: Aqua cum qua possis scribere in calibe.

---- Sic fit: Recipe

- 4. una*m* uncia*m* de sal petre, et una*m* unciam de
- 5. vitrio romano id est cop*er*os viride et pulveriza
- 6. bene ista duo minutim et ponas in alembico
- 7. ad distillandum, et distilla eum sicut distillatur aqua
- 8. ardens et cum ista aqua sit distillata, scribe quicquid volueris
- 9. in calibe et optime apparebit littera. ----

## In right margin: Aqua nobilis quam Rex Edwardus IIIus utebatur

-----Аqиа

- 10. Nobilis pro omni vitio oculorum qua quidem aqua
- 11. Dominus Rex Edwardus tertius utebatur per concilium ma-
- 12. gistri W*illelmi* de Tynchewik<sup>137</sup> et aliorum medicorum
- 13. perfectissimorum. Recipe Feniculi, Rute, Eufrasie, Ver-
- 14. vene, Turmentille, Betonice, Rose Rubee, Rostri
- 15. Porcini, Gallitrici, Morsus Galline, Pimpernelle
- 16. Rubie, Cellidonie, Filaginis, Pionie, Foliorum Vitis,
- 17. Apii agrimonie, Caprifolii ana. Prima die trita

Fennel, Rue, Eyebright, Vervain, Common Tormentill, Betony, Red Roses, Sowthistle; Darnel, Chickweed, Scarlet Pimpernel, Greater Celandine, Cudweed, Peony, Vine leaves; Apium agrimonie: perhaps for Apium agreste – Sanicle, Chervil or Smallage; Honeysuckle.

- 18. ponant*ur* in vino albo; 2º die in urina pueri
- 19. masculi et virginis; 3º die in lacte mulieris;
- 20. quarto die in melle bono. Et tunc postea distil-
- 21. lent*ur* in aqua. Bene custodias in vase vitrio quia est
- 22. aqua aquarum nobilissima pro omni causa et omni vi-
- 23. tio oculorum. -----

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> William of Tynechewik is not among the four doctors to Edward III listed in Gask (1926). There was, however, a Nicholas Tingewick (c.1291-1339), who was Royal Physician to Edward I and also employed by Edward II but in non-medical capacities. See C H Talbot and E A Hammond (1965), and WAY, A., (1857) – the latter cited by Getz (2010).

In right ma	argin Aqua Preciosa	
	Aqua preciosa pro oculis	
24.	qui apparent pulcri et clari et tamen sunt ceci:	caeci: blind.
25.	Recipe Apii, Feniculi Rubii, Vervene, Betonice,	
26.	Agrimonie, Quinque Folii, Pimpernelle, Eufrasie,	
27.	Salgie, Celidonie, ana 3 iij lava bene omnes  Three ounces each of Smallage; Red Fennel; Vervain, Betony, Pimpernel, Eyebright, Greater Celandine, Sage, Creeping Cinquef	oil.
28.	istas herbas. Et postea tere in mortario et	
29.	quando sunt bene trita, impone in una patella	
30.	enea et capeas de pulvere xv grana pip <i>er</i> is	enea: brazen.
31.	bene mundata totam, et unam pinctam boni	unam pinctam: one pint.
32.	vini albi et tria coclearia mellis boni et quinque	cocliaria: spoonfuls.
Image 1	12 Left, Folio 107v.	
1.	coclearia de urina pueri masculi innocentis et	
2.	misce hec omnia simul cum herbis et postea facias	
3.	omnia ista bullire cum herbis parum. Et postea co-	
4.	la totum per unum pannum lineum mundum. Et ser-	cola totum: strain.
5.	va post in uno vase vitreo obturato et qu <i>ando</i>	
6.	volueris uti ista aqua misce de ista in oculo in-	
7.	firmi cu <i>m</i> una pluma. Et si ista aqua desicca-	
8.	verit in vase adde ei vinum albu <i>m</i> et temp <i>era</i>	
9.	simul. Ista aqua est multum bona pro omnibus vi-	
10.	tiis oculorum et infirmitatibus, et facit hominem	
11.	videre infra xv dies, si umquam erit sanus.	
12.	Sine dubio. Ista aqua est sepius experta a quodam	
13.	magno practico. // Aqua tollit rubidi-	
In left marg	gin: <b>Aqua</b>	

.....Aqua

# contra rubedi-

- 14. **nem faciei**: Recipe Alumen de roche **3**. ii., alu-
- 15. men glaciei **3**. j. et fac pulverem et cum ij libris
- 16. rosarum ponas in stillatorio et fac aquam. Cum ista
- 17. aqua unge faciem no*n* tangendo oculos.

- 18. Aqua Tanasie agrestis extrahatur per alem-
  - **Tanacetum agreste**: Alphita, Mowat,p. 181, 'pulvis eius desiccat vulnera et valet contra dissinteriam. Anglice gosegres'. Silverweed (Potentilla anserina). EMED.
- 19. bicum ut alie aque herbarum. Specialia huius
- 20. aque sunt cutem attenuare si de aqua lavet*ur* cutem attenuare: to shrink the skin.
- 21. et pustulas rubeas in facie delere si cu*m* ea
- 22. lavent*ur*. ----

#### In left margin: Ardens

- ----// Aqua Ardens alio modo
- 23. fit quam supra. // Accipe sextarium unum vini rusextarium unum: one pint.
- 24. bicundissimi et vetustissimi et ponatur in
- 25. distillatorio et ponatur utriusque sulphuris
- 26. **3** iiii; utriusque auripigmenti; et aluminis, salis

  Four ounces each of Sulphur; Auripigmentum: Orpiment; Arsenic sulphide;

  aluminis: Alum.
- 27. Armoniace, Tartaris, salis communis, mirre et olei
- 28. communis vetustissimi ana 3 ii. Hec omnia ponantur

  Two ounces each of Sal Armoniac, Tartar, common salt, Myrrh and common oil.
- 29. in distillatorio et distillentur et si ponatur in aqua, ardebit
- 30. et no*n* extinguetur. // Nota quod virtutes aque
- 31. ardentis sint Lxxiii. Secundum philosophos ardet sine Lxxiii: 'numbering 73'.

#### Image 112 Right, Folio 108r.

From \* 'Valet' below to image 113 right, folio 109r, line 8, the text follows (with some variations), BL Sloane 1754 (English, c. AD 1300, from St Augustine's Canterbury), folio 19v, line 3 to fol 20v. See Ó Conchubair (1988).

- 1. dampnacione subiecti redolet sapit. \*Valet ad
- 2. omnes infirmitates et passiones et dolores et
- 3. langores que proveniunt ex frigida causa. Valet et
- 4. ad tusses, sed contra humores frigidos reuma-
- 5. tizantes a cerebro ad pectus cum Diadraganto

6.	et Penidion cum Storace calido vel cum Marubio
	Diadraganto: (Diadragagantum) electuary based on gum Tragacanth, (Getz 2010, p325),
	Astracantha gummifera; Penidion: Diapenidion, electuary based on barley sugar, (Getz);
	cum Storace calido: Storax, the fragrant gumtree Styrax officinalis;
7	Marubio Albo: Marrubium vulgare, White Horehound.
7.	albo. Valet contra scinanciam idest contra humo- scinanciam: or squinanciam, inflammation of the throat.
8.	res descendentes ad gutt <i>ur</i> cu <i>m</i> [illegible] vel
9.	cum allumine canis. // Valet contra corizas
	Diamoron: juice of Black Mulberries and honey; allumine canis: a form of alum; coriza: catarrh, cold, runny nose.
10.	et humores descendentes ad nares, cum succo
11.	Edere Terrestris. Valet contra fetorem narium
	Edere Terrestris: Juice of Ground Ivy
12.	cum Castoreo vel Euforbio. // Valet contra feto-
	Castoreo: either extract from the testicles of a beaver, or more likely Castor oil; see
	Image 78 right, folio 74r, col. A, line 15. Euforbio: Euphorbium, Spurge.
13.	rem oris sive sit vitio stomachi sive capitis
14.	cum nuce muscatta et gariofilata. Valet ad Nutmeg and Avens.
15.	variolas in facie cum aqua rosarum. // Valet
16.	ad pustulas leprosorum ut non appereant exterius
17.	cum succo Fumiterre et Lappacii Acuti et aceto. Fumitory, 'Red Dock'.
18.	// Valet ad cutem subtilandam. Sordes et immu <i>n</i> -
19.	dicias tollit cum forti lixivio et melle et farina lixivio: with lye.
20.	cicerum. Confortat ad pustulas faciei cum li-
21.	targiro et oleo. Confortat ad guttam rosa- Litagiro: litharge, lead monoxid
22.	ceam cum sulphure et argento vivo et sanguine
23.	recenti. Confortat ad morpheam albam cum
24.	coperosa. Confortat ad venenum acceptum cum
25.	cibis et potibus, cum tiriaca et nucibus. // Confor-
26.	tat ad venenum * et serpentum cum succo porei //
	* the sense demands insertion of 'vermium' as in Sloane 1754 – 'poison of worms and serpents'. <b>Succo porei</b> : juice of leek (porri).
27.	Confortat ad morsura <i>m</i> canis rabidi cu <i>m</i>
28.	urina. Valet ad omne vitium intestinorum cum
29.	Ligno Aloes vel cum Musco vel cum Menta
	Agarwood musk, mint.
30.	Et eodem vitium membrorum interiorum. // Valet ad
31.	yliacam passionem et detur cum Diaconithon Yliaca passio: Violent vomiting

In right margin: Diacathicum

**Diaconithon** / **Diacathicum:** Perhaps read either '**Diacatholicon**' – a purge or universal remedy, or **Diacitoniton**, a preserve from the pulp of quinces. Sloane MS 521 corrupt here.

32. Valet ad dolore*m* et inflatione*m* testiculo*rum*.

## Image 113 Left, Folio 108v

cum uvis passis et cinimo. // Valet ad lumbri- raisins and cinnamon.
 cos interficiendum cum centinodia. // Valet ad conf

ad lumbricos interficiendum: for killing worms; centinodia: Knotgrass.

- 3. ortandum stomachum cum Zedoaris. Valet ad apost- White Turmeric.
- 4. ema stomachi cum Oculo Xpi. //Valet ad peripli- inflammation of the lungs. *Oculus Xpi* (Christi): identity of plant unclear.
- 5. moniam cum Scabiosa. // Valet ad opilacionem Scabwort.
- 6. epatis cum Mentasto et Origano // Valet ad a- Mint, Marjoram.
- 7. postema epatis cum Absinthio et salvia. // Valet Wormwood, Sage.
- 8. ad sincopim cum osse de corde cervi et diasincopis: a heart disease.

  cum osse de corde cervi: bone (or cartilage) in the ventricle of a stag's heart.

  Diamargariton: an electuary based on pearls.
- 9. margariton. // Valet ad litargiam cum Ruta et ac- litargie: lethargy, coma.
- 10. eto. // Valet thisicis cum Camphora. // Valet thisicis: those with TB.

  Rue, Camphor Laurel.
- 11. ad emoroidos cum sanguinaria. // Valet ad sanguinaria: Shepherd's Purse.
- 12. dissenteriam.// Valet ad diariam. Confortat ad
- 13. pleureticos sive sit ex epilacione sive ex aliquo
- 14. alio malo cum Scabiosa et Scariola. Valet ad Scabwort, Sowthistle.
- 15. duas species ydropsis ex causa frigida sed non
- 16. ad alias ex causa calida. // Valet ad stranguriam. stranguria: painful discharge of urine.
- 17. // Valet ad diabetem. Valet ad mingentes dif- those urinating with difficulty.
- 18. ficulter cum Paritaria et Peucedano. // Valet ad emoroidas cum apio Pellitory of the Wall, Hog's Fennel, Lesser Celandine, (Pilewort).
- 19. emoroidarum // Valet ad immoderatum fluxum menstruorum cum Plan-
- 20. tagine. Valet ad sufficationem matricis
- 21. cum Oleo Rosarum inferius apposito. Valet ad
- 22. excoriatione*m* matricis et apostema eiusdem
- 23. // Valet ad podagram . Valet ad sciaticam et
- 24. dolorem ancharum. Valet ad paralisim si fuerit ancharum: of the hips.

25.	particularis. Valet ad reparandum memoriam,
26.	fantasticam cellulam confortando// Item yma-
27.	ginariam, tollit pusillanimitate <i>m</i> et impeditu <i>m</i>
28.	lingue. //Valet ad cancrum gingivarum et oris
29.	si in ore teneatur. //Valet ad commotione <i>m</i> et
30.	dolorem dentium, et confortat et confirmat
31.	dentes. Valet ad cancrum in virga et alibi.
32.	Valet ad carbunculum, hoc est rupto apostemate
Image 1	13 Right, Folio 109r
1.	At top of text in another hand: Noverint universi.
2.	Valet ad fistulam, ipsam mortificat facta
3.	Prius incisione debita. Valet ad omne vulnus
4.	putridum, ipsum mundificat et sanat// Valet ad
5.	quartanam: si in potu accipiatur, infra tres quartan fever
6.	accessus liberabitur patiens. //Valet tertio-
7.	nariis; non detur cotididianariis nec in acutis
8.	febribus // Confert ad venenum scorpionis,
	Extract from Sloane 1754 ends here at its folio 20v, line 1.
9.	acceptus in cibis et potibus etc, Amen.
In right me	argin: Aqua calamis calamaris (?)
	Read perhaps: aqua calami: 'reed water' from the sweet smelling Acorus Calamus ?
10.	Extrahatur per alembicum sicut alie
11.	aque de herbis. Speciale istius aque est faciem dealbare
12.	si exlavet <i>ur</i> //
In right ma	argin: <b>Aqua mirande virtutis</b>
J	Que <i>sim</i> ilit <i>er</i> valet in calidis
13.	panibus sicut aque vite in frigidis scilicet in acutis

- 14. et peracutis effemeribus calidis oculorum et doloribus ephemeral fevers.
- 15. capitis ex causis calidis ad fastigium stomachi fastigium stomachi: upper part of the stomach.
- 16. ad lupum et fistulam, ad dolorem lateris, ad cale-
- 17. faccione*m* virge ex coitu, et omnem passionem
- 18. circa hec membra et si*mi*lia ex c*aus*a calida, summ*um*

- 19. et expertum remedium est. Et post partum mulieris
- 20. valet multum. Intingat unum pannum in istam
- 21. aquam et ponat ad vulvam. Ponatur in die super
- 22. locum passionis cero. Vel si fuit in stomaco
- 23. inferius imittant*ur* per clisteraem. Si in virga per si-
- 24. ringam aut exponatur super dextrum latus pannus
- 25. madefactus in ea ter in die, tamen cavendum sic fit.
- 26. Recipe florum Sambuci, florum Ungule Cabal-
- 27. line ana li j., seminis Lactuce, seminis Portulace
- 28. ana li iii. Foliorum Solatri 3. i. debent autem re-

one pound each of the flowers of Elder and Greater Burdock; three pounds each of Lettuce seed, Green/Golden Purslane seed; one drachm of the leaves of, Deadly Nightshade or of Black Nightshade.

read: sero late

- 29. cipi viridia et ad meliorem perfectionem. Fiat in
- 30. vasis novis et eodem modo distilletur septies.
- 31. et in vase vitreo profundo in terra reservetur.
- 32. Hec aqua maxime habet sanguine*m* depuratu*m*. *Perhaps 'purifies the blood.'*

#### Image 114 Left, Folio 109v

- 1. Hec in sole cum calefacit in meridie facit volare
- 2. vasa vitrea, vel lignea levia, vel testes
- 3. ovorum vel ymagines. Item quicquid in ea
- 4. intinctus fuerit, ab igne non ledetur, ymmo non ledetur: will not be harmed.
- 5. ab igne resilit, si intus proiciatur. Si de hac
- 6. aqua una scutella in aiere aspersarie fundatur
- 7. nube*m* magna*m* et densa*m* facit subito et ca-
- 8. lorem solis magno tempore mitigat. Men-
- 9. struum sedat, provocat sudore*m*, *pro*hibet dolo-
- 10. rem capitis ex calida causa ut ex febribus
- 11. vel solis adustione, et plures alias virtutes
- 12. maximas habet. Aqua que dealbat
- 13. mulieres, fit de Oleo Tartari et Litargiro et
- 14. Camphora et Cerusa: an*a* cu*m* succo vitis idest Bironie

'Oil of Tartar' lead monoxide, Camphor Laurel, White Lead, White Bryony.

