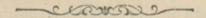
#### THE

# BOMBAY DRUGS.



#### RANUNCULACEÆ.

#### Aconitum ferox.

The root.

Bombay name.—Bachanaga बचनाग, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The Bazaar specimen appears to be the root of this plant. (See Wallich's Plantæ Asiaticæ Rariores, vol. I. page 35, Fig. 41).

It is used as a narcotic and a powerful sedative. In large doses it acts as a virulent poison.—(Royle.)

As a topical application it is used in cases of Guineaworm, in combination with opium.

## Aconitum heterophyllum. (Royle.)

The root.

Bombay name.—Ativisha अतिविष, Marathi.
REMARKS.—This root is used as a tonic and antiperiodic.

### Aconitum napellus.

The root.

Bombay name.—Någapurî Bachanåga नागपुरी बचनाग,
Marathi.

Remarks.—This is met with as a thick brownish, irregularly and roughly wrinkled root, three to four inches long, and an inch thick. On section, it has a brownish white appearance somewhat like hard soap, and a faint sweetish, earthy odour. Its taste is sweetish, and a tingling sensation is experienced some time after chewing it. It really deserves the name of Mîthâ Zahar—sweet poison.

It is no doubt a variety of Aconitum Napellus, as it corresponds to the description of that root as given by Bentley and Trimen, in their Medicinal Plants No. 13.

### Aconitum palmatum.

The root.

Bombay name.—Vakhma व्राच्या Guzerathi.

REMARKS.—Dr. Royle on the authority of Wallich has given the above plant as the source of this drug. It is a most powerful bitter, and is used as a febrifuge and tonic. It has also earned some repute in the treatment of Cholera.

The vernacular name is probably a corruption of Maha Vikha—meaning great poison.

## Clematis triloba. (Dalzell.)

The plant.

Bombay name.—Moravela मार्वेल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is a climber found in the Mawul Districts near Bombay. It is considered to be a useful remedy in leprosy, blood diseases, and fevers.—(Nighanta.)

### Coptis teeta.

The root.

Bombay name.—Mamira ममीरा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This is the Pilijarî of some authors. It corresponds to the description of Thalictrum foliolosum of Waring. Dr. Pereira has identified it with the Mamîrâ of the ancients, the produce of Coptis Teeta.

It is used as a bitter tonic, and as a febrifuge in mild fevers.—(Waring.)

## Delphinium pauciflorum. (Royle,)

The root.

Bombay name.—Judvara जदार, Arabic.

REMARKS.—Dr. Royle has doubts as to the real origin of this drug. Nirvisha is also the name applied to it. It is considered as an antidote to poisons, and is thought to purify the system of all infectious matters.

## Helleborus -- -?

The root and stem.

Bombay name.—Katukî कटुकी, Sanscrit. Kâlîkutakî काळी कुटकी, Hindi. Bâlakadû बाळकडू, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Dr. Ainslie very properly has expressed a doubt about this drug. I have not given the specific name, as in the absence of the plant, it is not possible to do so. It is not the Black Hellebore, as some authors have supposed it to be; but there can be no doubt of its being a Hellebore. I have com-

pared sections of Kuṭakî, Black Hellebore, and Coptis Teetâ, and their structure convinces me, that they belong to the same Natural Order. The Pharmacopæia of India, on the authority of Mr. Moheedeen Shereef, has given this drug as a produce of Picrorhiza Kurroa, a Scrophulariad. Mr. Moheedeen Shereef's plant is probably identical with the plate in Dr. Royle's Illustrations of Himalayan Botany, Tab. 272.

Dr. Lindley mentions a drug, sold in the Bazaars of Bengal, which he supposes to be the produce of Picrorhiza Kurroa, as being one of the many bitter roots, under the name of Teetâ.—(Treasury of Botany, New Edition, Vol. II. page 887.)

The product of Gentiana Kurroa is not obtainable in the

Bombay Bazaars.

Kâlîkuṭakî is used chiefly as a bitter and antiperiodic for children, as its name Bâlakadû indicates. It is not believed to have any purgative properties by practitioners on this side; if at all, it has very mild properties of this nature.

## Nigella sativa.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Krishna jirî कृष्ण जिरी, Marathi.
Kulanjî कुलंजी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This is used as an aromatic carminative.

## Thalictrum foliolosum. (Royle.)

The flowering plant.

Bombay name.—Asprak अस्प्रक्, Persian. Trâyamâna त्रायमाण, Marathi.

Remarks.—Great confusion is observable regarding this and Coptis Teetâ. Dr. Royle has Asprak or Shaprak for

Thalictrum foliolosum, the root of which he calls Pilijari, which as stated above, is the name of Mamîrâ. The Bombay specimen is evidently a Thalictrum and not a Delphinium, as may be determined by a closer examination of the flowers, seed-vessels, and leaves contained in the drug.

It is a bitter tonic and aperient, and is used in fevers and dyspepsia.

#### MAGNOLIACEÆ.

#### Illicium anisatum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Bâdiân बादिआन्, Persian. Remarks.—It is used as an aromatic carminative.

## Michelia champaka.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Sonachampa sala सानचांपा साल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is an aromatic bitter, and is used in intermittent fevers.

#### MENISPERMACEÆ.

#### Anamirta cocculus.

The berries.

Bombay name.—Kâkamârî काकमारी, Marathi.

Remarks.—They are not used internally, but form an ingredient in the ointment for destroying pediculi.

### Cocculus cordifolius

The root and stem, and fecula.

Bombay name—Gulavela गुळवेल Marathi.

Remarks.—They possess tonic, antiperiodic and diuretic properties. The starchy extract from this substance, is known by the name Galancha and Gulavelasatva. It is considered a useful stomachic and tonic.

It is probable that Cocculus cordifolius and Cocculus Malabaricus, both of which grow in the same locality, are used as Gulavela. The difference is seen only in the flowers.

### Cocculus villosus.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Vasanavela वसन वेल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The mucilage (obtained by triturating the leaves in water) mixed with sugar, is given in Gonorrhea to the extent of half a pint twice daily.—(Drury.)

## Jateorhiza columba-

The sliced root.

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Bombay name.—Kuluma kanchari कुलुम कांचरी, Marathi.

REMARKS .- A valuable tonic and stomachic.

### BERBERIDACEÆ.

### Berberis aristata.

The extract, fruit, and wood.

Bombay name.—Dârû halada दारू हळद, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The extract is the Rasavañtî of the Hindus, and is obtained both from this and Berberis Lycium. It is used as an external application in the incipient and advanced stages of ophthalmia. Internally it is used in the same cases as the wood.—(Royle.)

The fruit is the Zariçka of the Persians. It is used as raisins, and is believed to possess astringent, tonic, and cholagogue properties.—(Rahim Khan.)

The wood is believed to possess purgative, diaphoretic, and tonic properties.

#### NYMPHÆACEÆ.

## Nymphæa lotus.

The flower and seed.

Bombay name.—Kamala phâla कमळ फूल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The Bazaar specimen is either white or rose red. The name Nilophar is scarcely correct. It is a corruption of the Sanscrit word नाडा त्यल Nîlotpala, which means blue lotus. This latter is the flower of Nymphæa stellata.

The seed is the *Tukhm-i-Nilophar* of the Persians. It is doubtful whether the seeds obtained from the druggists' shops are of one species of Nymphæa or several. Euryale ferox common in the Dâhânu Paraganâ, is also observed to produce similar seeds.

A syrup or confection is made from the petals of the flowers, and is believed to possess cooling and diuretic properties. It is often used by the native Hakeems as an expectorant. The seed is said to diminish venereal desires.—
(Rahim Khan.)

## NELUMBIACEÆ.

## Nelumbium speciosum.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Kamala kûnkadî कमळ कांकडी, Marathi.

Remarks.—These are the Pythagorean beans of ancient repute. They are demulcent, diuretic and cooling; and are also believed to be nutritive.

#### PAPAVERACEÆ.

## Argemone Mexicana.

The seed.

Bombayname.—Darûriदास्री, Kante Dhotrd कांद्रे धात्रा, Marathi.

Remarks.—It is said to possess narcotic and emetic properties.—(Drury.)

An oil may be obtained by boiling the powdered seeds. It has been used as an application to leucodermatic spots, but without any benefit.

### Papaver somniferum.

The capsule, the inspissated juice and the seed.

Bombay name.—Afîma अफीम, Hindi. Afû अफू, Kadavî कडवी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Anodyne, antispasmodic, and narcotic.

Khaskhas वस्वस्, Hindi. The seed. It is used as a demulcent and nutritive. Partially parched and mixed with sugar and cardamoms, it forms an excellent laxative in mild cases of dysentery.

Post पास्त, Hindi. The capsule. It is chiefly used for anodyne fomentations.

#### FUMARIACEÆ.

## Fumaria parviflora.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Pitta pâpadâ पित्तपापडा, Marathi. Câhturâh शाहतुर:, Persian.

REMARKS.—In conjunction with common pepper it is considered an efficacious remedy in common ague.—(Royle.) It is also considered a diuretic, a tonic, and an alterative; and useful in leprous affections and jaundice.—(Ainslie.)

In the Bombay druggists' shops, the Pitta påpadå sold is Rostellularia diffusa. Another drug sold under the name of Ghaṭî Pitta påpadå, is the Peristophe bicalyculata. Both these drugs, though always taken and sold för Pitta påpadå, do not seem to be possessed of any medicinal value, except that they are insignificant bitters of the Natural Order Acanthaceæ. The drug obtained from Oorun, and under the same native

name, was found to be Rungia parviflora: that obtained from Bulsar, Rungia repens: and that from Poona, Dhoolia, and Karad, Glossocardia Bosvallea. Oldenlandia biflora (Hedyotis Burmanniana) is also called Pitta påpadå.—(Forbes.)

The true Fumaria is sold in the Bombay shops, under the Persian name Câhturah, and not under the name of Pitta pâpadâ. In the dried state the Fumaria and the Glossocordia are so alike one another, that it is not surprising to see that natives, in the absence of the knowledge of the botanical characters of the plants, should substitute the one for the other.

#### CRUCIFEREÆ.

### Anastatica hierochuntina.

The dried plant.

Bombay name.—Panjâ-i-Mariam पंज् मरियम्, Persian.
Kaf-i-Mariam क्रेन मरियम्, Arabic.

REMARKS.—This is the Rose of Jericho. It possesses strongly marked hygrometrical properties. It is used by credulous and superstitious people, in cases of difficult labour. When it is put in a vessel of cold water, and allowed to spread flat by absorbing it, the mouth of the uterus is supposed to be influenced by its opening.

## Brassica Rapa.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Salgam सलगम, Persian.

REMARKS.—An oil seed, used as an alimentary substance. The name Salgam is generally applied to the vegetables Turnip and Knole Kole, the products of B. napus, and B. oleracea.

#### Cheiranthus annuus

The seed.

Bombay name.—Safed Todadi सभेद तादडी, Hindi.

Remarks.—This is a variety of Wall-flower. It is aromatic and stimulant, and is supposed to possess approdisiac properties.—(Rahim Khan). No bitterness, but slight mucilaginous properties are found in this drug.

#### Cheiranthus -- - ?

The seed.

Bombay name.—Surkh Todadi सुर्व ते।दडी, Hindi.

Remarks.—Also a variety of Wall-flower, and is similar in properties to the above. The seeds are larger than those of the above species. These are distinctly mucilaginous, but are not bitter. None of these resemble the English Wall-flower seeds.

## Lepidium sativum

The seed.

Bombay name.—Ahaliva अहळीव, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a gentle stimulant, and in half dram doses, also as a mild and warm aperient. Bruised and mixed with lime juice, it is deemed useful for checking local inflamations.—(Ainslie.)

### Raphanus sativus.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Mulâblja मुळाबीज, Marathi. Remarks.—It is used as a diuretic and laxative.

## Sinapis dichotoma.

- " glauca.
- " juncea.
- " ramosa-

The seeds.

Bombay names.—Kâlî çiras काळी शिर्स, Marathi.

Pivalî çiras पिनळी शिर्स, Marathi.

Bañgâ saras बंगासरस, Hindi.

Moharî मोहरी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—These are chiefly oil seeds. The Sinapis ramosa is used for the same purposes as the English Sinapis nigra.—
(Royle.)

## Sisymbrium irid.

The seed.

Bombay name—Khâkshir खाक्षीर्, Persian.

Khubkalân खुन्कलान्, Arabic.

REMARKS.—It is used as an antiscorbutic and stimulant.

#### CAPPARIDACEÆ.

#### Cratæva Nurvala.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Hâda varna हाडवर्णा, Marathi. Remarks.—It is used as a bitter aromatic.

### Cratæva Roxburghii.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Vâyavarna नायनणी, Marathi.
REMARKS.—They are used as a tonic and febrifuge.

## Gynandropsis pentaphylla.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Hulhul हुल हुल, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is used in infantile convulsions in the form of infusion. The bark of the root is acrid and is used for raising blisters.—(O'Shaughnessy). The infusion is also used for killing maggots in sores.

### Polanisia icosandra.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Hurhuriya हुर्हुरिया, Kanphuti कान्सुटा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—A poultice made of the bruised plant is used as a counter irritant much like mustard. It never raises a blister.—(Khan Saheb).

#### GYNOCARDIACEÆ.

### Hydnocarpus inebrians,

The oil and seed.

Bombay name.—Kadûkavata कडू कवट, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The expressed oil, called Kavatela, is used internally in the treatment of leprosy; but it is of minor importance when compared with Chaulmogra oil. As an external application it is useful in chronic lichen and prurigo.

#### BIXACE Æ.

#### Bixa orellana.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Kesarî केसरी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The pulp surrounding the seeds is astringent and slightly purgative, and is esteemed a good remedy for dysentery.—(Roxburgh.)

The seeds are cordial, astringent and febrifuge. - (Lindley.)

#### CISTACE Æ.

## Cochlospermum gossypium-

The gum.

Bombay name.—Kathalyâ gonda कथल्या गाद, Marathi.
REMARKS.—Is generally used as a substitute for Tragacanth.

#### VIOLACEÆ.

### Viola odorata.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Banafsd वनपसा, Persian.

REMARKS.—Dried plants of several species of Viola are sold under the above name.—(Royle). It is used as a diaphoretic and emetic.

## Viola reniformis. (Royle.)

The plant.

Bombay name.—Kaçmîri Banafsa कश्मीर बनफ्सा, Hindi. REMARKS.—Possesses properties similar to the above.

### CARYOPHYLLACE Æ.

## Saponaria vaccaria.

The flowering plant.

Bombay name.—Gul-i-gafas गुले गात्तस्, Persian.

Remarks.—No author has described or identified this drug. From examination of the specimens obtainable in the Bazaars, it is evident, that it is a Caryophyllaceous plant. The nearest species according to Dr. Royle's description, strikes me to be Saponaria vaccaria, (S. perfoliata of Roxburgh). The bitter and mucilaginous properties of the drug led me to refer it to the above plant.

It is considered a febrifuge and a tonic in long continued fevers of a low type.

#### TAMARICACEÆ.

### Tamarix orientalis.

The galls, and the manna.

Bombay name.—Badi Mâyî वडीमायी, Hindi.

Remarks.—The galls of Tamarix Faras are called Chhotî Mâyî, but are not obtainable in the Bombay Bazaar. The sugary exudation of Tamarix Gallica is known by the name of Gazanjbin.

The Galls are used as a bitter and astringent. The manna

has mild aperient properties.

#### MALVACEÆ.

### Abutilon Indicum.

The leaves and seed.

Bombay name.—Madmi मद्गी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The common name of this plant in the Bazaar is Kungoi—comb. The mucilage obtained by bruising the leaves in water is used in gonorrhæa, in the acute stage of the disease, and also in strangury.

The seed is known as *Balabija*. The drug sold in Bombay under this name was found to be identical with seeds collected by the author from A. Indicum. It is used as a nutritive tonic.

#### Abutilon tomentosum.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Chakrabhenda चक्रमेड, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The mucilaginous properties of this plant are applied to the same uses as those of A. Indicum.

### Althœa rosea.

The flower, root, and seeds.

Bombay name.—Gûl-i-khairû गूलेवेरू, Persian.

Razâ-i-khatmî रेझाखत्मी, Persian.

Tûkhm-i-khatmî तूर्ण्मेखत्मी, Persian.

REMARKS.—All the parts of the plant are used as demulcents in urinary complaints; and the flowers form an ingredient in cough mixtures. A syrup is also prepared from them.—
(O'Shaughnessy.)

## Gossypium religiosum.

The unripe capsule.

Bombay name.—Devakopúsa देवकापूस, Marathi.

Remarks.—The unripe capsule, with opium inserted in its interior and roasted, is used in cases of dysentery.

### Malva sylvestris.

The carpel.

Bombay name.—Khabdzi खनाझी, Arabic.
REMARKS.—It is used as a mucilaginous demulcent.

### Sida acuta.

The root.

Bombay name.—Pâta पात, Sanscrit.

Remarks.—This root resembles common liquorice, being sweetish and mucilaginous; but it is very hard and woody. The root has to be procured in its natural state, and is not obtainable in the Bazaar. It has no bitter taste, as stated in the Bengal Dispensatory and the Pharmacopæia of India.

It is said to promote perspiration and increase the appetite; and is used in cases of chronic dysentery.—(O'Shaughnessy.)

#### STERCULIACEÆ.

## Adansonia digitata.

The leaves and the pulp.

Bombay name.—Gorakhchiñcha गारवींचच, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The leaves dried and reduced to powder are used to diminish excessive perspiration by the Africans.—(Royle.)

Such use of them, however, is not made here.

The fresh pulp mixed with Tamarind is used in the treatment of dysentery,—(O'Shaughnessy.)

#### Bombax Malabaricum.

The gum-resin.

Bombay name.—Mochras मीच्रस, Hindi.

Remarks.—It is used as a demulcent and astringent. It is erroneously called Supari-ka-phul—which means galls of Areca Catechu.

#### Helicteres isora.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Murudaçenga मुहड्होंग, Marathi.

Remarks.—Mixed with castor oil, it is employed as an application to sores. It is also used in the treatment of dysentery to relieve the griping, but only on the doctrine of signatures.—
(O'Shaughnessy.)

### BYTTNERIACEÆ.

## Abroma augusta-

The root.

Bombay name.—Olaktambol ओलक्तंबोल, Bengali.

Remarks.—The root was collected by the author from plants raised by himself from seeds obtained from Bengal. It is not procurable in the Bazaar.

It is a reputed remedy in the treatment of nervous dysmenorrhea.

#### TILIACE Æ.

#### Corchorus fascicularis.

The fruiting plant.

Bombay name.—Bahuphalî बहुमळी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The whole plant is mucilaginous. A watery extract mixed with sugar candy is taken as a nutritive tonic. It is also given in seminal weakness.

#### DIPTEROCARPACEÆ.

### Dryobalanops Camphora.

The concrete oil, and the liquid oil.