# 15. **Explicit de Aquis**

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16.	Incipit de Oleis	
17.	Oleum Rosarum sic fit: Recipe flores	Not found in eTK.
18.	Rosarum viridium et repleatur fiola de floribus	
19.	Oleo sic quod pro j. li. olei apponatur ii. li. rosarum.	
20.	Et obturetur vas et exponatur soli p <i>er</i> xx <sup>ti</sup>	
21.	dies et singulis diebus moveatur, semel post deco-	
22.	ccione <i>m</i> colet <i>ur</i> per pannu <i>m</i> lineu <i>m</i> et hec oleum supe	er
23.	aquam frigidam ponatur et movetur corulo excoriato	
	movetur corulo excoriato: stirred with a stripped hazel stick.	
24.	et it <i>er</i> um ponatur sup <i>er</i> alia <i>m</i> aqua <i>m</i> et ita decies	
25.	moveatur. Ex ista lavatura adquirit fri-	
26.	giditatem et minorem siccitatem unde magis	
27.	infrigidat atque humectat.// Item ponatur	
28.	in fiola vitrea et reponatur soli <del>absq</del> usque aque	
29.	humidiatem que intravit per pores consumpta	
Image	e 114 Right, Folio 110r	
1.	sit, in frigida alia regione ubi, ex lento habito	
2.	calore aieris, non potest dequoqui, ponatur	
3.	in vas plenum aque et bulliat per duos dies	
4.	vel tres vel ad tertiam partem consumptionis.	
5.	Et si non habeas oleum olivarum fac oleum de nucibus	3
6.	recentibus excoriates. Et cum illo oleo reserva, et excor	:-
7.	ientur nuces vetuste, et infrigentur (?) per duos	
8.	dies in aqua frigida. Deinde extrahatur oleum	
9.	ut lac nucum recentium possit dari febricitatibus	
10.	continue in frigid regione sicut amigdalarum	
11.	in calida. Singularia et specialia istius	
12.	olei sunt si fiat inuncio febricibus continua	
13.	vel interponita (?) circa fronte <i>m</i> et volas et manuu <i>m</i>	
	forehead, palms of the hands and soles of the feet,	
14.	et pedum et circa venas pulsatiles, dolorem re-	
15.	primit, calorem alterat, sompnum inducit. Sed hec	
16.	non debet dari in die cretico. //	
	in die cretico: not to be given on a 'critical' day.	

# ....Alio Modo et

17.	bene Recipe li sem. rosarum collectarum cum rore et plene expansarum		
	one and a half pounds of roses, picked with the dew, and fully	ј ореп.	
18.	et scinde folia in parvas partes. Abiecta albedine		
19.	foliorum et pone in vase vitreo et appone eis olieum	n	
20.	olive viridis <b>3</b> i vel plus, si necesse fuerit	one ounce of olive oil.	
21.	et misce bene simul in vase vitreo et obtura bene		
22.	vas et pende erga solem per xx <sup>ti</sup> dies et tunc exprir	ne	
	pende erga solem: hang in the sun.		
23.	per unum pannum lineum fortem et iterum impone		
24.	in vase vitreo, et proice feces qui sunt in panno, ,	<b>proice feces</b> : discard the residue	
25.	et videas quod vas sit bene obturatum ita quod aie	r	
26.	non possit intrare et omni die in aurora quando vis	S	
27.	exponere vas ad solem antequam oleum sit express	um	
28.	de rosis, move bene simul rosas cum oleo cum una	spatula	
29.	et si pendeat p <i>er</i> duas menses in aq <i>ua</i> fridida ( <i>sic</i> ) ad		
30.	os, esset melius ad infrigidandum calorem febrilem et cetera.		
	ad os: presumably with cold water up to the mouth of the gla	ess container	
In right	t margin Oleum Ovorum	Tr.: Oil of eggs.	
31.	// Sic fit: <i>Recipe</i> vitella o <i>vorum</i> cruda et pone		
	vitella ovorum cruda: raw egg yolks.	Not found in eTK.	
32.	in urinali vitreo et os eius claude cu <i>m</i> coop <i>er</i> culo		
<b>T</b>	44EI (t E 1' 440		
_	e 115 Left, Folio 110v		
1.	et argilla cum luto magisterii ne respirare <i>luto magisterii</i> : cement to seal the pot.		
2.	valeat et in fimo fige duo ligna et desuper	fimum: dungheap.	
3.	ista ligna pone unum lignum per transversum		
4.	ut sit modum furcarum et ibi pende dictum	furca: fork.	
5.	lignum urinale per filum in medio et pone in		
6.	circuitu et desuper satis de fimo prope urinale		
7.	ita tamen quod fimus urinale non tangat. Et stet		
8.	ibi per 40 dies et vitella valde putrescent		
9.	et cave a fetore. Postea distilla inde oleum		

- 10. Per alembicum et est mire virtutis. Dicit
- 11. eius doctor quod posuit in crucibulo valde mo-
- 12. dicum et cum eo parum bombacis et accendit illud
- 13. et linnum duravit ibi circa 3<sup>es</sup> eddomedas,
- 14. nec oleum fuit diminutum. Sic fit: in die-

## In left margin: Oleum leprosorum

Not found in eTK.

- 15. bus canicularibus accipiatur serpens vivus in
- 16. vase vitreo et apponatur oleum violarum bonum et
- 17. electum et vas bene obturetur et exponat*ur*
- 18. soli per 40 dies, post coletur quolibet mane acc-
- 19. ipiatur leprosus, ieiunio stomacho, offam unam offam: a morsel.
- 20. de mica panis calidi in oleo predicto made- mica panis: breadcrumbs.
- 21. factus (?). Eodem potest fieri unguentum ad leprosos utile.
- 22. Oleum Viola*rum* est constrictivu*m* per antifysu*m*. (?)

## In left margin: Oleum/Violarum

Not found in eTK.

- 23. Specialia huius olei sunt si eadem sit mixta cum
- 24. succo mercurialis per clister mittatur in acutis clyster: pipe for enemas.
- 25. continuis (?) et interpolatis, suaviter remollit intestina
- 26. et etiam superfluitates expellit. -----

#### In left margin: Oleum Benedictum

Bray has a mineral oil of the same name, while Trease (1959, p50) suggests it may have been an Oleum Nardinum Benedictum, after Arnoldus Villanova.

#### -----Oleum Benedictum

- 27. valet in causa frigida et optimum. Et inter cetera, si pis-
- 28. catores unxerint retia sua, multitudinem piscium
- 29. congregab*unt*. // Infra tres unciones

## In left margin: Unum Oleum de frumento et Iunipero

Not found in eTK.

- 30. [illegible] mulierum et puerorum curat et sanat et plures [alia].
- 31. Oleum Iunip*er*i extrahitur a se*min*e Iunip*er*i

#### Image 115 Right, Folio 111r.

1. sicut oleu*m* lauri a bacca lauri. Singul*ar*-

lines 2--5 are marked with an image of a feather pen in the right margin.

4.	et super renes matricem frigidam confortare et eius hu-	-	
5.	midatem desiccare, et eam conceptui preparare.		
In right	margin: Oleum Pulegii	Oil of Pennyroyal	
6.	// Recipe summitates Pulegii cum floribus et		
	<b>Pulegii</b> : Pennyroyal.	Not found in eTK.	
7.	foliis Puloigii Regalis et decoquatur in oleo in		
8.	duplici vase. Istud enim oleum reprimit		
9.	frigidas causas sed specialiter et singulater facta inuncci		
10.	one circa regione <i>m</i> matricis. Habet etia <i>m</i> confor-		
11.	tare eam et frigidos humores desiccare et eam		
12.	habile <i>m</i> conceptui reddere.// Oleu <i>m</i> ederatu <i>m</i>		
In right	margin: Oleum ederatum		
	Oleum ederatum: presumably ivy steeped in oil.	Not found in eTK.	
13.	frigidum est et valet contra dolorem capitis ex		
14.	febrili calore vel ex alia causa per contra fer-		
15.	vorem stomachi et intestinorum et contra fervorem		
16.	matricis. Conficitur sic: Edere terant <i>ur</i> et in vi <i>n</i> o		
17.	vel oleo predicto inde coquantur.		
18.	Oleum Urticarum: contra dolorem dorsi et tremorem (?	) in pedibus.	
19.	Oleum Pulegii recuperat membra debilitata, prout et ad omnes dolores.		
20.	Oleum de sinapio valet in paralisi et contra emigraneam ex frigida causa Oleum de sinapio: Perhaps 'Oleum (seminum) Sinapis Volatile', Mustard (seed) Oil. None of the above found in eTK.		
21.	Explicit.	Incipit	
22.	Unguentum contra Guttam. Recipe unum	Not found in eTK.	
23.	canem antiquum et pinguem valde in Autumpno		
24.	inter festum assumpcionis et nativitatis Beate Marie, et between August 15th and September 8th – perhaps the 'Dog Days'		
25.	corea eum et tolle intestina cum capite et pedibus		
26.	sed non apponas aliquid aquam ad illum quando extra	ahis	
27.	intestina tunc recipias <del>intestina</del> -ranas in		
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ia istius olei sunt frigidas causas reprimere fac-

ta in unccione ab umbelico usque ad muliebria

3.

- 28. magna quantitate ad illum, et impone eas vivas
- 29. in ventre predicti canis. Si non poteris, capias
- 30. tot quot poteris habere, tunc capias predictum
- 31. canem et affer super unum verure, et quando vides verus (n.): a spit.

### Image 116 Left, Folio 111v

- 1. quod stillat materia aquosa ab eo, abicias illam in left margin: Expertum est
- 2. materiam sed quando incipit stillare pinguedo alba
- 3. bona et pulcra serva illam pinguedine*m* bene
- 4. in uno vase. Et cum illo unguento unge gut-
- 5. tam ubicumque fuerit, et infra breve curabit*ur*
- 6. patiens. **NOTANDUM EST QUOD** quia (?) iste In left margin: Nota.

  The following section bears a strong resemblance to the BB, folio 271b
- 7. est modus generalis faciendi unguenta de quibus-
- 8. cumque herbis volueris, quando volueris, ad tuam causam
- 9. valere. // Primo herbas ponas in olla et ad sum-
- 10. mum impleatur aqua. Post, coopereatur os olle cum panno
- 11. lineo et sigilletur cu*m* argilla, ne fumus exeat.
- 12. Et apponat*ur* igni usque ad consumptio*nem* aque.
- 13. Et it*erum* impleat*ur* olla aqua et iteru*m* bulliant tritis
- 14. tamen herbis ante secundam decocionem deinde pon-
- 15. antur herbe ille cu*m* tota deccocione in panno lineo
- 16. forti et exprimatur succus, et succo illo utere
- 17. in unguentis faciendis, quod si volueris servare,
- 18. confice cum cera et reservetur in pixide. Un-
- 19. guentum pro scabie: Recipe unguenti albi

### In left margin: Unguentum pro Scabie.

- 20. sulphuris communis melius est [illegible] vivi si reperiatur,
- 21. argenti vivi viridis greci ana, et misce bene simul
- 22. et fac unguentum et valet b*e*n*e* pro scabie et vermis [illegible capitis ?].

### In left margin: Unguentum provocans menstrua

- 23. Unguentum quod suppositum pectore pro-
- 24. vocat vomitum, super umbelicum movet ventrem,
- 25. super pectinem movet menstrua. Recipe olei

26. 3. i. terebentine, 3. i. fellis tauri, quod sufficit.

One ounce turpentine, one drachm bull gall.

# In left margin: Unguentum provocans vomitum.

- 27. Unguentum quod si manus inunguantur, semper
- 28. vomitus, si plante pedis, fluxus ventris [provocatur]:
- 29. Recipe Elebori Albi et Nigri, Hermodactili, Iusq-
- 30. uami, aceti, Semp*er*vive, Brionie ana; conficiant*ur*
- 31. cum veteri auxungia et cum restringere volueris,

  White or False Hellebore; Black Hellebore; Ramsons, Henbane, aceti: vinegar, Houseleek;

  White Bryony; cum veteri auxungia: with old grease.
- 32. laventur manus et pedes et & ungantur de populeoni. 138

  populeoni: Henslow p52, (MS A, p289) has 'Popiliol' as an ointment, with Henbane, but also poplar leaves, omitted by Betson's source, but which presumably gave it its name. Similar in Sloane MS 521 (98/264/291), line 9.

### Image 116 Right, Folio 112r

# In right margin: Unguentum pro Spasmo

- 1. Unguentu*m* pro Spasmo de replecione. Recipe
- 2. urinam et dequoquatur usque sit nigra et spissa
- 3. quasi unguentum. -----

# In right margin:: Unguentum contra pediculos

----// Extingue argentum vi-

- 4. vumcum auxungia porcina et succo Absinthii
- 5. et exinde unge cingulu*m* et cinga*tur* iux*ta* carnem.

# In right margin Unguentum Alabastri preciosum contra omnem dolorem in quacumque parte corporis.

- 6. Unguentum Alabastri nimis caru*m*
- 7. sed preciosum tamen est. Recipe <del>cunas</del> xl cimas rubei
- 8. teneras et pista eas ad modum salse ex alia parte
- 9. habeatis lagenas duas boni vini albi et pona-
- 10. duas lagenas vini: two flagons of wine, of about one gallon each
- 11. tis simul in olla, et cum eis plenum pugillum Rute a handfull of Rue.
- 12. et **3**. iiij. florum Camoilulle [read: camomille] sicce et viridis

<sup>138</sup> For recipe see OGDEN, M. S. (1938) *Liber de Diversis Medicinis*, (p109, note 61/15,19, 33). OUP.

13.	et de lapide alabastri li. sem, Seminis Feniculi 3 sem	
	half a pound of alabaster, and half an ounce of Fennel seed.	
14.	olei Rosarum li unum et cera 3 j, et hec omnia	
	one pound of oil of Roses, and one ounce of wax.	
15.	pistentur antequam in predicto vino; ponantur praeter	
16.	flores Camomille, et ceram. Et postea ponatur	
17.	olla super lentum ignem cum predictis rebus, et bulliat,	
18.	donec vinum totum consumetur ita quod videatur	
19.	frigere. Et postea habeatis albumina ovorum et in	
20.	olla cum predictis commisceatur donec bene firmetur,	
21.	deinde habeas pannum lineum et tota ista colatura	
22.	ponatur in pa $n$ no et coletur. Et optime inde exit	
23.	preciosum unguentum alabastri. Et de isto Un-	
24.	guento ungatis tempora et frontem usque ad super-	
25.	silia, et cum sola unctione liberabit istos panni-	
26.	culos qui apparent in oc $u$ lis granum milii. // Et	
	granum milii: a grain of millet, though sometimes asserted to be the French 'Grémil	
	English 'Gromwell'. Presumably here meaning small flecks in the eye.	
27.	vere ubicumque est dolor in capite vel in	
28.	corpore seu pede vel in quacumque parte pectoris	
29.	fuit, vel corp <i>or</i> is. Et si paciens unxerit se, libe-	
30.	rabitur statim ab ipso dolore. // Et cum invenie-	
31.	bamus mulieres habentem (sic) dolorem vel tortionem,	
32.	donabamus eis ad comedendum, ac si esset electuarium	
33.	et statim liberabantur et similiter cum inveniebamus	

### Image 117 Left, Folio 112v.

- 1. mulieres (at top of page: vel viros) habentes stomachum dolentem, facie-
- 2. bam*us* ungere eos sup*er* stomachum, manus
- 3. et pedes et renes, et statim requiescebant a
- 4. laboribus suis. Et si*mi*lit*er* valet potenter ad
- 5. omnem emigraneam dolorem et ad omnem o-
- 6. culorum egritudinem unctione facta in fronte,
- 7. timporibus [read: temporibus] et superciliis.
- 8. Emplaustrum contra dolorem nervorum, probatum.

'probatum' in lighter ink and in margin.

- 9. Emplaustrum expertum contra nervorum dolorem
- 10. vel venarum vel guttam alicui[u]s membri. Recipe
- 11. succus (sic) apii, farine ordei, olei communis vel nucum
- 12. et butirum et vinum quod sufficit. // Ista om*n*ia
- 13. fricentur ita calidum sup*er* locum et cooperiat*ur*
- 14. cum pannis bene. Istud probatum est sepe a Magistro/a. c. b.
  - a Magistro/a. c. b.: an unknown person, perhapsy a physician.

# In left margin: Emplastrum propter digestionem stomachi

- 15. Recipe: Absinthii, Mente, Ortholane, ana manipulum,
- 16. unum cimini, Thuris, ana  $\frac{3}{3}\beta$  Deinde panis half an ounce each of Cumin; Parsnip; or Skirret, incense.
- 17. frumenti bene fermentatus, ad ignem bene assatur,
- 18. et postea terant*ur* in mortario et cum aceto
- 19. forti ut sit spissum, distemperetur, tunc ponatur
- 20. in bursa panni linei factus triangularis sic illustration in right margin of a dripping triangular linen pocket, suspended from a bracket.
- 21. et post ponat*ur* in aceto forti calido et sic tepidum.
- 22. Ponatur stomacho cum frigidum fuerit, iterum sic
- 23. calefac ad ignem. // Emplastrum
- 24. contra subversionem stomachi: Recipe Mente, Absincontra subversionem stomachi: for an upset stomach.
- 25. thei, ana manipulum j, cimini, rosarum ana 3 j, masticis
- 26. olibani an<sup>a</sup> manipulum ℥ β, panis tosti, et aceti quarti a handful each of Mint and Wormwood var., one ounce each of Cunin and roses; half an ounce of putty of Franincense. One quart of vinegar.
- 27. j fiat emplastrum super stomachum et os eius.

### Potio pro Pestilicencia

- 28. Recipe Febrifuge Maioris, Iasie (inserted above: Matfelon) maioris, Artheme-
- 29. sie, Dens Leonis, Solsequii, Scabiose, Amarusce,
  ?Feverfew ?Knapweed var., or, Silverweed, (Hunt), Mugwort, Dandelion, Garden Marigold;
  for Scabiose see Appendix 2; Stinking Camomile.

### Image 117 Right, Folio 113r.

- 1. ana lava bene et tere simul omnes istas herbas in mor-
- 2. tario et distemp*er*a cu*m* servicia, bene dissicata, et da perhaps the mixture was washed, dried, and then enough beer added to make it drinkable.