Bombay name.—Bardskapûr बरास्कपूर, Hindi. Kapûr tela कपूरतेल, Hindi.

REMARKS.—Dr. Royle states that both these are products of the same plant; the one is produced by the older trees, and the other by the younger ones. Both are used by native practitioners. The concrete oil is sold at a very high rate, and is used in ophthalmia; the liquid oil is used as an external application for rheumatic pains.

#### Shorea robusta.

The resin.

Bombay name.—Râla राळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used in the preparation of ointments for ordinary wounds. Mixed with sugar it is given in dysentery, and with good effect.

#### AURANTIACEÆ.

### Ægle Marmelos.

The unripe fruit and root.

Bombay name.—Bela बेल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The fruit is used in diarrhoea and dysentery. A decoction of the root bark is used in hypochondriasis, and in bilious fevers.

# Bergera Koënigii.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Kadhînimba कटीनिंव, Marathi.

REMARKS.—They are used fresh in the treatment of dysentery, and are applied externally to cure eruptions.—(Roxburgh.)

An infusion of the toasted leaves is used to stop vomiting.—
(Ainslie.)

## Citrus aurantium.

The rind of the fruit.

Bombay name.—Naringasala नारिंगसाल, Marathi. Remarks.—It is generally used as an aromatic bitter.

### Citrus limonum.

The juice and the rind.

Bombay name.—Limbû लिंबू, Marathi.

Remarks.—The juice is very useful for the preparation of cooling drinks used in fevers. The rind is used as a gentle stomachic stimulant.

## Feronia elephantium.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Kavitapana कविटपान, Marathi.

Remarks.—They are used as a gentle stomachic and stimulant in the bowel complaints of children.—(O'Shaughnessy.)

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## Calophyllum inophyllum.

The oil.

Bombay name.—Undela उंडल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The oil obtained by expression from the kernel of the seed, is used as an external application for rheumatic pains. The resinous exudation from the bark of the tree is believed to be an useful application to indolent ulcers.—
(O'Shaughnessy.)

## Calysaccion longifolium.

The flower buds.

Bombay name.—Nagakeçara नागकेशर, Marathi.

Remarks.—An aromatic bitter.—(Nighanta.)

### Garcinia Mangostana.

The rind of the fruit.

Bombay name.—Mangustin मगुस्तीन, Malayan.

REMARKS.—It is used in diarrhea and dysentery. The author has found it very useful in the chronic diarrhea of children.

### Garcinia purpurea.

Cardiospermum helicacabum

The concrete oil.

Bombay name.—Kokumbela काकंबल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a local application to sores, fissures of the lips, hands, and feet. It is considered an efficient substitute for spermaceti ointment and cocoa butter; but indeed a poor one for the latter.

## Hebradendron Cambogioides.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Revandachiniçira रेवंदचिनीशीरा, Guzerathi.
REMARKS.—An efficient, and well known drastic cathartic.

#### Mesu ferrea.

The bark, flowers, and the seeds.

Bombay name.—Nagachampa नागचांपा, Marathi.

Remarks.—The bark is astringent. The flowers and leaves are used as antidotes for snake poison.—(O'Shaughnessy.) On this side of India the flowers are supposed to possess mild stimulant properties. The oil of the seed is used as an embrocation in rheumatism.

The anthers of the flowers are, properly speaking, the Nâgakeçara, but the name has come to be applied to the buds of Calysaccion longifolium.

### SAPINDACEÆ.

# Cardiospermum helicacabum.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Nafatkî नफट्की, Bengali.

REMARKS.—The root is said to be diaphoretic and diuretic.
The juice of the whole plant taken in a dose of a table spoonful daily, promotes the catamenial flow during the menstrual period. The plant is not an article of commerce in the Bazaar.

# Sapindus emarginatus.

The capsule.

Bombay name.—Ritha Rot, Marathi.

Remarks.—The mucilaginous cold infusion has emetic properties, and is likewise used as an anthelmentic. Brayed

in water and inserted under the lids, it causes a copious flow of tears, and was used in ordinary ophthalmia with considerable benefit by the late Mr. Narayen Daji.

### Sleichera trijuga.

The oil.

Bombay name.—Kosimbela कासिंबल, Marathi.

Remarks.—The oil obtained by expression from the seeds, is used for the cure of itch and acne. It is also believed to have a resolvent action on abscesses and buboes.

### MELIACEÆ.

#### Azadirachta Indica-

The bark, fruit, leafstalks, leaves, and oil.

Bombay name.—Nimba निव, Hindi.

Remarks.—The bark is useful as a bitter. The fruit is said to be useful in leprosy, the seeds are employed for killing insects, and the kernel powdered is used for washing the hair. The leafstalks are extensively used as a bitter. The leaves reduced to a pulp are used as a poultice to open sores, and bruised joints. The oil is used as an anthelmintic and stimulant, and is applied externally to foul ulcers, and as a liniment in rheumatism and spasmodic affections, and in headaches from exposure to the sun.—(Royle.)

### Melia Bakayan.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Hab-al-ban ह्नूल नान, Arabic.

REMARKS.—They are considered emetic, laxative, and anthelmintic.—(Royle.)

## Melia superba.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kada khajara कडू खनूर, Marathi.

Remarks.—The description of the fruit, with the pericarp, corresponds to Dr. Roxburgh's description of the fruit of Melia superba.—(Roxburgh's Flora Indica, Vol. III. page 397).

It is bitter, and is used in colic and bowel complaints. The seeds within the stone, taste like almonds.

#### CEDRELACEÆ.

# Soymida febrifuja

The bark.

Bombay name.—Rohana sala रोहने साल, Marathi.

Remarks.—This bark is not sold in the Bombay shops. It is common in Gujerâtha. It is a powerful bitter and a febrifuge.

#### AMPELIDEÆ.

#### Vitis vinifera.

The dried fruit.

Bombay name.—Angar अगूर, Persian.

Kall draa काळी हासे, Marathi.

Kiçmiç किश्मिश, Persian.

REMARKS.—All the above mentioned are varieties of the common grape. They possess laxative and diuretic properties.

#### LINACEÆ.

## Linum usitatissimum-

The seed.

Bombay name.—Alaçí অতহা, Marathi.
Remarks.—It is used as demulcent and emollient.

#### ZYGOPHYLLACE Æ.

## Fagonia Arabica

The plant.

Bombay name.—Bâdâvard बादावर, Persian.

REMARKS.—No mention seems to be made of this plant in any of the standard works. Mr. Rahim Khan only mentions that it purifies the blood and acts as a deobstruent; but gives no authority for his statement.

### Fagonia Mysorensis.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Dhamasa धमासा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is largely used by the native practitioners as a bitter and astringent tonic. An infusion is used as a gargle in sore mouth.

### Pejanum Harmala.

The plant and the seed.

Bombay name.—Hurmal हुमेल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as rue.—(O'Shaughnessy.) It has decided emmenagogue properties.

The seed is known as Láhori Hurmal. It is used as a fumigatory.

## Tribulus lanuginosus.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Lahâna Gokharû लहान गांखरू, Marathi.

REMARKS.—An infusion increases the flow of urine, and is a good vehicle for diuretic medicines.

#### RUTACEÆ.

## Ruta angustifolia.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Satap सताप, Persian.

REMARKS.—It has acrid and bitter properties, and is used as an emmenagogue.

### Ruta graveolens.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Satâp सतापु, Persian.

REMARKS.—It has properties similar to the above. The juice is administered as an anthelmintic to children.

### XANTHOXYLACE Æ.

#### Ailanthus excelsa. .

The bark.

Bombay name.—Maharukha माहरू , Marathi.

REMARKS.—The bark is common in the Deccan Hyderabad, but does not seem to find its way to Bombay. It is useful in dyspepsia and fevers.

## Xanthoxylon Rhetsa.

The unripe capsule.

Bombay name.—Chirphala चिर्फळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a stimulant tonic and as a condiment.

The bark and capsules of Xanthoxylon hastile, are said to be known under the name of Tejabala. The capsules bearing such a name are never seen in the Bombay bazaars. The bark sold by the itenerant Vaidyas as Tejabala, I am inclined to believe, is not the genuine article. It is quite insipid, corky, and devoid of any aroma; and seems to possess no very active properties.

#### SIMARUBACEÆ:

### Balanitis Ægyptiaca-

The fruit

Bombay name.—Hinganabeta हिंगणबेट, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has emetic and purgative properties, but is seldom used.

#### CELASTRACEÆ.

## Celastrus paniculata.

The oil, and the seed.

Bombay name.—Malakanganitela मालकांगनीतेल, Marathi.

Remarks.—The oil is obtained by destructive distillation from the seeds, and is used as a stimulant internally.—(Royle.) It is also used as an application in rheumatism and paralysis. (Drury.) The seed is an ingredient in the celebrated Oleum Nigrum.

# Eleodendron glaucum. (Dalzell.)

The dry leaves.

Bombay name.—Bhutapâlâ मुतापाला, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The powdered leaves have a powerful sternutatory action, and are used as a fumigatory to rouse women from hysterical syncope, and as a snuff to relieve ordinary headache.

#### RHAMNACEÆ.

### Rhamnus Wightii.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Rukta Rohida (करोहिंडा, Marathi. Remarks.—The bark is used as a tonic and deobstruent.

### Zizyphus Jujuba.

The lac.

Bombay name.—Bora lûkhha बारलाव, Marathi.

Remarks.—It is an ingredient in a preparation called Lâkçadetela (a compound liniment) of much repute among the native practitioners, who use it for the relief of rheumatic pains.

## Zizyphus vulgaris.

The dried fruit.

Bombay name.— Unnab কলাৰ্, Persian.
REMARKS.—It is aperient and expectorant.

#### ANACARDIACEÆ.

### Anacardium occidentale.

The pericarp of the nut.

Bombay name.—Kāju bija कानुवीन, Marathi.

Remarks.—The black acrid oil contained, in the pericarp, is a powerful vesicant, and is used in leprosy with some benefit.

### Buchanania -- - ?

The kernel.

Bombay name.—Gahula गहुळा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is a cardiac and stomachic and is given in powder in doses of half a pagoda, (a Bengal measure equal in weight to a gold mohur).—(Ainslie.)

The botanical source of this drug is as yet unknown. No author except Ainslie mentions it. It is most probably an undetermined species of Buchanania.

### Mangifera Indica.

The kernel.

Bombay name.—Ambâ bâthâ आंबाबाडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as an astringent in piles and menor-rhagia.—(Pharm: of India.)

It is also reputed as an anthelmintic against lumbrici.

#### Pistacia lentiscus.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Rûmî mastakî रूमी मस्तकी, Persian.

REMARKS.—It is used as a masticatory and for stuffing carious teeth.

## Pistacia Khinjuk. (Stocks.)

The galls.

Bombay name.—Gul-i-Pista गुल्पिस्ता, Persian. REMARKS.—They have acid and astringent properties.

### Pistacia vera.

The pericarp.

Bombay name.—Post-i-Pistâ पास्त्पिस्ता, Persian. REMARKS.—It is used as an astringent.

## Rhus coriaria.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Sûmak सूमाक, Persian. REMARKS.—It is used as a powerful astringent.

## Rhus kakrasingee. (Royle.)

The galls.

Bombay name.—Kâkadâçingî काकडाशिंगी, Hindi. REMARKS.—They have astringent and tonic properties.

### Semicarpus anacardium.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Bibvd बिब्बा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is chiefly used as a vesicant and a counterirritant. Low class natives use it internally in bowel complaints. It is strongly believed by the native practitioners, that a mercurial prepared with this fruit, effectually annihilates the salivating properties of that drug.

#### AMYRIDACEÆ.

#### Balsamodendron Gileadense.

The fruit, the oleoresin, and the wood.

Bombay name.—Hab-i-balesan हवेबलेसान्, Arabic.

Roghan-i-balesan रोगने बलेसान्, Arabic.

Aod-i-balesan उदे बलेसान्, Arabic.

REMARKS.—The oleoresin, roghan-i-balesan, is used as a stimulant, tonic and astringent remedy; and as an external application to indolent sores. The fruit hab-i-balesan, and the wood, aod-i-balesan, are used for similar purposes, by the Mahomedan Hakims. Dr. Royle on the authority of Förskal, seems to believe, that the wood, aod-i-balesan, is the product of B. Kaphal.

### Balsamodendron Mukal.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Gugula गुगुङ, Marathi.

Remarks.—A superior kind of Gugula is derived from Boswellia thurifera, as has been determined by Dr. Dymock of

the Bombay Medical Stores. It is used for the same purposes as myrrha and as an alterative in rheumatic pains, and also as a topical application. The name googil is also applied, according to Dr. Ainslie, by the Tellingoos of the Coromandel coast to the resin, which exudes from Boswellia glabra.—(Royle).

## Balsamodendron Myrrha.

The gum-resin.

Bombay name.—Hirabola हिराबोळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as an emmenagogue and balsamic expectorant.

# Balsamodendron Roxburghii.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Minaharama भिनाहर्मा, Guzerathi.

Remarks.—This is always found mixed with olibanum, and is picked out of the first sort article, to be mixed with the third sort. It is slightly balsamic and bitter. It is largely used as an external application by natives for Guinæ worms.

## Boswellia glabra. (Royle.)

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Pahadi dhapa पाइडी धूप, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is in all probability the product of the Boswellia glabra, since no other plant is known to produce and

article used as incense in India, and its name, Pahadi (mountainous) strengthens such a surmise. It is chiefly used as an incense.

### Boswellia papyrifera.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Viçesha विशेष, Marathi.

Remarks.—The Bombay article no doubt is the Arabian olibanum, since it occurs in tears. The Indian article finds its way to the northern and central provinces, and is only seen here as a curiosity. (Birdwood). B. Carterii is given as the source of this article by Bently and Trimen.

### Odina Wodier.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Moya sala मायसाल, Marathi.

Remarks.—The bark is astringent, and so is the gum resin. They are used externally in lotions for skin eruptions and ulcers, and for gargles.

#### CONNARACEÆ.

Rourea santaloides. (Dalzell.)

The stem.

Bombay name.—Vardhara वर्धारा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It appears that this drug has not been noticed by any of the former writers on Indian Medicines. It belongs

to a family which does not even occur in those producing medicinal substances. The fresh plant with the leaves was procured from Surat, and on comparing it with the drug of the shops, the author is convinced that it is the real source of that drug. In botanical characters, it answers to the description of the only plant, which has been fixed upon. It may be mentioned here, that the flowers and fruit were not seen. It is used as a bitter tonic, and is supposed to be useful in rheumatism, scurvy, diabetes, and pulmonary complaints. Many fanciful virtues are attributed to it by the natives. It is believed to promote the growth of a feetus in utero, the development of which has been arrested.

### LEGUMINOSÆ.

SUB-ORDER, PAPILIONACE Æ.

## Abrus precatorius.

The root and the leaves.

Bombay name.—Guñja Mûla गुंजमूळ, Marathi.
Guñja pâna गुंजपान, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Three varieties, the white, the red, and the black are met with; but the first is only used medicinally. It is a demulcent, and is used in gonorrhea. The fresh leaves are chewed, and the juice swallowed to relieve hoarseness of voice. The juice of the leaves rubbed daily to leucodermatic spots for about a month, has been found to remove them. It deserves a trial.

### Agati grandiflora.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Agastî sâla अगस्ती साल, Marathî.

REMARKS.—The correct native word Agasti should be adopted instead of Agati. The bark is a bitter tonic.

### Alhagi Maurorum.

The manna. \*

Bombay name.—Turañjbîn तुरंज्वीन् Arabic. REMARKS.—It is used as an aperient.

### Astragalus hamosus.

The pods.

Bombay name.—Aklîl-ûl-malîk अकलील् ऊल्मलीक्, Arabic: REMARKS.—Is used as a purifier of blood and deobstruent.

### Butea frondosa.

The flowers, the gum, and the seeds.

Bombay name.—Palasa phûla पळसपूल, Marathi.

Palasa goñda पळसगांद, Marathi.

Palasa pâpada पळसपापडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The flowers, palasa phûla, boiled in water, are used as hot fomentations to the hypogastric region in retention

of urine. The gum, palasa gonda, is used as a substitute for kino. The seeds, palasa papada, are acrid, and are used as purgative and anthelmintic. Applied externally they blister the skin.

### Cicer arietinum.

The vinegar.

Bombay name.—Chand âmba चणा-आंव, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is obtained by spreading a cloth over the young plants to collect the early dew.—(Druary). The genuine drug can only be obtained from persons who own fields of gram. What is sold by native druggists is dilute sulphuric acid slightly tinged with some colouring matter. The vinegar is extensively used medicinally to relieve flatulency, and promote digestion; and is useful in diarrhæa and dysentery. It is also used as a drink with water in sunstroke.

## Clitorea ternatea.

The root and the seeds.

Bombay name.—Gokarna mala गाकर्णमूळ, Marathi.

(The seeds). Gokarna bija गाकणवीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The root is used as a laxative for children, and as a diuretic.

It is also used in croup.—(Roxburgh).

The seeds have purgative properties.—(O'Shaughnessy).

## Crotalaria juncea.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Sana blja सणवीज, Marathi. Remarks.—It has cooling properties.

## Dalbergia melanoxylon.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Tendu तेंदुः, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The bark is astringent, and reduced to an impalpable powder, is applied to ulcerations; and mixed with black pepper is administered in dysentery.—(Drury.)

This plant has been introduced in Bombay, and the trees may be seen growing in the compound of the Grant Medical College.

## Dolichos uniflorus.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Kulîtha कुळीय, Marathi.

REMARKS.—There are two varieties of this, the red and white. Both are used for similar purposes. The decoction is used by native females in leucorrhœa and menstrual derangements; it is also given to parturient females to promote discharge of the lochia.

### Ervum lens.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Masúra मसूर, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a strengthening and stimulating article of food for weak and consumptive people. It is said to be the chief ingredient in the celebrated "Revalenta Arabica food."

## Glycerrhied glabra.

The roots

Bombay name.—Jeshti madha जेष्टीमध, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The root of Abrus precatorius, supposed by some to be the Jeshti madha, is not so. It is neither in appearance nor in taste like the Jeshti madha. The latter is a useful demulcent, and an efficient substitute for English Liquorice.

## Indigofera glandulosa

The seed.

Bombay name.—Vekhariyo वेखरिया, Guzerathi.

REMARKS.—This seed was identified from plants raised by Dr. W. Dymock. The plant is found growing wild, and the author came across it on the Chinchapûglee Hills. The seed is used as a nutritive tonic.

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### Lupinus albus.—(Royle.)

The seed.

Bombay name.—Tirmish तिर्मिश्, Persian.

Remarks.—Chiefly used by the Mahomedan and Unani Hakeems as a nutritive tonic.

## Mucuna pruriens.

The pubes and the seeds.

Bombay name.—Kuhili कुहिली, Marathi.

Kavacha bija कवचवीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The pubes have vermifuge properties.