3. pacienti ad bibendum vj coclearia uno tempore cocliare: spoonful. 4. et si tempestive sumat, destruit corruptionem tempestive: timely. 5. et sanabit recipientem. -----In right margin Potio ad omnes plagas Tr.: a drink for all wounds. ----// Potio proba-6. tissima que omnes plagas sanat sine appo-7. sicione alicuius emplastri vel unguenti et sine 8. omni tenta, perfectissime sanat. Recipe Sanicle, without use of a probe. 9. Millefolii, Bugule Nigre ana, tere in mor-Sanicle, Yarrow, Bugle Nigra (Turner: 'it is a blacke herbe'). Nota bene 10. tario et cum vino sufficienti distempera et vul-11. nerato bis vel ter dabis omni die ad bibendum 12. donec sanetur. Et nota quod Bugula tenet 13. plagam apertam, Millefolium purgat, Sanicla sanat, et cetera, In right margin: Potio ad plagas sanandas a drink to heal wounds. 14. sine instrumento sirurgico, et sine fer-15. re, et sine ligno, et sine tenta, et exit per plagam 16. et sanat per mensem vel aliquantulum et aliquantulum 17. minus. Plaga que non sanaretur forsitan per me-18. dium annum per operacionem cirurgie: Recipe [illegible] 19. de Tanaseti, seminis Canabi. Consulo quod humo-20. sitas canabi quando fructus in ea maturus est Feverfew or Silverweed, ?Hemp Agrimony. 21. colligatur, et per totum annum servetur, et de ea granis 22. utere in dicta pocione foliorum Callis rubee, Pi-23 loselle, Buglosse, ana manipuluum dimidium et Semine Ca-Red Cabbage, Mouse-ear Hawkweed, half a handful of Bugloss; one ounce of ?Hemp Agrimony. 24. nabi 3 j. Pista omnia predicta simul in mor-25. tario et distempera cum optimo vino albo oderi-26. fero et non oportet decoqui. Et usui reserva et non opertus decoqui – boil down with lid on.

27. mane et cero (read: sero) tria coclearia propria (?) et maxime mane et cero: morning and evening, three 'shells' - spoonfuls. 28. si est paciens vulneratus sine febre, longe 29. post ante commestionem et longe post, et pone 30. super vulnus folium Caulis Rubee<sup>139</sup>, removendo 31. illud bis in die, et liga cum panno et ca-32. nabino. *Canabino*: presumably *Canabino filo*: a cloth secured by a hempen thread. Image 118 Left, Folio 113v. in left margin: Pocio ad fistulam Not found in eTK. 1. Pocio ad fistulam: Recipe Gariofilatum, Agrimo-2. nia, Filaginem, per equales portiones terantur Avens, Agrimony, ?Cudweed. 3. optime sicut esset salsiamentum et coquatur in 4. bono vino optimo albo valde diu, sicut essent 5. carnes. Tunc ita apponatur vinum quod [text damaged – 'herbe' ?] re-6. tineant vim suam. Postea colentur [text damaged] utatur paciens 7. singulis diebus per tres eddomedas, vel per unum 8. mensem, vel per duos menses donec sit cura-9. tus. Et non bibat alium potum. Quidam curatus 10. fuit cum hac pocione, qui habuit fistulam 11. sub testiculis per quam exivit parum de urina 12. et lavare solebat fistulam ter vel quater in die 13. et apposuit emplastrum de herbis <del>re tu</del> illis tritis 14. frigidis super fistulam illam. Compositiones Siruporum. 15. 16. Compositio sirupi constrictivi et frigidi: 17. Recipe iiii 3 florum Rosarum siccarum et coque in iiij li

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four ounces of dried roses, boiled in four pounds of clear water

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> Guy de Chauliac, in his Surgery cites this use of cabbage leaves as a 'Teutonic' practice. See: ZIMMERMAN & VEITH Great Ideas in the History of Surgery, Norman Publishing, 1993, p203

- 18. aque clare et coque ad consumptione*m* tertie partis
- 19. vel usque Rose vadant ad fundum vasis. Post hoc
- 20. cola per pannum et permitte frigessere. Post hec
- 21. capias albuminem unius ovi vel duorum et malexa (read malaxa) malexa: DMLBS gives 'malaxare' "to soften, esp. with hand, to knead."
- 22. bene et tunc pone in predicto vas cum rosis super ig-
- 23. nem et misce b*e*n*e* si*mu*l quousque sit aliquantulu*m*
- 24. calidum et tu*nc* no*n* moveas plus, et sic illud albuminen
- 25. attrahit ad se omnes superfluitates et natabit
- 26. superius et tunc permitte bullire quousque sit satis
- 27. coctus. Quod sic cognosces: pone unam guttam super
- 28. unguem et si stet, satis est. Et si fluat, non est. Et si sit,
- 29. bene cola tunc per pannum lineum. Et serva in vase
- 30. vitreato, quod optimus reputat*ur* sirupus.

### Image 118 Right, Folio 114r.

- 1. **De Floribus Violarum** potest fieri sirupus. Sed quia *Violarum*: of violets.
- 2. iste sirupus est laxativus, ideo flores no*n* debent
- 3. bullire nisi usque descendant ad fundum. Eodem
- 4. modo debent fieri sicut superius precedens. Et valet
- 5. pro [text damaged] febre terciana et etiam pro febre calida.
- 6. [text damaged] Facit pacientem bene dormire et cetera. Pro febre cotidi-
- 7. ana potest iste sirupus dari pro medicina primo
- 8. mane et ultimo in sero.
- 9. Suppositoria et Pessaria Compositiones clisterarum
- 10. Entractus De Gratia Dei Series

In this context, "Gratia dei" must be the common entrete (salve or plaster) as "gratia dei," which has a variety of recipes but usually includes wax, volatile resins, herbs, and a good deal of heating and boiling down. <sup>140</sup> See also EMED –' Gratia Dei þat is ane enplaster' c.1440.

- 11. Recipe terebintine li β bene depurata, li 4 nove Depurata: refined.
- 12. cere, ξ iiii mastici, ξ β de herbis, Recipe Beto-
- 13. nice, Vervene, Pimpernell, ana maniulum j herbe

half a pound of turpentine, four pounds of new wax, four ounces of putty, half an ounce of herbs (?); a handful each of Betony, Vervain, Scarlet Pimpernel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> M. Teresa Tavormina, Pers. Comm. Sept. 2014.

- 14. vero pistentur, deinde coquantur in lagena bo-
- 15. ni vini albi usque ad consumptiones medie
- 16. partis. Postea coletur vinum ab herbis, post po-
- 17. natur resina in vino dein*de* cera deinde mastix,
- 18. semper agitent*ur* et fortiter, ne adhereant fundo,
- 19. et bulliat lento igne. Deinde deponatur ab igne
- 20. deinde ponatur terrebentina et frigidare per-
- 21. mitte, et tollatur quod supernataverit. Et herbe debent
- 22. collegi circa festum Johannis Baptiste Sancti. // Et dicitur quod (Eve of) The Feast of St John the Baptist: June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 23. iste entractus habet omnes virtutes quas habet
- 24. alius entractus eiusdem nominis et ultra hoc curat
- 25. gallos transfixos (?) per medium cerebri. Not found.
- 26. Pulvis Laxativus et confortans
- 27. Recipe Cinamomi 3 ij, Esule 3 iij, Anisi masticis ana
- 28. **3** β, Liquoricie **3** β, Zuccarie, **3** β, mittatur in cibis. two ounces of Cinnamon, two drachms of Dwarf Elder or Spurge; half a drachm of Aniseed putty (?), half an ounce of Liquorice, half an ounce of sugar.
- 29. Π Pulvis Pullegii Regalis cum melle potui da-
- 30. Π tus compescit tussim.// Pulvis Pullegii Montani Pennyroyal, Wild Thyme.

### Image 119 Left, Folio 114v.

- 1. potui datus valet ad malos humores. // Pulvis
- 2. Rosarum potui datus vel commestus vel aspersus, Powdered Roses.
- 3. sanat putridas gingivas. // Pulvis Salgie Powdered Sage.
- 4. bibitus vel commestus prestat paralitisis (read: paraliticis). // Pul-
- 5. vis Lattuce seminis cum lacte datus provocat Powdered Lettuce seed.
- 6. sompnum. // Pulvis Seminis Plantaginis in vul-
- 7. neribus asp*er*sus mirifice sanat. // Pulvis

### In left margin: Pulvis et Tiriaca de Boys

- 8. qui a quibusdam vocatur Tiriaca de Boys: Recipe

  Tiriaca: 'treacle' a medicine or antidote. 'Boys' is probably from French 'boire' to drink.

  Both Henslow (42/11) and Dawson (p222, para 704) have varieties of this recipe

  under 'Boyre'.
- 9. unam libram de radicibus Turmentille, de radicibus

- 10. Philipendule, Anisi mundati, de Bais non mundatis,
- 11. De Apio, de grano solis, de Carui, Zinzibere, de Sax-
- 12. ifraga Montana, de Betonica, de Cinamomo,
- 13. de omnibus ana videlicet ii quarter, de Liquricia duo quartroun.

Common Tormentill, Dropwort, Aniseed, Bay Tree Berry, Smallage, Gromwell, Caraway; Ginger; Saxifrage Montana: perhaps Satureia montana, Winter Savery, (also called 'Saturegia' at Mowat, Alphita p. 158), Betony, Cinnamon, Liquorice; two quartroun of each: six ounces.

- 14. mundentur et pulverizentur et valet contra vene-
- 15. num et confert stomacho et iuvat cont*ra* carnes
- 16. crudas commestas et tollit malos humores infra
- 17. corpus existentes et pluribus aliis infirmitatibus
- 18. infra corpus subvenit.

# 19. **Compositiones Confectionum**

- 20. Ad Faciendum Zinziberum viride: Recipe zinziberii
- 21. optimi electi li  $\beta$  et infundatur in lixivia satis

Lixivia: 'a solution obtained by leaching, as lye.'

- 22. de cineribus clavelatis vel alia forti lixivia per 3s cineribus clavelatis: (also clavetalis etc) the lees of wine, dried and roasted.
- 23. die aut quatuor, aut diutius, si necesse fuerit,
- 24. quousque omnes radices sint molles. Postea ex-
- 25. trahatur et ponantur (sic) super pannum lineum mundum
- 26. et succum, ut liquoris infusi per panni siccitatem
- 27. valeat exhauriri. Et sic iaceant quousque fuerint
- 28. bene siccata. Postea infundantur cum aceto fortissimo
- 29. per 2<sup>as</sup> dies vel cum zuccaria liq*ue*facta per tantum
- 30. tempus sicut iacebant in laxivia et iterum desic [-centur]

The following four lines are written illegibly at bottom of page, and perhaps not in Betson's hand:

- 31. Recipe j partem salis petri et aliam sulphuri vive
- 32. et molle super marmoreum et potatur urina in right margin: secretum
- 33. super ortu lune et veneris, et erit bonum
- 34. [Line illegible]

### Image 119 Right, Folio 115r.

- 1. [desic-]centur ut predictum est et deponatur cortices facte
- 2. premissis. Recipe li j zuccari et dissolvatur cum aqua ad ig-

- 3. nem modicu*m* et clarificetur et coletur p*er* pannu*m* lineum
- 4. et mundum. Potest esse eadem zuccara superius liquefacta
- 5. cum aqua non [?] tunc clarificatur, deinde coquatur ad
- 6. spissitudinem debitam, et tunc ponatur Zinziber in olla vitre-
- 7. ata, fundens predictam zuccaram desuper tum (?) dummodo sit
- 8. calid*us* et sic stent si*mu*l p*er* eddome<del>b</del>da*m* antequam inde
- 9. aliquis sumat. Ad Faciendum Conservationem
- 10. **Rosarum:** Recipe flores rosarum viridium antequem expandantur
- 11. et abscisse albedine*m*, Bene terantur cu*m* zuccara et ponantur
- 12. in vase vitreo et bene misceantur et moveantur cotidie
- 13. et sic servatur per triennium. Proporcio rosarum et zuccarae debet
- 14. esse in tribus vel in quatuor libra zuccare vel plus,
- 15. li i. de Rosis et adhuc quidam quando faciunt conservationem
- 16. ad 2<sup>as</sup> ponunt 4<sup>or</sup> de zucc*ara*. // Pomum Am-
- 17. bre pro divitibus: Re*cipe* Lapdani ℥ β., Storacis, Calaminte
- 18. 3 j, Ligni Aloes, Macis Nucis Muscate, Gariofili,
- 19. ana 3 ii, Camphore, Musca ana scrupli j, Amber

half an ounce of ?Gum Rockrose, one ounce of Styrax officinalis and Calamint spp., two drachms of Aloe wood, Mace from the Nutmeg; Cloves; one scrupule of Camphor Laurel and four drams of amber.

- 20. 3. iiii, conficitur sic: lapdanu*m* resolutum in aqua
- 21. calida pone mortario et pistetur cu*m* pistello donec
- 22. sit bene resolutum, tunc adde Storacem, Calaminte.
- 23. Ad ultimum adde pulverem predictarum specierum et inunctis
- 24. manibus cum oleo muscilino. Adde ambram ad ultimum *oleo muscilino*: oil of musk
- 25. ad camphoram et miscitur. // Pomum Ambre
- 26. quod valet contra reuma capitis et tussim et maxime
- 27. pro illis qui de regionibus frigidis sunt. Recipe Masticis
- 28. Olibani, Storacis, Calaminte, Camphore, Lapdani, Dauci
- 29. ana 3 j., Ligni Aloes 3 j., fiat pomum Ambre

One ounce of putty made from Frankincense, Wild Carrot, or Wild Parsnip and the other ingredients, as above, lines 19-22. One drachm of Aloes wood.

- 30. et decoquatur ad ignem. Et paciens fumegium recipiat et partibus
- 31. in manu sua et teneat ad nares. Valet multum antiquis hominibus
- 32. quia habent confortari viscera.

33.	Explicit	Explicuit
Image 1	20 Left, Folio115v	
1.	For the Mygryme.	Migraine
2.	Take the rote of Flour Delice viz Gladiole [above: and tak the jus therof]  Yellow flag. Hunt gives also Gladden and other Iris varieties under Fleur- de-Lis (p283).  & take the jusse therof & put therto alsmuch vy-	
4.	nagre & as moch of wommanis mylk & squyrte	
5.	it with a squyrte into the nose thrylys	nose thrylys: nostrils.
6.	on the seke side, & lete <i>th</i> e pacient ly	<i>3 3</i>
7.	a litle whil on <i>the</i> same side.	
8.	Bona decoctio for all disesis in the body:	
9.	Take Centory, Horhond, Yssope et Nepte et	
	Common Centaury, White Horehound, Hyssop Catmint, Pennyr	oyal.
10.	Piliol Rial et decoquantur usque dimediam, mane et s (Tr.: 'boiled down to one half remaining, morning and evening'.)	ero.
11.	For a birser or eny ach	
	Birser: not in EMED, but from context and recipe prob	ably 'bruise' or similar.
12.	Take ma <i>num</i> 2 <sup>os</sup> de Sothernewode et j q <i>ua</i> rt <i>roun</i> albi	
13.	Sothernewode: Artemesia abrotanum, Southern Wormwood. vini et bulli in simul usque dimidium. Postea accipe de	neratus (?)
14.	de olio olivarum et ponatur ad predictum et iterum	
15.	bulliantur donec densantur modo emplastrum	
16.	et mundificatur et strenatur et ungatur [illegible]	
17.	vel tale morbidum contra ignem et sanabitur.	
In right m	argin: A preparative tofore evacuacion of fleume	9
18.	Take the rotis of Fennell, the rotis of Percelly, of erthe	
19.	half an handfull, the rote of Radissh a quartron Fenne	
20.	of an handfull. Bray hem togedur & seth hem	bray: pound,crush.
21.	up in vynagre, & then streyn hem up, & take then two	,
22.	partyes of the vynagre & the parte of puryd hony &	puryd: purified. EMED.
23.	boile hem up togider, till it be sumwhat stiff. Take	r g r g

- 24. then v. sponefull of this, and asmoch of clene asmoch: as much. 25. well water & cast hem to gider & warm it by the 26. morow a day and use thereof thre dayes or thou or thou reseyve: before you take the laxative. Image 120 Right, Folio 116r. 1. reseyve the laxatif of turbit or eny other laxative. Turpeth. 2. For fleume accipe x. sponefull at oouns in a cupp. In right margin: **Pro purgatione / fleumatis**. 3. Recipe Turbit, Zinziber, Zuccarram, ana et de isto pulvere detur plus The same amount of Turpeth, Ginger and Sugar. vel minus, secundum tenorem virtutis et exigentis
- 4.
- 5. materie cum vino vel cervisia vel sero lactis,
- 6. et dicit Avicenna quod pulvis iste purgat fleuma grossum,
- 7. non calefaciens nec arsuram intestinorum faciens,
- 8. quoniam turbit proprie respuat fleuma in ore stomachi,
- 9. et si per se detur, purgat fleuma subtile. Et si detur
- 10. cum Zinziber et zuccarra purgat fleumam grossam.
- 11. Tria tantummodo sunt signa ad accipi-
- 12. endum laxativam, viz Cancer, Scorpio et Pisces,
- 13. si sunt vacuas ab aliis planetis, quam in Luna et
- 14. non sunt radices solis coniunctionis nec oppositionis astrological terms.
- 15. viz per xxxiiii horas ante coniunctionem solis et lune
- 16. et per xxxiiii horas post coniunctionem, et consimiliter
- 17. de oppositione. Oportet Dare Laxativa
- 18. post digestiam in signo mobili Luna non existente
- 19. in signo imminanti ut patet in almenacis...

# In right margin: Purgant coleram

...Sunt

- 20. Mirabolanum citrinum, Nux vomica, Scamonea, Aloes, Semen Pepli
- 21. Elleborus Albus, Resuris (?), Catapucia, Tapsia. Sunt Epitimum

# In right margin: Purgant melancoliam:

- 22. Polipodium, Lapis Armenicus, Lapis Lazuli, Centauria, Sene,
- 23. Hermodactili, Mirabolani indi, Succo Radicis Cameactis.

# In right margin: Purgant fleuma

- 24. Succus Turionis, Filicis, Sunt Camepitheos, Aloe,
- 25. Turbit, Cuscute, Kebuli, Bellirici, Coconidium, Polipo-
- 26. dium, Agaricus, Coloquinthida, Titimallus....

In right margin: Purgant Sanguinem:

...Sunt: Cassi-

27. a fistula, Tamarindi / Tamaria, Pulegia Rial, Ceteral.

The above named plants are much abbreviated. Some are repeated as separate purges for the four humours. ?Belleric, Bastard Myrobalan ? ,'Poison Nut'; ?Scinno, Aloes; Sun Spurge, White or False Hellebore, ?Rhubarb, ?Caper Spurge; 'deadly carrot or Mullein, Thyme Dodder, Male Fern, ?Azurite,Lapis Lazuli, Common Centaury, Ramsons, ?Bastard Myrobalan, ?Nidi, Dwarf Elder, Vine shoots, Male Fern, Germander Speedwell, Aloes, Turpeth, Common Dodder; ? Bastard Myrobalan, Bay Tree, Male Fern, Field Mushroom, White Bryony, Caper Spurge, Pods of the Cassia Fistula, Tamarind, Pennyroyal, White Turmeric.

### Image 121 Left, Folio 116v

At top of page:

- 1. Est Aries muniendo bonus, sic Libra, Sagitta muniendo: protecting
- 2. Sic et Aquarius est nec non Pisces [illegible]
- 3. Politricum, Adiantos, Capillus Veneris, Centauria, Mirabolani
- 4. Emblici, {space} Epatica, Cimbaria

  Maidenhair fern, Common Centaury, Bastard Myrobalan,
  ?Wood Sage, Pennywort.

### In left margin: **Pro colica passione**

- 5. Recipe poudur oland with ale fastyng and it shal ese.
- 6. **Item for the Migryme probatum.** migraine
- 7. Recipe Sanguinem Draconis, terram sigillatam,
- 8. Et Bolum Armenicum et misceant*ur* et subtiliant*ur* Resin from Dragon Tree, clay, Armenian bole.
- 9. cum albumine ovi et applicetur parti dolenti.

### 10. For to make here grow here: hair.

11. Recipe a quantite of bees<sup>141</sup> dried in an hoven

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> A similar recipe was still being cited in Britain, in print, as late as 1753, in 'The Compleat Housewife or Accomplish'd Gentleman's Companion' by Eliza Smith; there were also American editions.

- 12. And a quantite of browne breed, of *the* cromes *cromes: breadcrumbs* .
- 13. And another quantite of unsett Leke of this *unsett leke*: not yet transplanted leeks (EMED)
- 14. iuse and meng hem with the of oyle [illegible] meng: mix. EMED.
- 15. and anoynt the bare (part) and here shal grow. here: hair shall grow.

# In the left margin: Item pro colica

- 16. Recipe the inward pith bi twix the kirnell of
- 17. Wallnottes and to the quanite of xxx or xl *th*at
- 18. ben not corrupt and bray hem to poud(er) and drynk Bray: pound, crush.
- 19. it with ale or Malmesy or Tire [wine] or els the juse

  Tire: a sweet wine probably imported from Tyre in Syria. EMED.
- 20. of Tyme with ale and [illegible]
- 21. [illegible probably Rewe. See EMED, Tire (3c) for use of Tyre wine with Rue.]

### Image 121 Left, Folio 116v, Lines 21-36, to Image 122 Left, Folio 117v, Line17.

The text follows with an almanac in Latin with forecasts for each month according to the weather (windy or thundery), with the suitable times for blood-letting, and foods to be eaten or avoided. The handwriting is at times unlike that of Betson and very difficult to read. This is a commonly occurring format, and it has little by the way of herbs. We have therefore decided to omit this section. Extracts from English Chronicles follow the forecasts; these are also not included here. Remedies continue below.

#### Image 124 Left, Folio 119v

- 20. For to dissolve flewm
- 21. Take a handfull of Isop & lete it stande in stale ale j quarte, Hyssop.
- 22. iij or iiij houris, & then boyle it & skomme it clene & do therto
- 23. white sugur, as moch as ye lust, & drynk therof hote two or
- 24. iij gode draghtis when ye go to your bed, with powdur of
- 25. Gyngur as moch as it plesith you. And use to wassh Ginger.
- 26. your fete every nyght with hote water wher in the dust
- 27. of Hey & Malewis & Smalage is boyled yn. And thys done, Hay, Mallows and Wild Celery.
- 28. oftyn wele resome your flewm and warantise & open your brest. resome your flewm: bring up your phlegm; warantise: protect.

29.	Nota	
30.	Take Malewis, Holyhoks, Violetts, Mercury Bletis of ech	
	Mallows, Hollyhock, Violets; Mercury Bletis: 'various plants of the family Chenopodiaceæ' (OED.). This group (now renamed) includes Goosefoot, and Good King Henry - which was also called Mercury Goosefoot.	1
31.	an handfull, of Blynde Netyl, [illegible], Archangell,  Lamium album and Lamium purpureum. Hunt p.33 and EMED.	
32.	Hertwort of ech demi handfull, of Whete Brenne  Hertwort: vio.	let.
33.	an handfull. Seth all thies in Tamiyse water	
	Tamiyse Water: Thames or Tamarind water –	
	see note, Image 124 right, folio 120r, line 8 below.	
34.	or other rynnyng water from a galon to a pynte.	
	Presumably: 'Reduce by boiling from a gallon to a pint.'?	
Image	e 124 Right, Folio 120r	
1.	<i>Th</i> en strayn the wat <i>er</i> fro <i>m</i> the herbes & fry the residew	
2.	with butter a litle salted, for an plastor to the bely be layd	
3.	to the bely hote of a gode largenesse and or ye lay	
4.	the plaistur to the bely, [illegible] your bely with the oyle warme.	
5.	For mylk of Almondes	
6.	Take Borage, Spynage, Violettes, of ech an handfull,	
7.	of Persely the third of an handfull, Goldys, Stychworte:	
	Borage, Violets, Spinach, Corn Marigold, Stitchwort.	
8.	of ech half an handfull seth all in a galon of Thamys water	
	Thamys water: 'water of tamarindes, a decoction made from this fruit?' EMED; or	
	possibly 'Thames water'. See Sloane MS. 73. 1f. 214 (Halliw.), c.1450.	,
0	Put therto tweyne galones of clene Temese water that is taken at an ebbe	).
9. 10	unto half a pynte, and in myddys of this	
10.	decocion cast in half a unce of the grosse powder	
11.	of Sene, with a spoonful of Anys sede, grossly braised,  Senna and Anise	ed.
12.	and with this water strayned, make your mylke of	
13.	almondis blanchid. Dulcorate with a litle sugre & Dulcorate: swee	ten.
14.	take it as a drynk undir ij draughtes one after	
15.	the other, warme. [illegible]	
16.	of Endyff or Sowthistyll, j handfull; of Eupatray d <i>imidium</i> manus li <i>Sowthistle, Wild Sage.</i>	
17.	and seth hem as is writyn afore.	
18.	For a suppository	
19.	Take hony, Alow, ana egges, poudur of Colyander, and poudur	

- 20. of Bayeberys, and pouder of Alexander sede, and poudur of Sene,
- 21. and poudur of Gynger & put all thies to gider in a little herthen
- 22. pott and set it on the fyre tyll it be styff and drye.
- 23. [illegible] poudur for a lax in ea opulacionis epatis

  Opulacion: obstruction. Used of liver and of the spleen.
- 24. Recipe Galanger, Piperis Longus, Gariofilati, Cardomonis Maioris, Semen Aneti,
- 25. Carui, ana ʒ. j, nuces muscate, ʒ β., Bacce Lauri excorticate
- 26. 3 4 autem mundati, 3 j foliorum, Semen Clatt 3 j, pulveris one drachm each of Galingale, Pepper, Cloves, water cress var., (but context and genitive form may suggest the spice Cardomom), Aniseed, Caraway; half a drachm of nutmeg; four drachms of peeled Bay Treel (berries?); one ounce of the leaves (?); one ounce of Burdock seed; Clatt: the common burdock (Arctium lappa) EMED; half an ounce of Liquorice.
- 27. Liquoricie  $\frac{3}{3}\beta$ . Fiat pulvis subtilis.
- 28. Take two times in the week of this poudur a gode sponful
- 29. in your potage and wate litle. For it disterbeth digestion and by
- 30. continuance causith opilacioun with constipacioun, and use this
- 31. poud*ur* specially when ye be constipate. *Th*e which well
- 32. usid shalbe a fynale conclusion and remedy for yo*ur* dissesses.

Images 125 and 126, left and right, (folios 120v 121r, 121v, 122r) and image 127 left, folio 122v left, are blank. Image 127 right, folio 123r, lines 1-17, image 129 left, folio 124v and, image 132, right, inserted horizontally above the music, on endpages, are illegible and unlike Betson's handwriting.

### Image 128 Right, Folio 124r.

- 1. <u>A sirope for all dissesis in the stomake</u>
- 2. Take ffrumetye and bray it & wrynge out the juse & pound,crush.
- 3. put it in a clene vessell on the fire, and atte fyrst
- 4. Wamble. Put of the scomme and thanne take it of the fyre.

Wamble: seething or bubbling up, when brought to boiling-point. OED. Put of the scome: remove the scum...take it off the fire.

- 5. And take as moche of hony clarified and put *ther*to.
- 6. And lete him boyle to the honey be dissolvyd. *Th*is is
- 7. a sovereyn medycyne for the [illegible] or fever and dissesses in
- 8. the stomake what some ever they be and are
- 9. Primo
- 10. Recipe jj of the leves of Sene & seth hem in white wyne

- 11. And strene hem and put to hem suger & drynk it loukwarm.
- 12. & use claret wine with water of Wormode. Wormwood.
- 13. Ieiuna, vigila, modicu*m* bibe, sepe labore
- 14. Te calidu*m* serva, si vis expellare flegma.

The Regimen Sanitatis Salernitanum has a similar text: 'Jejuna, vigila, caleas dape, valde labora, Inspira calidum, modicum bibe, comprime flatum: Haec bene tu serva si vis depellere rheuma.'

# **Image 131, Left**: inserted into the space inside the capital letter P, on endpage:

ANNO DOMINI. / 1500 / peribit omnis caro per ignem.

Tr.: In the year of the Lord 1500, all flesh shall perish by fire.

# **APPENDICES**

### Appendix 1: The Modern Linnaean Names of Betson's Plants and Ingredients.

Tentative Modern Technical Names for Plants and Ingredients in the Remedy Sections of the Syon Abbey Herbal.

This Section does not include entries the *Herbarium* section, where the tentative equivalents are given in the text in column 4.

**Note:** This list is for internal reference to the text, and has no medical or any other practical applications. The modern identifications below are tentative. The Latin names have been included, for ease of reference, in the same cases as in the text – e.g. the first entry is in the genitive, *Absinthei*, and not the nominative *Absintheum*.

Absinthei: Artemisia absinthium, Wormwood.

Acetum: vinegar.

Ach, Ache sede: Celery-like plants, such as Smallage or Parsley, Apium graveolens etc.

Adiantos: Adiantum capillus-veneris, Maidenhair fern.

Agaricus: Agaricus campestris, Field Mushroom.

Agrimoina, Agrimoine, Agrimonie: Agrimonia eupatoria, Agrimony.

Alexander sede, Alexandre, Alisandir, Alisaundre: Smyrnium olusatrum, Alexanders, Horse Parsley.

**Alkon:** ? *Alkanna tinctoria,* Alkanet. **Alleluia**: *Oxalis acetosella,* Wood Sorrell.

Allumine canis: a form of alum.

Aloes, Aloes Epatica, Aloen: Aloë L ssp. Aloes.

Alum glas: potash alum.

**Amarusce**: *Anthemis cotula*, Stinking Camomile. **Anacarde**: *Anacardium occidentale*, cashew nut.

Anice: Pimpinella anisum, Aniseed.

Apii, Apio, Apium agreste: *Apium graveolens*, Smallage.

Apium agrimonie: perhaps for *Apium agreste* – Smallage.

Apium emoroidarum: *Ficaria verna*, Lesser Celandine, Pilewort.

**Archangell:** *Lamium album or Lamium purpureum.* White or Red Dead Nettle. **Arnement**: Vitriol. Iron sulphate, copper sulphate, or a mixture of the two.

**Arthemesie**: *Artemisia vulgaris*, Mugwort. **Aselli serapini**: perhaps 'Marjoram vinegar'? **Assafetida**: *Ferula assa-foetida*, Assafetida.

Aurum calamentum: calamine, zinc ore (Latham).

Avence: Geum urbanum, Avens.

Bacce lauri excorticate: Laurus nobilis, peeled Bay Tree berries.

Bais: Laurus nobilis, Bay tree berries.

Bayeberys: Laurus nobilis, Bay tree berries.

Ben ashis: bean ash.

Betayn, Betonice, Betonice, Betonice, Betony: Betonica officinalis, Betony.

Bironie: Bryonia dioica, White Bryony.

**Blemblis croppis**: *Rubus fructicosus*, (top leaves of the) Bramble.

Blynde Netill: Lamium album or Lamium purpureum. White or Red Dead Nettle.

**Bolum Armenicum:** A red astringent earth, Armenian bole.

Borage: Borago officinalis, Borage.

Borus grese: boar's grease.

**Brakis**: an unspecified variety of fern. **Brionie**: *Bryonia dioica*, White Bryony.

**Brome**, **Bromblossums**: *Cytisus scoparius*, Flowers of the broom.

Buglosse: Anchusa arvensis, Bugloss.

**Bugule Nigre**: *Ajuga reptans*, Bugle . (Turner: 'it is a blacke herbe').

Bursa Pastoris: Capsella bursa-pastoris, Shepherd's Purse.

Calami (aqua): 'reed water' from fragrant Acorus Calamus?

Calaminte: Calamintha sylvatica or C. officinalis, Wood Calamint or Common Calamint.

**Camepiteos** ?: *Veronica chamaedrys*, Germander Speedwell. **Camoilulle**, **Camomyll**: *Chamaemelum nobile*, Sweet Camomile.

**Camphore**: *Camphora laurus* (Dryobalanops aromatica) Camphor Laurel.

Canabi (seminis): perhaps seed of Eupatarium cannabinum, Hemp Agrimony, or Cannabis sativa.

Canabino: perhaps Canabino filo: a cloth secured by a hempen thread.

Candi: Sugar candy.

Caparis: Capparis spinosa, the Caper Bush.

Capillus Veneris: Adiantum capillus-veneris, Maidenhair fern.

Capon gresse: Chicken fat.

**Caraway, Carewey:** *Carum carvi,* Caraway.

Cardomonis Maioris: Elleteria Cardamomum, Cardamom.

Carpobalsami: 'shrubs of the genus Commiphora' (EMED), Myrrh.

Carui: Carum carvi, Caraway.

Cassiasist: Pods of the Cassia Fistula, Drumstick tree.

**Cassie:** 'the tree cassia fistula' (EMED). **Catapucia:** Euphorbia lathyris, Caper Spurge.

Caulis rubee: Brassica oleracea var. capitata f. rubra, red cabbage.

Celidon, Celidonie, Cellidonie, Cellidony: Chelidonium majus, Greater Celandine.

Cenerfole: Lonicera caprifolium, Honeysuckle.

Centauri, Centaurie, Centaury: Centaurium erythraea, Rafn., Common Centaury.

Centinodia: Persicaria aviculare, Knotgrass.

**Centory**: *Centaurium erythraea*, *Rafn*. Common Centaury.

**Cerfolio:** *Lonicera caprifolium*, Honeysuckle. **Cerusa:** White Lead, Hydrocerussite.

Ceteral ?: Curcuma zedoaria, Setwall, Zedoary, White Turmeric.

**Cimbaria:** *Cymbalaria murali,* Pennywort **Cimini:** *Cuminum cyminum,* Cumin.

Cinamom, Cinamon, Cinamonus: Cinnamomum zeylanicum, Cinnamon.

**Clowis:** Syzygium aromaticum – formerly Eugenia caryophillata, Cloves.

Colofonie, Colofyn: Pine resin, Colophony. Coloquinthida ?: *Bryonia dioica*, White Bryony ? Colyander: *Coriandrum sativum*, Coriander. Commyn, Comyn: *Cuminum cyminum*, Cumin.

Coconidium: Laurus nobilis, Laurel. Confery: Symphytum officinalis, Comfrey. Coriandri: Coriandrum sativum, Coriander.

Cressis: cress.

**Cristall**: crystallized quartz, rock crystal, or some material resembling crystal.

Cucscute: Cuscuta epithymum, Common Dodder.

**Cynamomis:** *Cinnamomum zeylanicum,* Cinnamon.

Dandelion, Danndelion: Taraxacum vulgare, Dandelion.