The seeds are nourishing, and possess aphrodisiac properties.—(Ainslie.)

#### Phaseolus radiatus.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Udida उडीद, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has nutritive and aphrodisiac properties; and parched, it is eaten in leucorrhœal complaints. The Mûga, P. Mungo, has similar properties, and is a light and nutritive article of food.

### Psoralea corylifolia.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Bâvañchî बावंची, Marathi.

Remarks.—A reputed remedy in cutaneous affections, including true leprosy. The author has given it a trial in leprosy and is not disposed to attach any value to it.

## Pterocarpus Draco.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Hiradakhan हिरादखन्, Hindi.

Remarks.—It is doubtful whether this drug is the product of Pterocarpus Draco, Dracœno Draco, or Calamus Draco.
It is used internally as an astringent.

## Pterocarpus santalinus.

The wood.

Bombay name.—Rakta chandana रक्तचंदन, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a colouring matter. Brayed with sugar candy in water, it is an excellent application to herpes zoster.

## Tephrosia purpurea.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Sarphuñká सर्भुका, Hindi.
REMARKS.—It is used internally as a purifier of blood.

### Trigonella fœnugrœcum.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Methi मेथी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A mucilaginous and an aromatic diuretic. It also possesses nutritive and tonic properties; and as an application externally it promotes the growth of hair.

### Vicia faba.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Bûkhlû बाख्ठा, Arabic.
REMARKS.—It is used by the Hakeems as a nutritive tonice

## SUB-ORDER, CÆSALPINEÆ.

## Aloexylum agallochum.

The wood.

Bombay name.—Krishnagara Footist, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The Eagle wood. It is a tonic and stimulant, Generally it is burnt for its pleasant odoriferous fumes.

## Bauhinia variegata.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Rakta kanchana sala रक्त काचनसाल, Marathi, REMARKS.—It is used as an astringent and tonic,

### Cæsalpinia digynia. (Graham.)

The root.

Bombay name.—Vakeri mula वाकेरीमूळ, Marathi.

Remarks.—No author has mentioned any medicinal property in this plant. It is however used in native practice, and has marked astringent properties. It might be used as such,

### Cæsalpinia Sappan.

The wood.

Bombay name.—Patanga पतंग, Marathi.

REMARKS.—An efficient astringent and tonic. It might do as a substitute for logwood. It is extensively used here in the manufacture of the red powder called Gulal.

## Cassia Absus.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Châksû चाक्सू, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The name is a corruption of the Sanscrit word for the eye.

The powdered seeds are used as an application in chronic ophthalmia,—(Royle.)

## Cassia auriculata.

The bark and the seed.

Bombay name.—Taravada sâla तरवड साल, Marathi. (The seeds). Taravada bîja तरवड वीज, Marathi.

Remarks.—The bark is used as an astringent and tonic. The powdered seeds are introduced into the eyes, in the last stage of Ophthalmia.

They are also used as a tonic in the form of an electuary.—
(Ainslie.)

## Cassia lanceolata-

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Bombay name.—Sena maki सेनामकी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—A common purgative. It is chewed in betelleaf, and thus a combination of a laxative and an aromatic corrective, is at the same time obtained.

# Cassia occidentalis.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Hikal blja हिकल्बीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used (but seldom) as a nutritive tonic.

#### Cassia senna.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Bhuya Taravada मुयतडवड, Marathi. Mendhi avala मेंद्री आवळ, Guzerathi.

REMARKS.—They are used for the same purposes as senna.

#### Cassia tora.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Takal bija तकसनीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The seeds ground with sour butter-milk, are used with excellent effect in itchy eruptions, and hence they form an ingredient in the cosmetic for skin, used by the natives.

## Cathartocarpus fistula.

The pulp surrounding the seed.

Bombay name.—Garamâld गरमाला, Bâhâvâ बाहाबा, Maratbi.
REMARKS.—An agreeable laxative.

## Ceratonia siliqua.

The legume.

Bombay name.—Kharnab çami खरनवशामी, Arabic.

REMARKS.—Astringent and tonic. It is believed to have also emmenagogue and diuretic properties.

### Guilandina bonducella.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Sågaragotå सागरगाँटां, Marathi.

Remarks.—The powdered seeds are used as a powerful tonic and a valuable febrifuge. The juice of the fresh leaves is also a febrifuge.

## Pongamia glabra.

The oil.

Bombay name.—Karañjela करंजल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The oil is obtained by expression from the seeds. It is considered an excellent application to skin eruptions attended with itching, and is applied with or without sulphur.

## Tamarindus Indica

The pulp and the seed.

Bombay name.—Chiñcha चिंच, Marathi.

(The seed.) Chinchoka चिचाका, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The pulp is laxative and forms a cooling drink with sugar, much used in sunstroke. It has also excellent antiscorbutic properties.

The powdered seeds are astringent, and are used in dy-

sentery.

Made into a paste with water, they are used in indolent boils to promote suppuration.—(Ainslie.) A variety of this tree yields the red tamarind, called Cutchi Amli. It is nutritive and is eaten as dry dates.

### SUB-ORDER MIMOSEÆ.

## Acacia Arabica. (Variety Vera.)

The extract of the pods, and the gum.

Bombay name.—Akakia अकाकिआ, Arabic.

BâbulaGonda बानुळगाद, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The extract is used as an astringent in diarrhea, dysentery and leucorrhea. The gum is a nutritive tonic.

## Acacia Arabica. (Variety Indica.)

The bark and the pods.

Bombay name.—Bâbulasâla बाबुळसाल, Marathi.

Bâbulaçeñgâ बाबुळशेगा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The bark is used as a tonic and astringent, and a decoction of it is much used as a gargle in salivation; and also as a wash for ulcers.

The pods are used in coughs .- (Ainslie).

An inferior kind of gum is also yielded by this tree.

## Acacia Catechu.

The bark and the extract of the wood.

Bombay name.—Khairasâla देसाल, Marathi.
Khadirasâra खदिरसार, Marathi.

Remarks.—The bark has astringent properties. The extract, formerly known as Terra Japonica, is used in homorrhages, diarrhoea and dysentery. Externally it is used as an application to bleeding gums, ulcers and syphilitic chancres.

#### Albizzia Lebbek.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Sirasa सिरस, Marathi.

Remarks.—They are used in piles and diarrhæa from their possessing astringent properties. They are also tonic. The oil extracted from them is given in leucoderma.—(Drury).

## Entada Pusætha. (Royle).

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Garambi गारंबी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The seeds are said to possess febrifuge, tonic and emetic properties.—(Wight). They are also used for washing hair.—(Royle). On the doctrine of signatures, the natives on this side apply the paste, obtained by braying the seeds in water, to inflamed glandular swellings in the axilla, on which it is believed to act as a discutient.

#### MORINGACEÆ.

## Moringa pterygosperma.

The bark and the gum.

Bombay name.—Cegatasâal शेगटसाल, Marathi.

Cegatagonda शेगटगोंद, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The Indian horseradish. The bark both of the stem and root, is used chiefly as an external application in rheumatic pains, and paralysis. It often vesicates the skin. Internally it is used in small doses in asthma and coughs. The gum mixed with milk is rubbed on the temples to relieve headache.

It is also locally applied to buboes; and to the limbs in venereal pains.—(Ainslie).

#### ROSACEÆ.

### Amygdalus amara.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kadılbadama कडूनदाम, Marathi.

Remarks.—The water distilled from the kernel contains. hydrocyanic acid and is recommended in fevers.—(Lindley).

## Agrimonia Nepalensis.

The hardened calyx containing the seeds.

Bombay name.—Hab-ul-kilkil ह्वूल्किल्किल्, Arabic.

REMARKS.—It is a bitter and an astringent, and may be used in the same way as the pips of the dog rose.

## Cerasus caproniana.

The stones.

Bombay name.—Âlûbûlûआॡ ৰাল্, Persian.

REMARKS.—The kernel contains the elements of hydrocyanic acid. It is considered by the Unani Hakeems to strengthen the nervous system.

### Cerasus Pudum.

The wood.

Bombay name.—Padmakashtha पदाकान्न, Marathi.

Remarks.—Has the same properties as the bark of the cherry tree. It is bitter and astringent.

## Cydonia vulgaris.

The seeds.

Bombay name,—Mogla-i behidana माग्लैबेहीदाना, Hindi.

REMARKS.—Quince seeds. They are much used as a demulcent in urinary complaints, and also as a cooling tonic.

## Prunus Bokhariensis.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Alabokhard आलूबोखारा, Persian. REMARKS.—A cooling and mild laxative.

### Rosa centifolia.

The buds and the confection.

Bombay name.—Gulab-kali गुलान्कली, Marathi.

Remarks.—The buds possess aperient properties and are used in combination with senna, cassia pulp and chebulic myrobalan. The confection called Gul-kand, is much used as a vehicle for potent metallic preparations. It has gentle aperient properties.

#### LYTHRACE Æ.

### Ammania vesicatoria.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Âgiyâ आगिया, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A powerful vesicant. It rapidly raises a blister, and is generally used by the lower classes of natives in headaches, and in a variety of complaints requiring counter-irritation.

### Lawsonia inermis.

The leaves and the seeds.

Bombay name.—Mendîpana मेदीपान, Marathi.

Mendîbîja मेदीनीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The leaves made into a paste, and mixed with a little catechu, are applied to the soles of the feet in burning pains of those parts. The seeds have slightly aromatic properties and are used in vaginal and uterine discharges.

#### COMBRETACEÆ.

## Pentaptera tomentosa.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Ainasala ऐणसाल, Marathi. REMARKS.—It has slight astringent properties.