Daucus: Daucus carota, Wild Carrot, or Pastinaca sativa, Wild Parsnip.

Dayse: Bellis perennis, Daisy.

Dens Leonis: Taraxacum vulgare, Dandelion.

**Diaconithon:** Perhaps read 'Diacatholicon' – a purge or universal remedy.

Diadraganto: (Diadragagantum) electuary based on gum Tragacanth, Astracantha gummifera.

**Diamargariton:** an electuary based on pearls. **Ditany, Ditaigne:** *Dictamnus albus,* Ditany.

**Dof drite**: dove droppings.

**Dogefenel**: Perhaps *Anthemis cotula*, Stinking Camomile.

Dragancie: Dracunculus vulgaris, Dragonwort.

**Ebuli (radicem)**: *Sambucus ebulus,* Danewort, Dwarf Elder. **Edere Terrestris:** probably *Glechoma hederacea*, Ground Ivy . **Egrimonye**, **Egrimony:** *Agrimonia eupatoria*, Agrimony.

**Elebori Nigri**: *Helleborus niger*, Black Hellebore.

Ellborus Albus: ? Veratrum album, White or False Hellebore.

Emblici: Terminalia bellerica, Belleric, Bastard Myrobalan.

**Endiss:** perhaps Endive - sowthistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*) or corn sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*).

**Sengren**: *Sempervivum tectorum,* Houseleek.

Endivie, Endyff (or Southistyll): Sonchus var. Sowthistle.

Enulicampani: Inula helenium, Elecampane, Horseheal, Scabwort.

Epaturi: (Eupatorium ?): Teucrium scordonia, Wood Sage ?

**Epitimum** ?: *Cuscuta epithymum*, Thyme Dodder.

Esule: Henslow has Sambucus Ebulus, Dwarf Elder, but perhaps also Euphorbia ssp., Spurge.

Euforbii: Euphorbia var., Spurge.

Eufrace: Euphrasia officinalis, Eyebright.

Eupatray: Salvia verbenaca, Wild sage, ambrose. ? or Teucrium scorodonia Wood Germander

Everose: perhaps Euphrasia officinalis, Eyebright.

Evory: Ivory.

**Fasynges**: the small rootlets at the base of leeks. **Febrifuge Maior**: *Tanacetum parthenium*, Feverfew?

Fenell, Fennell: Foeniculum vulgare, Fennel.

Feniculi Rubii: Foeniculum vulgare 'Rubrum, Red Fennel.

Fetherfuge, Feverfue: Centaurium erythraea, Common Centaury, or Tanacetum parthenium, Feverfew.

**Filaginem**: *Filago germanica*, Cudweed. **Filicis**: *Dryopteris filis-mas*, Male Fern.

Flour Delice viz Gladiole: Iris Pseudacorus, Yellow flag. Hunt gives Gladden and other Iris varieties.

Foliorum Vitis: Vine leaves.

Fumiterre (cum succo), Fumitor: juice of Fumaria officinalis, Common Fumitory.

**Galanger**, **Galangur**: ? *Alpinia officinalis*, Hance. Galangal – ginger. Or: *Cyperus longus*, Galingale, 'English Galingale', or *Cyperus rotundus* or *C. longus*, Rush or Galingale.

Gallitrici: Lolium temulentum, Clary or Darnel.

Gariofilata, Gariofilati, Gariofilatum: Geum urbanum, Avens.

Gariofili, Gariofilorum, Gariofilum: Syzygium aromaticum, Cloves.

Gece grece: Goose grease.

Gerse: white lead?

Gladiole: Iris Pseudacorus, Yellow flag. Hunt gives Gladden and other Iris varieties.

Goldis, Goldys, Gouldis: Glebionis segetum, Corn Marigold. or ?Convolvulus arvensis, ?Bindweed.

(de) Grano solis: Lithospermum officinale, Common Gromwell.

**Gromel**: *Lithospermum officinale*, Common Gromwell. **Groundeswall**, **Groundsele**: *Senecio vulgaris*, Groundsel.

**Gum Arabic:** A natural gum from either *Senegalia (Acacia) senegal or Vachellia (Acacia) seyal.* 

Hencresse: Capsella bursa pastoris, Shepherd's Purse.

Herbe Sancti Johannis Baptiste: Hypericum perforatum, St John's Wort.

Hertistongue: Asplenium scolopendrium, Harts tongue.

Hertwort: Viola ssp., Violet.

Hervmodactili: Allium ursinum, Ramsons.

**Hey:** Hay.

Hilwort: Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal. or Wild Thyme, Thymus serpyllum.

**Hogges grece:** Bacon fat.

**Holyhoks:** *Althaea officinalis*, Hollyhock

**Horhond**: *Marrubium vulgare*, White Horehound.

Houndesfennel: Perhaps Anthemis cotula, Stinking Camomile.

Husleke: sempervivum tectorum Houseleek.

Iasie maioris: (Iacea), Centaurea nigra, Knapweed.

**Iusquami**: *Hysocamus niger*, Henbane.

Kebuci bellin: Terminalia bellerica, Belleric, Bastard Myrobalan.

Lactuce: Lactuca sativa, Lettuce.

**Lapdani**: probably *Cistus ladanifer*, Gum Rockrose, rather than *Laudanum*.

**Lapis Calamine** or Zinc Carbonate. **Lapis Armenicus** / **Armoniacus**: probably Azurite.

Lapis Lazuli: Lapis Lazuli.

Lappacii accuti: Rumex aquaticus / sanguineus, Dock, esp. Red-Veined Dock.

Laungdebef: Anchusa arvensis, Bugloss.

**Laureal, Lauriall**: *Daphne laureola*, the spurge laurel. **Letise**, **Letuse**: **lettuce**: *Lactuca sativa*, Lettuce.

Licores: Glycyrrhiza glabra, Liquorice.

**Ligni, Lignum Aloes**: probably *Aquilaria agallocha* or aloe-wood **Liquiric , Liquoricie, Liquiricia**: *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, Liquorice.

Litagiro: litharge, lead monoxide.

Lixivia: 'a solution obtained by leaching, as lye.'

**Ludworte**: (a) ?the dwarf elder (*Sambucus ebulus*). (b) ?the common, or wall, pellitory

(Parietaria officinalis). (c) ?buck's horn plantain (Plantago coronopus).

Ly: lye.

Lyne sede: Linum usitatissimum, Linseed (Flax).

Macis Nucis Muscate: *Myristica fragrans*, Mace from the Nutmeg – the membrane around the nut.

Madeworte: not identified, perhaps Leonurus cardiaca, Motherwort.

Madur: Rubia tinctorum, Madder.

Maidenhere: Adiantum capillus-veneris, Maidenhair fern.

Malevis, Malewis, Malowis, Malues, Malve: Althaea officinalis, Marsh mallow.

Maratri: Foeniculum vulgare, Fennel.

**Martinum**: ?Myrtus communis, Common Myrtle. **Marubio Albo**: Marrubium vulgare, White Horehound.

Masticis: mastix gum.

Maslin: mixed corn and wheat.

Masticum Olibani: a sealant made from Frankincense.

Mater herbarum: Artemisia vulgaris, Mugwort.

Matfelon: Centaurea nigra, Knapweed, matfellon. also, Centaurea scabiosa, Greater Knapweed.

? Centaurea jacea, Lesser Knapweed or ?Potentilla anserina, Silverweed.

Maythes: Anthemis cotula, Stinking camomile, or similar plant.

Mellilotum: Melilotus officinalis, Melilot, Sweet Clover, or Trifolium pratense, Red Clover.

Menta: a mint variety.

Mentastum: read 'mentastrum', a mint species.

**Merch**: Levisticum officinale, Lovage.

**Mercury Bletis**: 'various plants of the family *Chenopodiaceæ*' (OED.). This group (now renamed) includes Goosefoot, and Good King Henry – which was also called Mercury Goosefoot.

Micis: Mace.

Millefolii, Millefoly: Achillea millefolium, Yarrow.

Milii (granum): a grain of millet, though sometimes asserted to be the French 'Grémil', English

'Gromwell'. Presumably meaning here small flecks in the eye.

Minte: Mentha, 'Garden Mint' or ssp..

Mirabolanum? Terminalia bellerica, Belleric, Bastard Myrobalan?

Mirre: perhaps Commiphora myrrha, Holmes, Myrrh.

Modirwort, Modurwort: Unidentified: Hunt (p295) gives 14 possibilities; EMED adds others, q.v.

Betson (image 95 left, Fflio 90v, line 1) identifies it with Artemisia vulgaris, Mugwort.

Morelle: Atropa belladonna or Solanum nigrum, Deadly or Black Nighshade.

Morsus Galline: Stellaria media, Chickweed.

Moushere: Pilosella officinarum, Mouse Ear Hawkweed.

Mugwort: Artemisia vulgaris, Mugwort.

Musca: Musk.

Muscatta: (=Nux muscata), Myristica fragrans, Nutmeg.

Muscata (Herba): Galium odoratum, Wood-ruff; or Myristica fragrans 'nutmeg' – Nux muscata.

Mynte: Mint ssp..

Nenufarus: Nymphea alba / lutea, White or Yellow Water Lily.

Nepte: Nepeta cataria, Catmint, Catnip.

Nucem Muscatam, Nuces Muscate: Myristica fragrans, Nutmeg.

Nucis Gallice: Juglans regia, Walnut

Nux Vomica: Strychnos nux-vomica, 'Poison Nut'.

Oculus Xpi (Christi): identity unclear. See Hunt p189.

Oile de Bay: *Laurus Nobilis*, Oil from Bay Tree. Oile de Olif, Ole de olif: *Oliva europeae*, Olive Oil.

Oleo Tartari: 'Oil of Tartar'.

Oleum de sinapio: Perhaps 'Oleum (seminum) Sinapis Volatile', Mustard (seed) Oil.

**Oleum ederatum**: presumably ivy steeped in oil, or oil from ivy. **Opoponal Olibani:** Perhaps *Opoponax*, Sweet or Bisabol Myrrh.

Origano: Origanum vulgare, Marjoram.

Ortholane: Pastinaca sative, Parsnip, or Sium sisarum, Skirret.

Ossis de corde cervini: bone (or cartilage) in the ventricle of a stag's heart.

Palei [read: paleae] Ordei: barley chaff

Parcelly rote, parcily rote, Parcly cum radice, Parsely sede, Parslye, Parsyly:

Petroselinum crispum, Parsley, 'with its root'.

**Paritaria:** *Parietaria officinalis / diffusa,* Pellitory of the Wall.

**Pellitary of Spayn**: *Parietaria officinalis / diffusa*, Pellitory of the Wall.

Pepli (Semen): Euphorbia helioscopia, Sun Spurge.

Penidion: Diapenidion, electuary based on barley sugar, (Getz 2010, p325).

*Percel, Percelly, Persely: Petroselinum crispum, Parsley.* **Peticonsoude: Consolida minor**, *Bellis perennis*, Daisy.

Petrocilio, Petrosillum (radicem): Petroselinum crispum, Parsley root.

Pety Cousell: Bellis perennis, Daisy.

Peucedano: Peucedanum officinale, Hog's Fennel. Philopendule: Filipendula vulgaris, Dropwort. Piliol Rial, Pilliole: Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal. Piloselle: Pilosella officinarum, Mouse-ear Hawkweed.

Pimpernell, Pimpernelle: Scarlet Pimpernel, Pimpinella saxifraga.

Pionie: Paeonia mascula or officinalis, Peony.

Piper: Piper nigrum, Black Pepper.

**Piperis Longus:** ?*Piper nigrum,* Black Pepper. **Pipris Nigri**: *Piper nigrum,* Black Pepper.

Piretri: Parietaria officinalis, Pellitory of the wall. EMED

Pitar: Parietaria officinalis, Pellitory of the wall.

Plantaginis, Plantago, Planteyn: Plantago spp., Plantain.

**Polipodi:** ? *Polypodium ssp.*, Male Fern, Polypody. **Politricum**: *Adiantum capillus-veneris*, Maidenhair fern.

Populeoni: In various other MSS; Henslow p52 (MS A, p289) has 'Popiliol' as an ointment

containing Henbane, but also poplar leaves - omitted by Betson's source.

Porrus: Allium spp., Leek.

**Portulace**: *Portulaca oleracea*, Green/Golden Purslane. **Prassium**: *Marrubium vulgare*, White Horehound.

Primerose: Primula vulgaris, Primrose.

Primpernell, Primpernelle Rubie: Anagallis arvensis, Scarlet Pimpernel.

Pulegia Rial, Pulegii Regalis: Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal. Pullegii Montan (Pulvis): Thymus polytrichus, Wild Thyme. Pullegii Regalis, (Pulvis): Mentha pulegium, Pennyroyal.

Pulvis Baccarum Lauri: Laurus nobilis, powdered Laurel berries,

Pulvis silicis nigre: powdered black flint.

**Pynpernell**: *Pimpinella saxifrage*, Scarlet Pimpernel.

Pyx navalis: 'ship tar'.

Quibubiis: Piperaceae, pepper.

Quinfoile, Quinque Folii: Potentilla reptans, Creeping Cinquefoil.

Quinquenerviae: Plantago spp., Plantain.

**Radissh:** ?*Raphanus raphanistrum,* Wild Radish. **Rede Dockis**: *Rumex aquaticus,* 'Red Dock'.

Rede Fenell: Foeniculum vulgare rubrum, red fennel. Rede Netill: Lamium purpureum, Red Deadnettle. **Resuris**? : *Rheum raponticum,* Rhubarb. **Rew, Rewe**: *Ruta Graveolens,* Rue.

Rose Rubee: red roses.

**Rosemaryn:** *Rosmarinus officinalis,* Rosemary. **Rostrum Porcini:** *Sonchus var.,* Sowthistle.

Rosys: Rose spp.

Rute, Rwe: Ruta graveolens, Rue.

Sal Armoniacum: ammonium chloride.

**Sal gemme**: rock salt.

Salgie (Pulvis), Salvia: Salvia spp., Sage, or Teucrium scordonia, Wood Sage.

Sambucus: Sambucus niger, Elderflower.

**Sanamunde**: *Geum urbanum*, Herb Bennet, Avens. **Sanguinaria**: *Capsella bursa-pastoris*, Shepherd's Purse.

Sanguinem Draconis: Dracaena draco, resin from Dragon Tree.

**Sanicle**, **Saniclye**: *Sanicula europaea*, Sanicle. **Satureie Levistici**: *Levisticum officinale*, Lovage.

Sauge: Salvia officinalis, Sage or Teucrium scordonia, Wood Sage.

Savine (folia): perhaps leaves of Juniperus Sabina.

Saxifrage Montana: perhaps for Satureia montana, Winter Savery – also called 'Saturegia'.

Saxifrage: Saxifrage ssp., Saxifrage.

Scabiose, Scabious, Scabius: Inula helenium, Scabwort; or Centaurea iacea / scabiosa, Knapweed var.;

or else a 'Scabious' variety (Knautia arvensis or Scabiosa columbaria). See Hunt p231

Scamonia: Perhaps Convolvulus scammonia, Scammony.

Scariola: a *Sonchus* species, Sow thistle. Scicados: *Sempervivum tectorum*, Houseleek. Semen Aneti: *Pimpinella anisum*, Anise, Aniseed.

Semen Clatt: Perhaps Clote – *Arctium lappa*, Greater Burdock. Semen Hermodactilis: *Colchicum autumnale*, Meadow Saffron.

Sempervive: Sempervivum tectorum, Houseleek.

Sene, Poudur of: powdered Senna – 'The powdered leaves or pods of senna, a plant of the genus

Cassia, esp. the Alexandrian senna (C. acutifolia) or Tinnevelly senna (C. augustifolia).'

**Senecium:** *Senecio vulgaris,* Groundsel. **Sengren**: *Sempervivum tectorum,* Houseleek.

**Sepo arietum**: Goat fat.

Siler Montanum: Maiorana hortensis, Moench. Sweet Marjoram.

Silfhole: Stellaria media, Chickweed.

Siluris Montane: Maiorana hortensis, Moench. Sweet Marjoram.

**Slos**: *Prunus spinosa*, sloes.

Smalach, Smalage: Apium graveolens, Wild Celery.

Solatri: Atropa belladonna, Deadly Nightshade, or Solanum nigrum, Black Nightshade.

**Solsecul**, **Solsequiy**: Calendula officinalis, Garden Marigold.

**Sothernwode:** *Artemesia abrotanum,* Southernwood.

**Southistil, Southistyll (Endyff):** Plant having small yellow flowers and seeds like a dandelion. perh. sowthistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*) or corn sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*).

**Spikenard, Spkykenard:** 'aromatic plant of the *Valerianaceae* family, esp. *Nardostachys jatamansi*. OR *Valeriana officinalis*, Valerian.'

**Spodium:** 'A powder derived from ashes of ivory.'

Spynach, Spynage: a variety of Spinarchia oleracea, Spinach.

Squinantum: Juncus odoratus, Sweet Rush.

**Storax**: vanilla-scented resin from the tree *Styrax officinalis*.

Stychworte: Stellaria holostea, Stitchwort.

**Succus Sambuci**: juice of *Sambucus nigra*, Elder. **Synamome**: *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*, Cinnamon?

Synonum: Petroselinum crispum, Parsley.

Tamarind / Tamaria: *Tamarindus indica*, Tamarind.

Tamiyse Water: Thames or perhaps Tamarind water.

Tanacetum agreste: *Potentilla anserin*, Silverweed.