#### Terminalia Bellerica.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Beheda बेहेडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The Belleric myrobalan. The pericarp is used in powder in expectorant electuaries.

### Terminalia Chebula-

The unripe fruit.

Bombay name.—Rangarihirada रंगारीहिरडा, Marathi.

Bâlahirada बालहिरडा, Marathi.

Hîmaja हीमज, Guzerathi.

Javasa जनस, Marathi.

Remarks.—The Chebulic myrobalan. All the above varieties arrive in the Bazaar mixed up together, and are afterwards separated. The unripe fruits possess more of the purgative element, while the more ripe ones are astringent. Either one of the last three fried in ghee (clarified butter) or in castor oil, and reduced to powder, is used in the treatment of mild forms of dysentery. Brayed with sugar candy in water, the Bâlahiradâ is used in ophthalmia in the same way as the Glycerini Acidi Tannici.

## Terminalia citrina. (Roxburgh).

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Suravarihirada सुरवाराहिरडा, Marathi. REMARKS.—It has gentle purgative properties. Extraor-

dinary purgative properties are attributed to the heavier

fruit; and unreasonable values are asked for them by the Shawl Merchants of Bombay, who import them from Cashmere. There does not appear to be any truth in the stories current about the virtues of these fruits, which are said to cause purgation by holding them in the hand.

#### MYRTACEÆ.

## Barringtonia acutangula.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Samudraphala समुद्रफळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as an aromatic in colic and parturition.—(Drury).

## Calyptranthus caryophyllata.

The young flower bud.

Bombay name.—Jangalilavanga जंगलीलंगा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The clove myrtle. It is an aromatic bitter and an astringent.

## Careya arborea.

The bark and the fruit.

Bombay name.—Kumbhasala कुभासाल, Marathi.
Vakumbha वाकुंभा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The bark is astringent. The fruit is also astringent and gently aromatic, and is used in the form of decoction to promote digestion.

### Caryophyllus aromaticus.

The flower bud, the fruit, and the oil.

Bombay name.—Lavañga छवंग, Marathi.

Remarks.—A stimulant and carminative. The fruit, Narlavanga, has similar but milder properties. The oil, Lavanga-tela, is used externally in rheumatic pains, headache and toothache.

### Mellaleuca Cajuputi.

The oil.

Bombay name.—Kâyâkutîtela कायाकुटीतेल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A stimulant, aromatic, and antispasmodic. It is much used externally in rheumatic pains of the joints and in neuralgia. Internally it is given in colic, cholera and flatulency.

## Myrtus communis.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Hab-al-as ह্ৰুন্তান, Arabic. Remarks.—An aromatic astringent.

## Punica granatum.

The flowers and the pericarp.

Bombay name.—Gûlnûr गूलनार, Persian.

Dâlimbasâla डाळिंबसाल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—They are both astringent and vermifuge, and are largely used in the chronic diarrhoa of children. The bark of the root is not used here by the native practitioners.

## Syzigium Jambolanum.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Jambula sála जांबुळसाल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A decoction of the bark is used in chronic dysentery, and as a gargle in sore mouth and spongy gums.

#### ONAGRACEÆ.

## Trapa bispinoza.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Cingâdâ शिंगाडा, Marathi. Remarks.—It is used as a nutritive tonic.

#### CUCURBITACEÆ.

## Cucumis colocynthis.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Iñdrâyâna इंद्रायाण, Marathi. REMARKS.—A drastic cathartic.

### Cucumis melo.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Kharbûz bîja खरनुझ्नीज, Hindi. REMARKS.—It is used as a cooling diuretic.

#### Cucumis sativus.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Kañkadî bîja कांकडीवीज, Marathi. Remarks.—This is also used as a cooling diuretic.

#### Cucurbita citrullus.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Tarbuz bija तरवृझ्वीज, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This also possesses cooling and diuretic properties.

### Cucurbita maxima.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Lâla bhopala bîja लालभापळीवीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—About an ounce of the seeds freed from their husks, mixed with sugar, and taken at bed time, and in the morning followed by a dose of castor oil, has been found an effectual anthelmintic in tape worms.

#### Ecbalium officinarum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kânterî Indrayana कांडेरीइंद्रायण, Marathi. REMARKS,—A drastic cathartic.

### Lagenaria vulgaris

The seed.

Bombay name.—Dudhya bhopala bija दुःध्या भापळा बीज, Marathi.

Remarks.—This is used as a cooling diuretic; and an oil obtained by expression, is used as a cooling application in headaches.

#### Luffa amara.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kada dodaka कडदें।डका, Marathi.

Remarks.—A violent cathartic and emetic. A watery extract of the pulp is dropped into the nostrils for the cure of jaundice.

### Luffa echinata.

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The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kukadavela कुकडवेल, Marathi. Remarks.—It has purgative properties.

### Momordica charantia.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Kāralā bija কাতোৰীন, Marathi. REMARKS.—They possess anthelmintic properties.

### Momordica dioica.

The tuberous root.

Bombay name.— Vanjha karatoli mula वांझ करटोळामूळ, Marathi.

Remarks.—The tuberous root of the male plant is used in the form of an electuary in hæmorrhoids.

### Trichosanthes dioica.

The plant and the fruit.

Bombay name.—Kadıl padavala कड्रपडवळ, Marathi. Remarks.—Both are used as cathartics.

## Trichosanthes palmata.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kaundala काडळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a fumigatory in puralent discharges from the nose.

#### PAPAYACEÆ.

## Carica papaya-

The seed.

Bombay name.—Popaya bija पापयत्रीज, Marathi.
REMARKS.—The powdered seeds have anthelmintic properties.—(O'Shaughnessy).

### PORTULACACEÆ.

### Portulaca oleracea.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Kulfa कूल्का, Persian. Remarks.—It is used as an emollient and diuretic.

#### SESUVIACEÆ.

### Trianthema obcordata.

The root.

Bombay name.—Khapra mala खाप्रामुळ, Marathi.

Remarks.—The Marathi name seems to be a corruption of the Dakhnî word Biskhopra.

The root is cathartic, and is used in powder.—(O'Shaughnessy).

This plant is also called Sveta Punarnava, or white Boerhaavia, the two being confounded by the natives. Such a confusion is also to be observed concerning this plant in English works. This is a mistake likely to occur, as both plants generally grow in the same localities and have a similar appearance.

### UMBELLIFERÆ.

#### ALTERATIVE.

## Hydrocotyle Asiatica

The plant.

Bombay name.—Brahmi ब्रह्मी, Marathi. REMARKS.—It has diuretic properties, and is considered a valuable alterative tonic in syphilis, leprosy and in affections of the head. It was largely used in venereal affections by my esteemed friend, the late Mr. Bhau Daji.

### AROMATIC.

#### Anetheum Sowa.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Sava सूना, Hindi.

Remarks.—A well known carminative and aromatic. It is largely used by native females to promote the secretion of milk.

## Apium graveolens.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Karafs 兩天年代, Arabic.

REMARKS.—It has stimulant properties.—(O'Shaughnessy).

## Apium involucratum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Ajmad अन्मद्, Persian.
REMARKS.—It has diuretic properties.

#### Carum carui.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Vilâyatî zîrah विलायती श्रीर:, Hindi. REMARKS.—An aromatic carminative.

## Carum nigrum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Siyah zîrah सिआह श्रीर:, Persian. Remarks.—An aromatic carminative.

### Coriandrum Sativum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Dhane धने, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A carminative. A cold infusion is used in common catarrh, sore throats and in bilious complaints.

## Cuminum cyminum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Zîrah झीर:, Persian.

REMARKS.—An aromatic carminative. It is used with sugar in hoarseness of voice.

#### Daucus carota.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Gajara bija गाजर नीज, Marathi.

Remarks.—It has stimulant properties, and is used as a diuretic and an abortive.

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### Fœniculum panmorium.

The fruit and the root.

Bombay name.—Badî sonf बडीसें। फ, Hindi.

Remarks.—An aromatic carminative. Mixed with sugar, it is much used in dysenteric complaints of children.

## Pimpinella anisum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Anlsun अनीसं, Arabic.

REMARKS.—A useful substitute for Anise. It is used as a carminative in bowel complaints of children. Locally it is used as an application for headache.

## Prangos pabularia.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Fatar sâlyûn फतरसाल्यून, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has an aromatic smell, and on chewing has a disagreable saline taste. It possesses diuretic properties.—
(Lindley).

### Ptychotis ajwan.

The empyreumatic oil, fruit, and stearoptine.

Bombay name.—Ovd ओवा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A stimulating and hot carminative. It is used in colicky pains and tympanitis. The oil, Ovâ tela, is used as an external application for pains in the limbs. The stearoptine, obtained from the seeds, is used in bowel complaints, colic, hysteria and rheumatic complaints.

### Ptychotis montana.

The fruit and the root.

Bombay name.—Bafall वामळी, Marathi. Remarks.—Both have carminative properties.

#### FETID.

### Dorema ammoniacum.

The gum resin and the root.

Bombay name.— Ûçak তথ্যক, Arabic.

REMARKS.—The gum resin is used as an expectorant. The root is sold under the name of Boî (Persian), and is used as a fumigatory.

### Ferula alliacea.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Hinga हिंग, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a powerful antispasmodic, and to relieve gaseous distension of the bowels. The natives also use it in their condiments.

A considerable doubt exists amongst authors as to the source of this substance, but Dr. W. Dymock has informed the author that it is derived from Ferula alliacea.

### Ferula Persica P

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Sakbinaj सकाविनज्, Arabic.

REMARKS.—This drug as obtained from the native druggists' shops, is different in its physical properties from the Sagapenum of the European druggists, and the drug of the British Pharmacopæia. It is questionable whether it is the produce of F. Persica. Dr. O'Shaughnessy's description of Sakbinaj corresponds with that of the Bombay specimen; while Dr. Pereira's description of Sagapenum corresponds with that of the drug of the Pharmacopæia.

## Galbanum -- - P

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Birija बीरीजा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The native name seems to be a corruption of the Arabic, Barzud. No drug answering to the description of

the product of the Galbanum officinale is found in the Bombay bazaar. What is given for Bîrîjâ or Gañdhâ bîrîjâ is crude Turpentine. Resin or common rosin is also substituted for this drug. The drug sold under the name of Javâçîr is a kind of Galbanum, which is described as Persian Galbanum by Messrs. Bentley and Trimen in their "Medicinal Plants,"—Part 16, Tablet 128—"as a drug found in a soft, almost fluid state, and as the product of the Ferula galbaniflua."

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It is used for ointments, and mixed with vinegar, as an application for acne.

#### Narthex assafætida.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Hingada हिंगडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This substance has all the properties of the common assafætida, and is used both as a medicine and a condiment, but it is very acrid and bitter. It is used in medicine for the same purposes as assafætida, and is largely exported to Europe. A stony variety (Assafætida petrea of Dr. Pereira) is also obtainable in the druggists' shops under the name of Hiñgadâ, and is used for similar purposes. The purest kind of this is sold by the candaharee hawkers, and is said by them to be produced in Shahabund.

## Opoponax Chironium

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Javaçir जवाशीर, Persian.

REMARKS.—No drug answering to the description of Opoponax is obtainable in the Bombay druggists' shops. The

name Javâçîr (Jhau-çîr.—Persian), means milk of the Jhau or pine. The natives think it to be an exudation from some pine.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

### Bolax glebaria.

The dried plant.

Bombay name.—Hamama इमामा, Persian.

REMARKS.—From a figure given by Professor Lindley in his Vegetable Kingdom, 3rd Edition, Page 774, Fig. 1013, the author is inclined to believe, that the drug Hamama is the whole plant above referred to. Secretion, like Sagapenum, is supposed to be derived from this plant. It is said to possess deobstruent, chologogue, and hypnotic properties, and to have a specific action on the liver.—Alfâz-ûl-advieh.

It is also used in coughs.

## Pastinaca Sekakul.—(Royle).

The root.

Bombay name.—Sakâkûl misrî शकाकूल्मिस्त्री, Persian.

Remarks.—This is the sugary Sakâkûl, as the name implies. It is starchy and sweet. In the Umbelliferæ, Dr. Royle mentions the carrot, the parsnip, the skirret and this substance as containing saccharine matter and mucilage. (See Illustrations of Himalayan Botany, Page 231).

The name Sakâkûl has been applied to several articles. Sûmbûl Radix of the Pharmacopœia, it appears, has been described by Dr. Ainslie, as "the Sakâkûl of the Arabs; an aroma-

tic and a stomachic substance, probably the product of Sium Siarum."—Ainslie's Materia Indica, Vol. II, Page 361.

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Sûmbul again in Persian is Hyacinth, Bakh-i-Sûmbûl is Orris root, and Sûmbûl-i-Hîndî is the name of Nardostachys Jatamansi, names given from similarity of odour. The plants, Pastinaca Sekakul and Sium Siarum, both being Umbelliferous, it is reasonable to suppose, were designated by the same name—the sweet root, of course, being distinguished by the qualification Misrî.

Sakâkûl Hîndî is the name often given to Safed Mûslî, probably from its starchy and nutritive qualities which are also to be found in the Sakâkul Mîsrî.

#### POISONOUS.

## Conium maculatum.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Kirdamana किर्दमाना, Arabic.

Remarks.—The seeds have the poisonous properties of the plant. It is chiefly used as an application in headache.

#### ARALIACEÆ.

#### Hedera Helix.

The leaves and seed vessels.

Bombay name.—Kasûs कसूस, Arabic.

REMARKS.—A bitter and an aperient.—(O'Shaughnessy).

### Panax quinquifolium.

The root.

Bombay name.—Jinsing जिनसिंग, Chinese.

REMARKS.—An aromatic bitter. The Chinese consider it a panacea.

### CAPRIFOLIACE E.

### Viburnum fætidum.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Naravela नरवेल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—How this plant has come to be called Naravela, it is difficult to understand, it being the name of the Naravelia Zeylanica, a Ranunculaceous plant. If any thing, its leaves have a superficial resemblance to those of a Thalictrum. It is acrid, bitter and astringent, and is used an emmenagogue.

It is remarkable that no writer on Indian Botany has mentioned this plant except Dr. Wallich who gives a figure in his Plant. Asiat. Rarior., Vol. I, Page 49, Tab. 61. Viburnum prunifolium, an American plant, has also been found useful in all uterine diseases characterised by loss of blood, and in threatened abortion.—(The Medicinal Record No. 309—1876).

#### ALANGIACEÆ.

## Alangium Lamarckii.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Ânakula आनकुल Marathi.

REMARKS.—The leaves are used as poultices in rheumatic pains.

#### RUBIACEÆ.

#### Gardenia lucida.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Dikemali डिकेमाळी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is given in intermittent fevers as an antiperiodic. It is also used for the cure of cutaneous affections, and as an application to piles to relieve itching.

Farriers use it to kill maggets in the sloughing sores of cattle.

### Randia dumetorum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Gela fala गेळफळ, Marathi.

Remarks.—It has anthelmintic, emetic and cathartic properties. Sometimes it is given to cause abortion. Externally it is used to disperse abscesses and acne.

## Rubia Munjishta.

The root.

Bombay name.—Mañjishta मंजिष्ट, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has alterative properties and is used in jaundice and irregular menstruation.

## Uncaria gambir.

The extract of the leaves.

Bombay name.—Kâtha काय, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as an astringent, and as an application to syphilitic sores and aphthous ulcers in the mouth.

### VALERIANACEÆ.

## Nardostachys Jatamansi.

The root.

Bombay name.—Jatâmâsî जटामासी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has stimulant properties, and is an efficient substitute for the Valerian root.

## Valeriana Celtica P

The root.

Bombay name.—Tagara ganthona तगरगंठाना, Hindi.
Asârûn आसारून, Arabic.

REMARKS.—The drug under notice is sold in the shops under the above two names. It has been supposed by some writers to be the Asarabacca (Asarum Æuropeum), but it is far from it. Having found some pieces of thick root to which the rootlets were attached in a specimen of the Valerian of the shops, the author found them alike in structure, and is inclined to look upon it as a Valerian, probably the Valeriana Celtica, mentioned by Royle in his Illustrations of Himalayan Botany, page 242. This drug is used only as a perfume.

Valeriana Hardwickii has a root much like tagara (See Wallich's Plant. Asiat. Rarior. Vol. III Tab. 263), but Dr. Wallich does not mention it as possessing any odour.

### Valeriana officinales.

The root.

Bombay name.—Kâlâvâlâ काळावाळा, Marathi.

Remarks.—This is the true valerian of the Pharmacopæia. It is sold in the shops of the Bombay native druggists under the above native name. Another Pharmacopæial drug, serpentaria, is also sold under the same name, which means the black variety of the Andropogon muricatus—vâļâ.

Valerian is generally substituted for serpentaria, being cheaper; and the natives being unable to distinguish one from the other, take either of them indiscriminately for kâlâvâlâ.

#### COMPOSITEÆ.

### Achillæa millefolium.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Rojamart राजमरी, Marathi.

Remarks.—This plant is mistaken for rosemary, and is sold as such by the native herbalists. Although a native of Europe it is so far naturalized as to be commonly employed as a medicine in this Presidency.

It is used as a bitter, and in medicated vapour baths for fevers.

It is said to be a mild aromatic tonic and astringent.—
(Bentley and Trimen's Medicinal Plants, Tab. 153).

## Aplotaxis Lappa.—(Lindley).

The root.

Bombay name.—Kushta कुष्ट, Marathi.
Upaleta उपलेट, Guzerathi.

REMARKS.—This drug was formerly known under the name of Aucklandia Costus. It is of ancient repute, and is believed to have aphrodisiac properties. It is used externally as an application to contusions, sprains and headaches.

### Artemisia Cabulica

The flowers.

Bombay name.—Kiramaniova किरमाणीआवा, Marathi.

Remarks.—Dr. W. Dymock believes this to be the true santonine plant. It is used as a vermifuge.

#### Artemisia Doonense.

The flowering plant.

Bombay name.—Afsantin अपूर्सतीन्, Arabic. Remarks.—It is used as a tonic.

## Artemisia Indica.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Marvá मनी, Marathi.

Remarks.—An aromatic tonic, and is used as an emmenagogue.

### Artemisia sternutatoria.

The flowering herb.

Bombay name.—Nakaçinkanî नाकशिकणी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Dr. Royle mentions this under the synonym of Myriogyne minuta. In powder it is used as a snuff in headaches.

## Artemisia vulgaris.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Davand दवणा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is chiefly used as a perfume and is an ingredient in cosmetic preparations. It is said to be useful in cephalalgia and rheumatism.

# Artemisia --- P

The flowers and seed vessels.

Bombay name.—Baranjāsif बरंजासीफ, Persian.

REMARKS.—This is the general Persian term for all the Artemisias, as Afsantîn is the Arabic. The drug has a strong aromatic smell, and may be used as a substitute for A. vulgaris.

## Artemisia ---?

The plant.