**Tansey:** *Chrysanthemum vulgare*, Tansy.

Tapsia: Thapsia garganica, 'deadly carrot ( from West Mediterranean) or Verbascum thapsus, Mullein.

Terbentine, Terbentyn, Terebintine: Pistacia terebinthus, Terebinth, Turpentine.

Terra Sigillata: A kind of clay.

Thuris: incense.

**Timi:** *Thymus serpyllum,* Thyme.

**Tire**: a sweet wine probably imported from Tyre in Syria.

Titmali: Euphorbia lathyris, Caper Spurge.

Tormentille: Potentilla Erecta, (Common Tormentill).

Touncresse: Thapsia garganica, Garden cress,.

**Turbit**: *Ipomoea turpethum*, the root of Turpeth. (From India and China.)

Turionis (succus): Vitis, Vine shoots.

Turmentille: Potentilla erecta, Common Tormentill.

**Ungule Caballine**: Arctium lappa, Greater Burdock or Nymphea spp. White or Yellow Water Lily.

Unsett Lekis: Leeks that have not yet been transplanted.

Vertgrece: verdigris.

Vervain, Vervene: Verbena officinalis, Vervain.

Vetusti auxungia: with old grease.

Vitriolum: ?sulfuric acid.

Walwarte: Parietaria officinalis / diffusa, Pellitory of the Wall or Euphorbia esula – Leafy Spurge.

Warenyce: Rubia tinctorum, Madder.

Welcresse: (Rorippa nasturtium aquaticum), or Nasturtium officinale, common water cress.

Wermode, Wermote: Artemisia pontica, Wormwood.

Weybrede: *Plantago spp.* Plantain. Whete Brenne: Wheat Bran.

Wodebynd: *Lonicera caprifolium*, Honeysuckle. Wodesour: *Oxalis acetosella*, Wood Sorrell. Wodwis: *Genista tinctoria*, Dyer's Greenweed.

Worduode, Wormode: probably Artemisia absinthium (rather than A. pontica, Wormwood).

Yarrow, Yeraw: *Achillea millefolium*, Yarrow.
Yongspring of elder: the first shoots of Elder.
Ysalgar: 'realgar' or 'risalgar' a kind of red arsenic.

Ysope, Yssope: Hyssopus officinalis, Hyssop.

**Yvees**: *Hedera helix*, Ivy flowers?

Zeddoar: Curcuma zedoaria, White Turmeric.

Zinzber, Zinziber , Zinzibero: Zinziber officinale, Ginger.

Zuccarie, Zuccarra, Zuccarum: sugar.

### Appendix 2: List of Illnesses and Conditions from Betson

The mediaeval names of illnesses and conditions, with their diagnosis and treatment, are unlikely to coincide with modern medical views. This table is for statistical purposes only, and to indicate those conditions which Betson chose to include in his Herbal.

Aches (7): *All manner of*: Image 87 right – Folio 83r, Column B. *All mener of evylls in a mannes body*: Image 94 right, Folio 90r, Line 27; *side, womb and stomach*: Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 8; *contra omnes dolores*: Image 116 right, Folio 112r, Lines 6-24; *in quacumque parte..... corporis*, Image 116 right, Folio 112r Lines 27-31; Image 120 left, Folio115v, Lines 1-10 & 11-17.

**Allopecia** (4): *Contra casum capillorum* (hair loss), Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 7 Image 109 right, Folio 105r, Line 15; Image 110 right, Folio 106r, Line 14; *and dried bees*: Image 121 left, Folio 116v, Lines 11-16.

**Apostem** (12): *Adustio*: Image 88 right, Folio 84r, Line 13; Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 9; In herbarium Image 87, Right, Folio 83r, Col. A, Line 8; Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 5; Image 109 right, Folio 105r, Line 10; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 3 & 22; *Wen*: Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Line 18; 'Apostemata': Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 5 & Image 109 right, Folio 105r, Line 10 & Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 6 & 22 & 32.

**Appetite** (4): *loss of*: Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Lines 1-3; Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 2; Image 101 right, Folio 97r, Line 3-11; Image 108 right, folio 104r, 22-23.

**Apoplexy** (1): Image 108 left, folio 103v, Line 19.

**Arms, Pains in** (2): Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 16 dolorem in dext<sup>ro</sup> bracchio majorem quam in sinistro; Line 17 majorem dolorem in sinistr<sup>o</sup> latere q*uam* in dextro.

**Asthma** (1): Image 93 right, Folio 89r. Line 1 (Anelitus et grossum flegma).

**Backache** (2): Image 101 right, Folio 97r, Lines 26-31; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Line 18.

**Bad Breath** (3): Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Line 29; Image 108 left, folio 103v, Line 33; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Lines 12-13.

**Bathing** (4): *abstines*: Image 121 left, Folio 116v, Line 27; Image 121 right, Folio 117r, Line 18; Image 121 right, Folio 117r, Line 31; *pro balneo* Image 129 Left, Folio 124v, Line 21.

**Bladder** (2): Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 30; *vesice excorationem*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 8.

**Bloodletting** (5): Image 88 right, Folio 84r, Line 12; *good months for*: Image 114 Right, Folio 110r, Line 12 & Image 121 right, Folio 117r, Line 13; & Image 121 left, Folio 116v, Line 23 onwards, & Image 121 right, Folio 117r Line 1 onwards.

**Brain** (1): *gallos transfixos per medium cerebri* : Image 118 right, Folio 114r, Line 25, (meaning unclear).

**Bruising** (2): Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Lines 10-16; Image 108 left, folio 103v, Lines 24-27.

**Burns** (1): Image 98 right, Folio 94r, Lines 20-21.

'Calida causa' (2): Image 106 right, Folio 102r, Line11; Image 114 Left, Folio 109v Line 10;

**Calculus** (1): Image 90 right, Folio 86r. Line 3.

**Cancer** (5): 'cancur in the mouth and floyng into the gomes', Image 95 left, Folio 90v, Line 21 & Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 22; Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 31; cancrum gingiva*rum* et oris: Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 28-29; *Cancrum in virga*: Probably prostate cancer: Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 31.

Catarrh (1) (Coriza): Image 112 right, Folio 108r Lines 9-12

Chest Pains (5): *Gravidines pectoris* Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 12; Image 96 right, Folio 92r, Line 3; Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Line 24; *colerica frigida*: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Lines 4-5; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Lines 4-5.

'Colera' (2): Image 120 right, Folio 116r, Line 21 onwards; Coleria: Image 129 Left, Folio 124v, Line 21.

**Conception and Pregnancy** (9): *Pregnancy, Periods and urine*: Image 34 Right, Folio 30r; *impregationem mulierum*, Image 89, Folio 85r 12 right, & *Urine in pregnancy – in the period one to four months*: Folio 85r 12; Image 89 right, Folio 85r 13 -19; *Conception*: Image 95 left, Folio 90v, Line 3; Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Lines 23-24; Image 100 left,

Folio 95v, Line 8; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Lines 1-5; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Lines 10-12.

**Constipation** (4): Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Line 30; Image 102 left, Folio 97v, Lines 29-30; Image 118 right, Folio 114r, Lines 26-30; suppository: Image 124 right, Folio 120r, Lines 19-22, & 23-32.

Coriza (Catarrh) (1): Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Line 9.

Cosmetics (8): white face - Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Lines 25-29; facien dealbare Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Lines 11-12; cleansing: Image 106 right, Folio 102r, Lines 21-30 & Image 107 left, Folio 102v, Lines 1-10; Lac virginis: Image 109 right, Folio 105r, Lines 1-10; Aqua aromatica ad nobiles et matronas: Image 110 right, Folio 106r, Lines 14-15; ad facies matronarum bene refrigerandum: Image 110 right, Folio 106r, Line 11. Image 114 Left, Folio 109v, Line 13 onwards.

**Coughs** (4): Image 93 right, Folio 89r, Line 25. Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 21; 'perilous': Image 101 right, Folio 97r, Lines 15-19; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Line 4.

Cramps (2): Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 18; Image 116 right, Folio 112r, Lines 1-3.

**Deafness** (2) ill of hearing, Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 21 onwards; Image 108 left, folio 103v, Lines 29-30.

**Death, Signs of**, (3) *signum mortale*, Image 90 right, Folio 86r. Line 5; *Urina nigra....in quartana semper est mortalis*, Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 4; vomiting and nettles: Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Lines 25-32.

**Delivery and Childbirth** (3) Image 95 right, Folio 91r, Lines 11-13; Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Lines 4-6; *post partum mulieris*: Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Line 19.

'Diabetes' (1): Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 17.

**Dropsy** (13): *Cold and Hot*: Image 88 left, Folio 83v, Lines 17-22; Image 95 right, Folio 91r, Line 22; *Ydropsis, in phlegmatic, dropsical and gouty persons*: Image 88 right, Folio 84r, Line 30; Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Line 19; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 15; Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 7; Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 11; Image 98 right, Folio 94r, Line 6; Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Lines 10-14 & Lines 11-21; Image 103 right, Folio 99r, Line 20; Image 108 right, folio 104r, Lines 7-9; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 14-16.

**Drunkeness** (1): Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 7.

**Dysentry** (11): *Fluctum ventris*, Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 28; Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Line 23; Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Line 14; Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Line 23; *flix*: Image 102 left, Folio 97v, Lines 1-11; Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Lines 8-14; *calida fluxus ventris*: Image 106 right, Folio 102r, Lines 19-20; Image 108 right, folio 104r, 12-13; flux: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 23; *Diariam*: Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 12; Image 116 Left, Folio 111v, Line 32.

Ears (1): Lice in: Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Lines 10-14.

Eyes (24): A Medicyne for all manner of sore eiyen, Image 88 left, Folio 83v, Lines 29-34; Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Line 23; Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 18; Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Line 16; worms in the eyelids: Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Lines 10-11; web: Image 101 left, Folio 96v, Line 12; 'goundy': Image 102 right, Folio 98r, 17-24; Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Line 29 onwards; Image 103 right, Folio 99r, Lines 8-13; Peral or Haw: Image 105 right, Folio 101r, Lines 6-17; pro omni vitio oculorum: Image 106 right, Folio 102r, Lines 1-7 & 8-14; Image 108 left, folio 103v, Lines 26-29; Image 109 right, Folio 105r Lines 1-19 & 19-31; Image 110 right, Folio 106r, Lines 1-13; Image 111, left, folio 106v, 19-22 & 22-25; Image 111 right, Folio 107r, Lines 9-23 & 23 onwards; oculos vulneratos et putridos: Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Lines 3-4; Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Line 14; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Line 19; Image 117 left, Folio 112v, Lines 4-7; in Herbarium: Image 87 Left, Folio 82v, Col. A, Line 16.

**Feet** (4): *Pain in*: Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Lines 15-17; *swollen with travel*: Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Lines 3-7; *swelling*: Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Line 26 onwards; *tumours in*: Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Line 18.

### Fevers (21)

**Non-specific** (10): passing and continuous and from surfeit of blood (febris effemera, continua; ex nimio sanguine): Image 88 right, Folio 84r, Lines 7-9; Febris etica: Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 10; All fevers, Image 93 right, Folio 89r., Line 8; Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 16; in the stomach: Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Lines 11-12; in the head: Image 103 right, Folio 99r, Line 21; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Lines 12-17; In

Herbarium: Image 75 Left, Folio 70v, Col. A, Line 1.

**Fever, Tertian** (5): Image 95 left, Folio 90v, Lines 24-25 and Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 9; Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 11; *calorem febrile reprimere*: Image 106 right, Folio 102r, Lines 14-18; Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Lines 6-7.

**Fever, quartan** (6): Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 6; *Fever, tertian and quartan*: Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 13; *Febres interpellatas*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line

21; 'burning ague': Image 97 left, Folio 92v, line 33; Image 108 right, folio 104r, Lines 9-10; infra tres accessiones liberabitur: Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Lines 6-7.

**Fistula** (4): Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Line 1; Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Line 16; Image 118 left, Folio 113v, Lines 1-10; (perhaps not Betson) Image 129 Left, Folio 124v, Lines 12-20.

### Flemma, Flegma: See Phlegm.

'Frigida Causa' (6): Image 106 right, Folio 102r, Line 13; Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 6-7; Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 7; Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 12 & 14; Image 111 right, Folio 107r, Line 2; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Line 3.

Genitals, male (7): Image 102 left, Folio 97v, Lines 24-29; swelling: Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Lines 22-25; virge virili: Image 109 right, Folio 105r, Line 10; ad dolorem et inflationem testiculorum: Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Line 32; ad calefacionem virge ex coitu: Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Lines 16-17 & Line 23 onwards; fistula sub testiculis: Image 118 left, Folio 113v, Line 10-15. Cancrum in virga: Probably prostate cancer: Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 31.

Gout (9): *guttam in superioribus partibus*, Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 29; *baked owl*: Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Lines 13-21; Image 105 right, Folio 101r, Lines 24-31; Image 109 left, folio 104v Lines 29, & 29-37; Image 111 right, Folio 107r, Lines 1-3; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 23; *unum canem antiquum*: Image 115 right, Folio 111r Line 22 onwards; Image 117 left, Folio 112v, Lines 9-14.

**Haemorrhoids** (5): Image 90 right, Folio 86r, Line 6; Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Lines 6-7; Image 108 right, folio 104r, Lines 24-25; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 11; *apis emoroidarum*: Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 18-19.

**Head, crown of** (1) Image 103 right, Folio 99r, Lines 13-19.

**Headache** (14) Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 33; Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 18; Image 100 left, Folio 95v, 1-16; Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Lines 17-21; Image 103 right, Folio 99r, Line 21; *in dolore capitis antique*: Image 108 left, folio 103v, Line 12; *from sun*: Image 111, left hand, folio 106v, Line 10 & Image 114 Left, Folio 109v, Line 11; Image 113 Right, Folio 109r Line 15; Image 114 Left, Folio 109v, Line 9; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Line 13.

**Heart** (*syncopis* of) (1): Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 8-9.

'Humours' (14): in Herbarium: Image 87 Left, Folio 82v, Col. A, Line 17; Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 20; Image 96 right, Folio 92r, Line 7; Image 96 right, Folio 92r, Line 26; Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Lines 26 & 36; Image 107 left, Folio 102v, Line 24; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Line 4; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Line 11; Image 121 left, Folio 116v, Line 28; Image 121 right, Folio 117r, Line 23; Image 129 Left, Folio 124v, Line 21; 'malos humores' Image 119 left, Folio 114v, Line 1 & 19

**'Humiditas'** (1) Image 90 left, Folio 85v, Line 10 & 12; Image 114 Left, Folio 109v, Lines 17-19.

Impostim / Apostem (12): *Adustio*: Image 88 right, Folio 84r, Line 13; Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 9; In herbarium Image 87, Right, Folio 83r, Col. A, Line 8; Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 5; Image 109 right, Folio 105r, Line 10; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 3 & 22; *Wen*: Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Line 18; 'Apostemata': Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 5 & Image 109 right, Folio 105r, Line 10 & Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 6 & 22 & 32.

**Intestines** (4): Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Lines 28-30; Image 121 right, Folio 117r, Line 25; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Line 15; *confortari viscera*: Image 119 right, Folio 115r, Lines 1-32.

**Jaundice** (5): *Ictericia*, Image 89 left, Folio 84v; *Yalow evell*: Image 95 left, Folio 90v, Line 17; *Yelowsought*:Image 95 left, Folio 90v, Line 29; Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Line 30 onwards; Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Lines 16-20.

**Kidneys** (5) *in viris dolorem renum* Image 88 right, Folio 84r, Line 31; 11 *dolorem renum in mulieribus*: Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 31; Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 11; *Vene [venae] rupturam circa renes et vesicam* Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 3; *opilacio*: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 3.

Lactation (2): Image 95 right, Folio 91r, Line 26; Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Lines 3-7.

**Laxatives**: see Constipation.

Lechery (1): Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Line 20.

**Leprosy**: see Skin Diseases below

**Lice** (2) pediculos: Image 116 right, Folio 112r, Lines 3-5; *Lice in eyebrows*: Image 116 right, Folio 112r, Lines 24-27.

**Liver** (8): *Heating of - calefactio epatis*) Image 88 right, Folio 84r, Line 16; Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 7; Image 98 right, Folio 94r, Lines 17-19; *Disease of the Liver - hepaticam aegritudinem*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 21; *opilacio*: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 3; Image 111 right, Folio 107r, Lines 1-3; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 6-7; Image 124 right, Folio 120r, Lines 23-32.

**Loins** (1): Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Lines 6-10.

**Lungs** (3): 'Tisik', Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 10 & Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 9-10; ad pleureticos: Image 113 Left, Folio 108v.

**Mad dog bites** (2): Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Lines 24-27; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Lines 27-28.

Memory (2): Image 108 left, folio 103v, Line 15; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v Line 25.

**Migraine** (6): Image 34 Right, Folio 30r, Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Lines 9-12; Image 103 right, Folio 99r, Line 19; Image 115 right, Folio 111r, line 20; Image 120 left, Folio115v, Line 1-7; Image 121 left, Folio 116v, Lines 7-10.

**Navel** (2): *Pain in*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 24; *super umbelicum movet ventrem*: Image 116 Left, Folio 111v, Line 27.

**Nipples** (2): *inflammation of*: Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Lines 20-25; *kancur*: Image 105 left, Folio 100v, Lines 1-4.

Nosebleeds (2) Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Line 24; Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Lines 19-20.

**Palsy** (4): Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Line 3; Image 108 left, folio 103v, Line 20-23; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 24; Image 119 left, Folio 114v, Lines 3-4.

**Paralysis** (5): *nigram paralisim*, Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 23; *Letargie*: Image 109 left, folio 104v & Lines 28-29; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 9-10; *mustard*: Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Line 20.

**Passions, cold** (3) Image 107 right, folio 103r, Lines 12-32 & Image 108 left, folio 103v, Lines 1-11; *spleen and liver*: Image 111 right, Folio 107r, Line 2.

**'Phlegm'** (*Flemma, Flegma*) (10): *decursum flegmatis* Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Lines 20-21; *a capite per collum et per posteriora ad inferior; Flemma*: Image 89 left, Folio 84v Line 18; Image 107 left, Folio 102v, Lines 23-35 & Image 107 right, folio 103r, Lines 1-12; Image 109 left, folio 104v, Lines 24-28; Image 109 right, Folio 105r, Line 11; Image 120

right, Folio 116r, 18-26; Image 120 right, Folio 116r, Lines 3-11; Image 122 left, Folio 117v, Lines 20-28; Image 128 right, Folio 124r, Lines 10-14.

**Plague,** (*Pesticilencia*)(5) Image 93 left, Folio 88v, Line 21; *pills for*: Image 98 right, Folio 94r, Lines 13-17; Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Lines 6-9; Image 105 right, Folio 101r, 17-21; *drink for*: Image 117 left, Folio 112v, Line 30 onwards.

**Poison** (5): *Drinking*: Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Line 15; Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Lines 25-28; *poison*: Image 104 left, Folio 99v, Lines 9-12; *venenum expellit*: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 17; Image 119 left, Folio 114v, Line 16.

**Purges** (2): Image 101 left, Folio 96v, Line 30 onwards; Image 122 left, Folio 117v, Lines 12-18.

**Sciatica** (4): Image 93 left, Folio 88v, Line 12, Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 13; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 23 & pain in hips, Line 24.

**Shingles** (2) Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Lines 8-19; *Cingles (perhaps not by Betson)*: Image 127 right, Folio 123r, Lines 9-17.

Skin Diseases and Leprosy (15): Sauffleme: Image 87 right – Folio 83r, Column B, Line 25; Scab: Image 98 right, Folio 94r, Lines 22-24; morphew: Image 102 right, Folio 98r, Lines 20-30; morphea: Image 107 left, Folio 102v, Lines 10-22; 'Cancrum, fistulam, Noli-me-tangere': Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 16; Leprosa: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 27; leprosy: Image 109 left, folio 104v, Lines 3-6; & Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Lines 16-17 & 18-24 & Oleum Leprosorum: Image 121 right, Folio 117r, Line 21; sunburn: Image 109 left, folio 104v, Lines 1-3; variolas in facie: Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Lines 14-15; ad lupum: Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Line 16; 'scabie'; Image 116 Left, Folio 111v, Lines 21-24; contra scrophulas: Image 86 right, Folio 82r, Col. B, Line 1.

**Sleep** (4) Image 95 right, Folio 91r, Line 27; *provocat*: Image 119 left, Folio 114v, Lines 4-6; Image 122 left, Folio 117v, Lines 1-2; In Herbarium: Image 75 Left, Folio 70v, Col. A, Line 1.

**Sores** (4): *brennyng*: Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Lines 8-11; *Felon*: Image 93 right, Folio 89r, Line 27; Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Lines 16-19; *cold*: Image 105 right, Folio 101r, Lines 24-31.

**Speech, Loss of** (5): (perhaps meaning either 'loss of voice' or Aphasia after a stroke): Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Lines 25-26; Image 100 left, Folio 95v, 22-23; Image

100 left, Folio 95v, Lines 21-24; *palisim lingue et loquelam*: Image 111, left hand, folio 106v, Lines 15-19; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 27-28.

Spitting Blood (1): Image 101 left, Folio 96v, Lines 25-30.

**Spleen** (4): *Indispositiones splenis*, Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Lines 5-6; 'hard and swollen': Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Lines 13-14, opilacio: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Line 3; Image 111 right, Folio 107r, Lines 1-3.

'Sinews' (6): *Sprains*: Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Lines 24-27; Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 2; Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Line 15; Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Lines 20-21; *Nerves contractos*: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Lines 5-6; 'nerves' Image 117 left, Folio 112v, Lines 9-10.

Stillbirth (2): Image 90 right, Folio 86r, Line 6, Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Line 17.

Stomach and digestive problems (21): ventositatem stomachi in mulieribus: Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 7; Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Lines 22 & 28; 'gnawing of the womb': Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 24; All the evells in a man's stomach: Image 101 right, Folio 97r, Lines 11-15; grynding and akyng in the womb: Image 101 right, Folio 97r, ines 19-26; englemed: Image 105 left, Folio 100v, Line 17 onwards; a good stomach: Image 105 right, Folio 101r, line 1-12; Image 108 right, folio 104r, Lines 1-3; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v Lines 2 & 3; Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Line 16; in men and women: Image 117 left, Folio 112v, Lines 1-4; digestion: Image 117 left, Folio 112v, Lines 15-25 & 26-29; Colik: Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Line 15 & Image 105 left, Folio 100v, Lines 11-13 & Image 121 left, Folio 116v, Lines 17-22; Image 128 right, Folio 124r, Lines 1-9.

**Stone** (6): *gravel in the reynes*: Image 95 left, Folio 90v, Lines 13-14; Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 30; *lapidem in renibus*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r. Line 10; *to break the stone*: Image 99 right, Folio 95r, Line 13; Image 102 left, Folio 97v, Lines 12-20; Image 129 Left, Folio 124v, Lines 24-29.

**Sweating** (3): *to induce*: Image 105 left, Folio 100v, Lines 5-11; Image 114 Left, Folio 109v, Line 10; pro *sudario*: Image 129 Left, Folio 124v, Line 21.

**Throat** (3): *Pain in*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 24; Image 108 right, folio 104r, Lines 6-7; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Lines 7-8.

**Teeth and Gums** (7): Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Line 24; Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 27; *loose teeth*: Image 105 left, Folio 100v, Lines 13-17; *Scinanciam*: Image 108 left, folio 103v, Line 31; *commotionem... dentium*: Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, 29-31; *putridas* 

*gingivas (rotted gums)*: Image 119 left, Folio 114v, Lines 2-3; In herbarium Image 84, Right, Folio 80r, Col. B, Line 14.

**Urine** (10): *Pregnancy, Periods:* Image 34 Right, Folio 30r; Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 23 *Urina vero virginis*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 24; *mulierem recentem cum viro* Image 89 right, Folio 85r Line 29; *ventositatem ebullientem in viis urinalibus*, Image 90 left, Folio 85v; 22-23; *blood in*: Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 5; *retention of*: Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Line 29; Image 102 left, Folio 97v, Lines 21-24; *ad stranguriam*: Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 16 & 17-18. See also *De urinalibus*, ff84r to 86r for more detailed treatment of urine by colour, consistency etc.

**Uterus** (9): *in mulieribus...vitium matricis*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r. Line 1 *maris*: Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 35; *bleeding*: Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Lines 12-14; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Lines 19 & 20 & 21; *menstruum sedat*: Image 114 Left, Folio 109v Line 9; *matricem....ab umbelico usque ad muliebria*: Image 115 right, Folio 111r, Lines 1-5 & 6-10; *Super pectinem (pubic bone) movet menstrua*: Image 116 Left, Folio 111v, Line 28; *Menstruation, and urine*: Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 30; *Flouris*: Image 95 left, Folio 90v.

**Veins** (6): *Vene* [venae] rupturam circa renes et vesicam Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 3; venum et vesice putredine vel apostem: Image 89 right, Folio 85r, Line 5; Oyntment for, Image 96 right, Folio 92r, Line 3; gravel in the, Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 30; Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 28; venas pulsatiles dolore: Image 114 Right, Folio 110r, Line 14.

**Venomous bites** (6): *Deterring bites*: Image 95 left, Folio 90v, Lines 15-16; Image 98 left, Folio 93v, Lines 7-8; *ut serpentes capias*: Image 99 right, Folio 95v, Lines 1-3; *bees and wasp stings*: Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Lines 25-26; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Lines 25-26; *ad venenum scorpionis*: Image 113 Right, Folio 109r, Line 8.

**Vertigo** (2): Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 26; *vanite of the hede*: Image 100 left, Folio 95v, Lines 17-21.

**Vomiting** (4): Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 21; Image 112 right, Folio 108r, Line 31; *provocat vomitum*: Image 116 Left, Folio 111v, Lines 25-27; Image 116 Left, Folio 111v, Line 31.

**Worms** (8): Image 95 right, Folio 91r, Line 17, Image 96 left, Folio 91v, Line 20; Image 89 left, Folio 84v, Line 11; *in the ear*: Image 89 left, Folio 84v, line 23; Image 97 left, Folio 92v, Line 22; *worms in the teeth*: Image 105 left, Folio 100v, Lines 13-17; *worms in the hair*: Image 109 right, Folio 105r, after Line 15; Image 113 Left, Folio 108v, Line 1; *'pro vermis capitis'*: Image 116 Left, Folio 111v, Line 24.

**Wounds** (6): Image 97 right, Folio 93r, Line 2; *stabbing*: Image 98 right, Folio 94r, Lines 3-6; Image 98 right, Folio 94r, Line 24 onwards; *plagis putridis*: Image 108 right, folio 104r, Lines 24-25; Image 117 left, Folio 112v, Lines 5-17 & *Plaga que non sanaretur* 17-32; Image 119 left, Folio 114v, Lines 6-7.

Appendix 3: Plants at Syon, Sheen and 'aboute London' listed by William Turner, Physician to Protector Somerset from c.1547 to 1551.

#### Marie Addyman.

#### Introduction

Sometime between his return from the continent following the death of Henry VIII in 1547, and his departure for the West Country in 1551, William Turner (c.1508-1568) acted as physician to Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset and Protector of the realm under Henry's son, now Edward VI. Turner refers to having a house at Kew at this time, and from there he could serve as an active member of Somerset's household, moving with him as required between the ducal properties on either side of the Thames at Syon House (the former Syon Abbey) and Shene, as well as to the ducal house in London itself (on the site of the present Somerset House).

From Syon Turner completed his second book on herbs – his first in English – in 1549. This was *The Names of Herbes*, in which he noted several plants growing mainly at Syon, but also at 'Shene', Richmond, and 'aboute London'. In later years Turner continued to refer to the plants he had found at these properties and vicinities. Part 1 of his *Herball*, published in 1551, contains a cluster of further references. There were a few further additions in Part 2, published in 1562 and incorporated with Part 1 and a new Part 3 into the tri-part *Herball* published in 1568, the year of his death.

The record Turner provides of plants in and around Somerset's properties cannot be taken as exhaustive, but within its limits it shows some illuminating variety. It includes: some common English natives for which a vernacular name already existed (e.g., *Filipendula vulgaris* [dropwort]); plants which he had seen abroad but encountered in England only at Syon or Sheen (e.g., *Cistus salvifolius*; *Artemisia pontica*, which he himself had brought from Germany and planted at Syon); a reference to a plant he had in his own garden at Kew (*Sonchus oleraceus* [smooth sow thistle]); and an indication of both plants and knowledge exchanged with those who would be classed as Somerset's and/or Edward VI's servants (*Armorica rusticana* [horseradish]) grown in the gardens of the royal apothecaries, Rich and Morgan.

Turner may have found still growing at Syon plants which had been generally in the monastic medical repertoire. These may have included *Paeonia mascula* and *P. officinalis*, which occur in Betson and Bray as *Glicida*, *Pionia*; and *Veratrum album*, the plant referred to at this time as 'white hellebore', or in Bray as *Elleborus albus*; *Adarasta*; 'clovetong'. The existence of remedies in both Betson and Turner for white hellebore acts as a reminder of the continuity of medical belief and practice over the late mediaeval and early modern period, since this plant was used within the

framework of humoral medicine to induce sneezing and to act with other herbs as a purge by inducing vomiting: Betson states: *purgant choleram*).<sup>142</sup>

One plant listed by Turner which casts a light back onto at least some possible continuity of plants between pre- and post-Dissolution Syon is the pomegranate tree. Betson, who together with Bray used the then common English term 'Pomme garnet', listed pomegranates in his *Herbarium*, though not among his remedies. However, his entry does not incontestably prove that pomegranates were at Syon in the period around 1500 to 1517, since Betson was probably copying a source similar to BL Sloane MS 282 or the *Sinonoma Bartholomaei*, both of which mention *Malum punicum* and *Malum granatum*, the then common names Latin for pomegranates.

Nevertheless, it seems likely that if a pomegranate tree did exist at Syon in the mid-sixteenth century, its planting there belongs probably to the more settled monastic period, rather than to the turbulent times preceding Turner's incumbency under Somerset. It could, for instance, have been the gift of Catherine of Aragon, who was in England from 1501 to 1533, and whose emblem was this fruit. If so, this would make the tree anywhere between 16 and 48 years old when Turner first observed it in 1549.

If there can be only a limited success in showing which plants grew at Syon in both Betson's time and Turner's, it is equally difficult to show for what innovations Turner was responsible. There is one plant he specifically noted that he had brought from Germany to Syon (Artemisia pontica), but otherwise there are mainly speculations which have hardened into a rather dubious "tradition". So, for instance, the 1962 edition of A History of the County of Middlesex (vol.3, pp.97-100) records that '[Dr William] Turner is said to have planted the mulberry tree by the east front [of Syon House]' – the first mulberry to be planted in England, according to other writers – and moreover that 'The laying out of the formal gardens within the wall around the house is traditionally attributed' to him. But mulberries had been introduced to England by the Romans and they were sufficiently prevalent throughout the Middle Ages and the early modern period, via seedlings and deliberate replanting, for them to be reasonably common in the great gardens of the sixteenth century. Turner himself noted that he had seen them in 'diverse' gardens in England. As for the idea that he was responsible for the layout of Somerset's garden, while it is true that he would have seen some impressive gardens while abroad in the 1540s and also that he cultivated a garden for himself whenever and wherever he could, it is doubtful he had the expertise to create what was in effect a

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>142</sup> Image 120 right, folio 116r, line 21.

royal garden, compared to the professional gardeners Somerset could call on. But if the Duke wanted to include specifically in his design an up-to-date physic garden, or a garden of rarities, then his best candidate for providing it was the apothecary Hugh Morgan. Morgan had multiple contacts among the merchant importers, and lived on site. His own garden was admired by many including Turner, who praised him for his extensive knowledge.

Turner and Morgan could of course have conferred. In which case, instead of a dubious attribution to a lone genius (Turner) Somerset's creation reflected the current tendency of wealthy and influential Renaissance princes in France, Italy and Germany to harness a team of experts for a given princely project. And indeed, when Turner completed his first book in English on plants and dedicated *The Names of Herbes* to Somerset in 1549, Edward Seymour was at the height of his power. Turner's list of the Duke's titles records this fact, by following customary procedures in 16<sup>th</sup> century dedicatory preambles. These formalities also meant that the writer could bask in his august patron's glory, particularly when in this instance Turner could say that he was addressing his letter 'from your graces house at Syon'.

'To the mooste noble & mighty Prince Edward by the grace of God Duke of Summerset, Erle of Hertford, viscount beuchamp, lord Semour uncle unto the Kynges highnesse of Englande, governour of his moste royall person and Protectour of al his realms dominions and subjectes, lieuetenaunt generall of al his maiesties armies boeth by lande and sea, Treasurer and Erlmarshal of Engande, governoure of the Iles of Guernsey and Jersey, Knyght of the garter, William Turner his servaunte wisheth prosperitie boeth of bodie and Soule......From your graces house at Syon / Anno Dom. M.CCCCCxlviij [1548, old style, 1549 modern style] / Martii xv.'

By the time Turner came to dedicate Part 1 of his *Herball* to him in 1551, the Duke had survived being deposed as Protector in 1549, imprisoned, and then released from the Tower in 1550. Turner however maintained his links to Syon and Shene. He remained in Somerset's service throughout this period, and he records preaching in April 1551 in the church at 'Thistleworth' – that is, Isleworth, and immediately next to Syon Park. Somerset eventually lost his head in January 1552, and the Seymour family relinquished the property at Syon. Horticultural fashions over the following centuries would inflict great changes on the Syon House gardens. As the eighteenth-century landscape movement gathered force, culminating in the work of Capability Brown at Syon, Somerset's innovative triangular terrace by the south-east side of the house was swept away along with other features, and along, no doubt, with many plants.

There certainly are species growing at Syon today which Turner noted four-and-a-half centuries ago and these have been noted on the list below, following the records kept by the present Head Gardener. But it is not possible to state categorically that they represent an unbroken continuity or deliberate planting, apart from the continuing presence of the sixteenth-century mulberry tree. Some are wild flowers in the surrounding meadows and countryside which one would expect to see: *Hypericum maculatum* [St John's wort]; *Trapogon pratensis* [goatsbeard]; *Filipendula vulgaris* [meadowsweet] towards the Thames; *Picris hieriacoides* (hawksweed – if this was indeed what Turner saw), and the occasional occurrence of *Orobanche rapum-genistae* [greater broomrape]. Some plants, such as *Acanthus mollis*, have been common features of English gardens for centuries. Two are deliberate modern re-plantings: *Cistus salvifolis* and *Cupressus sempervirens*. In some cases the genus, but not the species noted by Turner, is represented: *Artemisia*; *Euphorbia*. Finally, on the whole, as will be seen from the list below, the plants found at the present at Syon do not include those Turner recorded at Shene and 'aboute London'.

## Turner's plant lists

## A. The Names of Herbes (1549)

## Acanthus [Acanthus mollis].

'in the greatest plentie that I euer sawe it, I did see it in my Lorde Protectours graces gardine at Syon'.

WT name: 'Branke ursin'.

Common English name: bear's breeches.

2014: at Syon.

#### 86 **Alysson Plinii** [Sherardia arvensis L.].

'Alyscon Plinii is a rare herbe whiche I coulde neuer see but once in Englande and that was a litle from Syon'.

WT name: 'purple goosgrase'.

Common English name: field madder.

2014: not at Syon.

#### 89 **Ascyron** [Hypericum maculatum].

'... is not very common in England, howe be it I sawe it thys last yere in Syon parck'.

WT name: 'square saint Johans grasse'; 'great saynt Johans grasse'.

Common English name: imperforate St John's wort.

Not listed by Forrest (1831), pp163-164.

2014: in the meadows at Syon.

## 91 **Barba hirci** [Trapogon pratensis].

'... groweth in the fieldes aboute London plentuously'.

WT name: 'gotes bearde'.

Common English name: goatsbeard.

2014: in the meadows at Syon.

## 92 Betonica Pauli aeginete [Veronica officinalis].

'it groweth... in a parke besyde London'.

WT name: 'Paul's Betony'; 'wood penyryal'.

Common English name: heath speedwell.

2014: at Syon.

#### 92 Blitum [Chenopodium sp? Blitum virgatum?].

'I neuer saw it in England but in my lords gardine'.

WT name: 'Blete'.

Common English name: none/unclear.

2014: Genus at Syon; species unclear.

Listed as occurring only in France, Germany and Scandinavia by Fitter (1974).

### 93 **Calamintha** [Calamintha ascendens].

'[one kind] groweth muche aboute Syon in Englande'.

WT name: 'bush calamint', 'hore calamynt'.

Common English name: none.

2014: not at Syon.

## 97 **Cisthus** [Cistus salvifolius].

'one kinde of cisthus growth in my lordes gardine in Syon'.

WT name: cittsage'; 'bushsage'.

Common English name: none.

2014: at Syon.

#### 99 **Coronopus** [*Plantago coronopus*].

'it groweth much about Shene aboue London'.

WT name: 'Crowfote weybreade'; 'Herbe Iue'.

Common English name: buckshorn plantain.

2014: not at Syon.

## 100 Cupressus [Cupressus sempervirens].

'...growe in great plentie in my lordes graces gardine at Syon'.

WT name: 'cypresse tree'.

Common English name: cypress.

2014: at Syon.

#### 102 **Ephemerum non lethale** [Convallaria majalis].

'Ephemerū...groweth... not in England that I euer could see, sauinge in my Lordes gardine in Syon'.

WT name: 'May Lilies'.

Common English name: lily of the valley.

2014: at Syon.

## 108 **Hyacinthus verus** [Hyacinthoides non-scriptus].

'The comune Hyacinthus is muche in England abouet Syon and

Shene...Some use the rootes for glue'.

WT names: 'crowtoes'; 'Crawtees'.

Common English name: bluebell.

2014: at Syon.

#### 108 **Lotus syluestris** [*Melilotus italica*].

'Thys herbe groweth nowe in Syon gardine'.

WT name: 'Melilote'; 'wylde lote'.

Common English name: mellilot.

2014: not at Syon.

#### 113 **Lysimachia** [Lysimachia vulgaris].

'it growth by the Temes side beside Shene'.

WT name: 'yealow Lousstryfe'; 'herbe Wylowe'.

Common English name: yellow loosestrife.

2014: at Syon.

#### 114 **Malus punica** [*Punica granatum*].

'there are certayne in my Lordes gardine in Syon, but their fruite cometh neuer unto perfection'.

WT name: 'Pomgranat Tree'.

Common English name: pomegranate.

2014: not at Syon.

#### 116 **Narcissus** [Narcissus poeticus].

'one with a white floure...groweth plentuously in my Lordes gardine in Syon'.

WT name: 'Whyte daffadyl'; 'whyte Laus tibi'.

Common English name: narcissus.

2014: not at Syon.

#### 117 **Oenanthe** [Filipendula vulgaris]

'..groweth in great plentie beside Syon & Shene in the middowes'.

WT name: 'filipendula'.

Common English name: dropwort.

2014: at Syon.

## 118 **Ornithogalum** [Ornithogalum umbellatum].

'I never saw it in Englande, sauyng onely in Shene, herde by the

Temmes side'.

WT name: 'dogleke'; 'dogges onyons'.

Common English name: common star of Bethlehem.

2014: at Syon.

#### 119 **Panicum** [Setaria italica].

'I have not seene it in Englande, saving in my Lordes gardine at Syon'.

WT name: 'Panike'.

Common English name: none; probably a form of millet.

2014: not at Syon.

#### 121 Pinus.

'...one fayre one in Richmund'.

WT name: 'pyne tree'.

Common English name: pine.

2014: several species at Syon.

#### 127 **Satyrion** [Spiranthes spiralis].

'a certurne ryghte kynde... groweth besyde Syon'.

WT name: 'Lady traces' (i.e. 'tresses')

Common English name; Autumn lady's tresses.

2014: not at Syon.

#### 130 **Sison** [Sison amomum].

'ther groweth a kynde of this beside Shene'.

WT name: 'wylde Perseley'.

Common English name: stone parsley.

2014: not at Syon.

## 130 **Solanum vesicarium** [*Physalis alkakengi*].

'Thys herbe groweth much in my Lordes gardine at Syon'.

WT name: 'Alkaceng' 'wynter cheries'.

Common English name: Cape gooseberry.

2014: at Syon.

## 131 **Spartum frutex** [*Retama monosperma*].

'Spartium or Spartum is... founde... in my Lordes gardine at Shene'.

WT name: 'French Broume'.

Common English name: bridal broom.

2014: this species not at Syon; others present.

## 132 **Symphytum** [Prunella vulgaris].

'this herbe groweth about Syon, seven miles above London'.

WT name: 'unsavery Margeru[m]'.

Common English name: self-heal.

2014: at Syon.

## 132 **Thlaspi** [Armorica Rusticana].

'...groweth plentuously beside Syon'.

WT name: 'Boures mustard', 'dyshmustard', 'treacle mustard'.

Common English name: horse radish.

2014: at Syon.

#### 134 **Veratrum** [ *Veratrum album*].

'This kinde groweth in Syon Parcke in Englande'.

WT name: 'Nesewurt or whyte Nesewurt'.

Common English name: false hellebore.

2014: not at Syon.

[Addendum to *Names*] 'Names of newe founde Herbes, wherof is no mention in any olde auncient wryter'

#### 136 **Bipennella Italica** [Sanguisorba officinalis].

'It groweth much about Syon and Shene'.

WT name: 'Burnet'.

Common English name: great burnet.

2014: at Syon.

Ray (1947), p. 238, has reservations about this identification.

### 139 **Saxifragia** [Silaum silaus]

'Thys groweth by the Temmes side about Shene'.

WT name: 'saxifrage'.

Common English name: pepper saxifrage.

2014: not at Syon.

## B. A New Herball Part 1 (1551)

The plants in all three parts of *A New Herball* are set out on the model of Dioscorides' *Materia medica*, with one plant per chapter. Eight of the plants Turner refers to in *H*1 as being at either Syon or Sheen or 'aboute London' had been previously listed in *Names*. These chapter headings are:

- 35 **Of brank ursine** [*Acanthus sp.*]: 'plentuously in my lordes gardyne at Syon'.
- 79 **Of great Saint Johnes wurte** [Hypericum maculatum]: 'in Syon parke'.
- 89 **Of bukkes bearde** [*Trapogon pratensis*]: 'about London'.
- 94 **Of Paulis Betony** [*Veronica officinalis*]: 'in Syon gardyn and in dyuerse woddes not far from Syon'.
- 97 **Of blites** [*Chenopodium sp.*]: 'in my Lordes gardyne at Shene'.
- 109 **Of Calmynte** [*Calamintha ascendens*]: 'aboute Syon'.
- 144 **Of Cistus** [Cistus salvifolius]:'in my lordes garden at Syon'.
- 162 **Of herbe Iue** [*Plantago sp.*]: 'about Shene in the highway'.
- Of the Cypres tre [Cupressus sempervirens]: 'the female groweth right plentuously in the gardin of Syon'.

#### The new entries are:

29 **Of wormwode** [Artemisia sp.; Artemisia pontica].

'Wormwood pontyke groweth...only in my lordes gardyne at Syon, & that I brought out of Germany'.

WT name: 'pontike wormwode'.

Common English name: old man.

2014: various species of Artemisia at Syon.

#### 55 **Of Ami** [Ammi maius].

'... in my lordes gardyne at Syone in England'.

WT name: 'Ammi'.

Common English name: (form of) wild carrot.

2014: not at Syon.

## 64 **Of camomyle** [Anthemis nobilis].

'uiii [8] myle aboue London, it growth in the wylde felde, in rychmonde grene, in brantfurde grene, and in mooste plenty of al, in hunsley hethe'.

WT name: 'camomyle'.

Common English name: camomile.

2014: at Syon.

## 137 **Of Cicerbita** [Sonchus oleraceus].

'...in the gardine of the barbican in London and I haue it in my garden at Kew'.

WT name: 'sowthystel'.

Common English name: smooth sow thistle.

2014: at Syon.

## 185 **Of Lauriel or lowry** [Daphne laureola].

'Thys herbe groweth...at Sion'.

WT name: 'Dapnoides'; 'lauriel'; 'lowry'; 'lorell'.

Common English name: spurge laurel.

2014: not at Syon.

#### C. A New Herball Part 2 (1562)

Two of the plants Turner refers to in part 2 of the New Herball as being at either Syon or Sheen or 'aboute London' had been previously listed in *Names*. These chapter headings are:

#### 328 **Of treacle mustard called Thlaspi** [*Armorica Rusticana*].

'in moste plentye aboute Sion. In London it growth in maister Riches gardin/ and maister Morganes also'.

Common English name: horse radish.

2014: not at Syon.

## Of the kindes of Tithymales or kinds of Spourges [Euphorbia sp.].

'in Sion parke aboute London'.

WT name: 'the male called Chariacias' of other Comeles' of other Cobius or Amigdeloides'.

Common English name: spurge.

2014: Euphorbia characias at Syon.

#### The new entries are:

#### 51 **Of Hawke wede** [*Picris hieriacoides; Crepis* sp?]

'...in the medowe a lytle from Shene'.

WT name: 'greate hawkweed'; 'yealow sucory'.

Common English name: hawksbeard; smooth hawksbeard.

2014: at Syon.

Chapman (1995), n.61, p.611, points out that Turner's illustration is of *Crepis capillaris*.

## 166 **Of Orobanche** [Orobanche rapum-genistae].

'...in the South countre a lytl from Shene, in the broum closes. But it hath no name there'.

WT name: 'Orobanche'; 'chokefitche'; 'stragletare'.

Common English name: greater broomrape.

2014: occasional at Syon.

## 191 **Of bothe the kyndes of Peonye** [*Paeonia officinalis; P.mascula*].

WT records Galen's recommendation to hang 'the roote of Peoni' round the neck of a child suffering from "the falling sickness" (epilepsy), and says he did this with great success 'at Syon in my lord of Summersettes house'.

WT name: 'peoni'.

Common English name: peony.

2014: not at Syon.

#### 314 **Of French or Spanish brome** [Spartium junceum].

'...at Shene in the gardine'.

WT name: 'Spanish brome'.

Common English name: Spanish broom.

2014: at Syon.

## **Thystelles** [? Carduus acanthoides]

'The one... called in Greek acantha leuke [and] Spina Alba... groweth...beside Syon in England'.

WT name: 'whyte thystel'

Common English name: none.

2014: other Carduus spp. at Syon.

Chapman (1995), n. 291, p.625 points out that Turner conflates several 'thystelles', leaving unclear the species referred to here. There is no illustration to aid identification.

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Appendix 4: Text of folio 135v in Rosenbach Foundation H491, the Scala Perfectionis, written by James Grenehalgh, Brother at Sheen Carthusian Priory (1414-1539) for Joanna Sewell, Sister at Syon Abbey.

The Latin Text is taken in part from the hymn *Cultor Dei Memento* by Prudentius (d. around AD 413), and from Psalm 90 (Septuagint numbering).

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In despsisyng of *the* Fend, oure ghostly enmye, Say *th*is himne:

O tortuose serpens qui mille per meandros fraudesque
[O crooked serpent, that with a thouand twisted and winding deceits]
flexuosas, agitas quieta corda. Discede. Christus hic est.
[distrubs the quietness of hearts, Depart. Christ is here.]
Hic est Christus. Liquesce. Signum. T. quod ipse nosci damnat
[Here is Christ. Melt away. The sign of the cross, which you well know, damns]
tuam catervam. T. crux pellit omne crimen. Fugi
[thy horde (of devils). The cross drives out all guilt. Darkness]
-unt. + Crucem tenebre. Tali dicata signo. +. Mens fluctuare
[flees the cross. Blest with this sign of the cross, the mind]
Nescit. Discede & cetera. As it is afore.
[does not waver. Depart, etc]

Agaynes vayne dremes or fantaisies sai *th*is verse:

Procul. O. Procul vagantum portenta somniorum [Away, away, the omens of vain dreams]

Procul esto pervicaci prestigiator hastu. Discede & cetera. [Away, you deceiver, with your endless guile. Depart, etc]

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## Appendix 4, Rosenbach Foundation H491, the Scala Perfectionis, f.135v, continued:

## Around and within a drawing of a Church:

Sanctus Salvator Aureola<sup>143</sup>

Maria Johanna Sewell Birgitta

Sanctus Augustinus

A timore nocturno,

Vallata A sagitta per ambulante in die. A negocio

Sicque Stipata seu Non timebis Perambulante in tenebris. Ab incursu, et et cetera

Murata Demonis meridiano.
Sed cadent a latere tuo

#### Translation (using Douay Reims, Psalm 90):

*Of the terror of the night.* 

Fortified Of the arrow that flieth in the day, of the business

So that Enclosed or Thou shalt not be afraid That walketh about in the dark. Of invasion, or

Walled up Of the noonday devil.

(A thousand) shall fall at thy side,

Ad te autem [JS monogram] non appropinquabit. Quod prestare dignetur

JeSus Christus Dominus Noster. AMEN.

But it shall not come nigh thee [JS]. Which be pleased to grant,

JeSus Christ, Our Lord. AMEN.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> Perhaps an internal reference to Hilton's *Scala Perfectionis* fol. lxi, 'Thyse thre werkes..shull have specyall mede whyche they callen aureole.' The three works are martyrdom, preaching and virginity. The Hilton text goes on to praise the enclosing of anchorites, whose reward in heaven may be greater than that of priests.

# Appendix 5: Text From Joseph Strutt, *Bibliographical Dictionary* (1785), plate iv, and text, page 28. To accompany the copy of the Image itself.

"Plate IV: This singular curiosity is already spoken of in the fourth chapter of this Essay (pp17-19. Strutt had bought the plate at a sale in 1784); there is the greatest reason to believe it was engraved in England, and the plate itself bears every mark of great antiquity. It had a hole at the top quite through it, by which it appears to have been fastened by a nail to the wall, perhaps of some religious place, and to this circumstance, it is not improbable, we owe its preservation. The scratches and other defacements which it has sustained from the hand of time, could not be removed without danger of destroying the originality of the engraved work, and for that reason it was conceived to be much better to let them remain as they are, than to run any hazard that was not absolutely necessary. The plate is in my own possession.<sup>144</sup>

The prayers contained upon the plate are, as my readers may readily see, in Latin; but as this work may fall into the hands of some persons unacquainted with the old manuscript forms of letters, which are here closely imitated, I have transcribed them (some few words excepted, which are by no means intelligible to me.)"

#### ORATIO DE OMNIBUS SANCTIS

Gaude mater salvatoris
Felix fide flos decoris
Mundique solacium
Nunc letare celi choris
Ju hoc festo et langoris
Nostri sis remedium.

Gaude Michael in hac die Gabriel Raphaelque Messie Angelorum ordines Nos precamur nobis pie Sitis cause melodie Supra celi cardines. Gaude Petre cum sodali
Paulo Xto speciali
Luceus orbis climata
Et caterva (*celestia*?) generali
Vestri sita loco tali
Nos cum eis adiuva.

Gaude Thoma, spes Anglorum
Et Georgi tutor horum
Cum Edwardo nobili
Tu Laurenti regem lorum
Ut tuamur poli chorum
Cum favore Stephani.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> Current whereabouts unknown.

Gaude ventre conservatus O Baptista mire natus Sacer degens seculo Patriarchis sociatus Et prophetis viae (vite?) flatus Ffac finire jubilo, Gaude presul on Martine Nicholai hugo line Posse nobis gratiam Erkenwalde que Birine Iam cum tuis Augustine Da supremo gloriam

Gaude Virgo Katerina
Margaretta, Magdalena
Cum Brigitta Birgida et
Anna ffides & Xristina
Nos servando..... divina
Gens celorum jubila
Amen. Letamini in Domino &c
Et Gloria, omnes.

Concede quibus omnipotens Deus, ut intercessio sancte Dei genetricis Marie sanctarum que omnium celestium virtutum & beatorum patriarcharum, prophetarum, apostolorum, evangelistarum, martyrorum, confessorum atque virginum & et omnium electorum tuorum nos ubique letificet ut dum eorum merita recolemus proemia (senciamus?), per eundem Xristum dominum nostrum Amen.

'The words printed in italics are such as are very difficult to decipher; and I am by no means certain, that the true meaning is given to them. In the seventh prayer, there are two words which I cannot explain.'

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