Bombay name.—Surpana सूर्पण, Marathi.

Remarks.—A stomachic, deobstruent, antispasmodic and emmenagogue. It is used in colic, obstructed menses, and hysteria, but chiefly as an anthelmintic.

# Blumea oxyodonta.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Bhamburda भांनुडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a substitute for sage, and has aromatic and slightly astringent properties. Every species of Blumea, growing in Bombay such as B. wightiana, B. aurita, and B. holosericea is sold under the same native name bhâmburdâ; but the one given above, has the strongest balsamic odour.

# Carthamus tinctorius.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Kardaî कर्डई, Marathi.

Kasûmbû कसुंत्रा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The seeds are laxative, and the expressed oil is used as an application to rheumatic pains and paralytic affections.

### Centaurea Behen.

The root.

Bombay name.—Safedbehman संभेद् बेह्मन्, Persian. Remarks.—It is used as a bitter tonic.

## Cichorium intybus.

The root and the seed.

Bombay name.—Kâsanî कासनी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The root is bitter, and a decoction of the seeds is used in obstructed menstruation.

# Doronicum scorpioides?

The root.

Bombay name.—Darûnaj-i-akrabî दारूनज्अकवी, Arabic.

REMARKS.—It acts as a tonic and antispasmodic.—(Rahim-khan).

# Eclipta prostrata.

The herb.

Bombay name.—Maka माका, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has properties similar to those of Taraxacum. It is used externally for scorpion bites.

## Epaltes divaricata.

The flower heads.

Bombay name.—Bramhadandl ब्रह्मदंडी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is believed to be a nervine tonic and an aphrodisiac, and is used in seminal debility.

## Eupatorium Ayapana.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Âyâpâna आयापान, S. A. Indian.

Remarks.—An infusion of the leaves is said to be a powerful sudorific and alexipharmic. In the bites of venomous animals it is used externally as well as internally.—(Lindley).

## Glossocardia Bosvallea-

The plant.

Bombay name.—Fattarsava फत्तरसूवा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The rock anethum. It is used to promote the flow of menses.

This drug is used in Poona and the Mofussil under the name of Pitta pâpaḍā (Fumaria).

# Grangea Madraspatana.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Maçîpatrî मशीपत्री, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The leaves are used as a stomachic, deobstruent and antispasmodic.—(Ainslie).

### Lactuca sativa.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Kahû काह, Arabic.

Remarks.—It is used as a refrigerent in fevers and in-

## Pyrethrum Indicum.

The stem.

Bombay name.—Akkalkard अकलकरा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This is the Aod-alkarrakh of the Arabs; and is brought from Mocha. The bazaar specimen differs from the Pellitory of Spain, the Anacyclus pyrethrum of botanists and sold by the English druggists, in being more starchy.

Spilanthes oleracea, called in Bombay akkalkarå, has a principle in all its parts much like that of pyrethrum; but the roots are insignificant and are never used in the dry state. Pyrethrum has powerful stimulant properties and is used as a cordial with other aromatic substances.

It is generally used as a sialagogue and in paralytic affections and headaches.—(Ainslie).

# Pyrethrum ---?

The root.

Bombay name.—Bozîdân बोझीदान्, Persian.

Mithâakkalkarâ मिठाअकल्करा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The botanical source of this drug is as yet undetermined; but in all probability it is a Pyrethrum, as its.

native name signifies. Although it is devoid of the acridity of that drug, it has a structure, starchy and fibrous, almost like it.

It is chiefly used as a tonic and aphrodisiac.

# Matricaria suaveolens.—(Royle).

The flowers.

Bombay name.—Bâbûna बाबुना, Arabic.

REMARKS.—It is used in fevers, dyspepsia and chlorosis as a tonic and carminative. It acts also as an emetic.—(Ainslie).

# Sphæranthus mollis.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Gorakhamundî गारवमुडी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a stomachic and anthelmintic in doses of two scruples daily, in the form of powder. In conjunction with whey it is used as an external application to piles. Grangea Madraspatana is often substituted for it.

# Tricholepis montana.

The plant.

Bombay name.— Ûtakatârâ ऊटकटारा, Marathi.

Remarks.—This is the plant given for utakatara in Bombay, and not Alhagi maurorum as mentioned by O'Shaughnessy and others.

Echinops echinatus is the name given by Dr. Playfair in his Taleef Shereef, but the description of the plant does not correspond with the Bombay uṭakaṭârâ. It is a bitter tonic and a diuretic, and is used in coughs.

## Tricholepis procumbens.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Sukâyî सुकाई, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is slightly mucilaginous and is used in coughs.

### Vernonia anthelmintica-

The seed.

Bombay name.—Kalenjirt काळेंजिरी, Marathi.

Remarks.—It is used as an anthelmintic in doses of one tola (180 grains) of the powder.

### LOBELIACEÆ.

### Lobelia nicotianifolia.

The leaves and seeds.

Bombay name.—Dhavala दवळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The seeds are acrid. A decoction of the leaves is used as an antispasmodic.—(Pharmacopæia of India).

### SYMPLOCACEÆ.

## Symplocos racemosa.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Lodhra लेघि, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is said to have astringent and aperient properties, and is used in diarrhea and other discharges.

#### STYRACEÆ.

## Styrax Benzoin.

The gum resin and the acid.

Bombay name.—Loban लोबान, Arabic.

REMARKS.—The acid, Lobânafúla (Benzoic), is used in coughs and in the form of a suppository in uterine discharges. The gum resin is used extensively as incense.

#### SAPOTACEÆ.

#### Bassia latifolia.

The bark and the flowers.

Bombay name.—Movasala मानासाल, Marathi.
Movafula मानामूल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The bark is bitter and astringent, and the fresh juice is used in rheumatic affections.—(Ainslie).

The sugary flowers are used in coughs and as a vehicle for other drugs. They have an intoxicating effect.

## Mimusops elengi.

The bark and the flowers.

Bombay name.—Bakûlasâla ৰনুত্তমান্ত, Marathi.

Bakûlafûla ৰনুত্তমূন্ত, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The bark possesses tonic and astringent properties. A decoction of it is used as a gargle in salivation, and in fevers. Water, distilled from the flowers, is used as a stimulant.

# Mimusops hexandra.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Ranjanasala रांजणसाल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is an astringent, and is used for the same purposes as the above.

### MYRSINACEÆ.

#### Embelia ribes.

The berries.

Bombay name.—Vavadinga नानडींग, Marathi.

REMARKS.—They are believed to possess anthelmintic properties. An infusion is given as a drink in cases of every sickness to prevent the supposed injurious effects of cold water drinking.

#### OLEACE Æ.

### Fraxinus rotundifolia.

The manna.

Bombay name.—Cirkhist शीर्वीस्त, Persian.

REMARKS.—A mild aperient. Another species of Fraxinus produces the Khorasani çîrkhîst, which was at one time obtainable in Bombay.

## Olea Zaitoon.—(Birdwood).

The oil.

Bombay name.—Zaituntela झैतूनतेल, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This is the olive oil from Mecca. It has a greenish tint and not the yellow colour of the English olive oil. It is burnt as lamp oil in Mecca. Here it is used as an application to painful joints and burns. Resaries are made of the wood of this tree.

#### ASCLEPIADACEÆ.

# Calotropis procera.

The bark of the root and flowers.

Bombay name.—Mândâra मांदार, Marathi.

Âkada, Âg आकडा, आग्, Hindi.

Remarks.—There has been a great deal of confusion with reference to the two plants, C. procesa and C. gigantea. The latter is often mistaken for the former; but the real medicinal

properties of the mudâr of English writers reside in the C. procera and not in the C. gigantea. The leaves of the latter are extensively used as poultices in inflammatory swellings; and the milky juice is used as a mild rubifacient, and is believed to produce abortion. It is taken internally as an alterative. The Mândâr, C. Procera, is an emetic and a reputed alterative. An excellent monograph on the subject is written by the late Dr. R. Wight of Madras in the 2nd Volume of the Madras Journal of Science, Page 70.

The flowers are also used and are believed to have detergent properties.

# Ceropegia acuminata et bulbosa

The bulbous root.

Bombay name.—Pâtalatumbadî पाताळतुंबडी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—No mention of this drug occurs in any of the works on Indian Materia Medica. The starchy tubers are edible and are used as a nutritive tonic in bowel complaints of children. From illustrations in Dr. Roxburgh's Coromandel Plants, Tablets 7 and 8, the author presumes the drug under consideration to be the product of the above plants.

#### Demia extensa.

The root.

Bombay name.—Utaranîmûla उत्तरणीमूळ, Marathi.

Remarks.—The root is believed to have expectorant properties. The juice of the leaves mixed with lime is applied to rheumatic swellings of the joints.—(Ainslie).

## Gymnema --?

The stem.

Bombay name.—Râsnâ रास्ना, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is an undetermined drug. It has been ascribed by some to Berthelotia lanceolata, and by others to Salvadora India. The stem of Gymnema sylvestris, in the author's herbarium, has the nearest resemblance to the drug under consideration, and the medicinal properties, as given by Dr. Ainslie of Periploca sylvestris now called Gymnema sylvestris, resemble very much those of râsnâ.

It is used as an alterative tonic in cases of secondary syphilis, in the form of a compound decoction.

Another drug sold under the same name is undoubtedly an Aristolochia; and to distinguish the drug under consideration from this râsnâ, it is called Khaḍakî râsnâ, as it is found to grow in the crevices of rocks.

### Hemidesmus Indicus.

The root.

Bombay name.—Anantamala अनंतामूळ, Sanscrit.

REMARKS.—It is used in cutaneous diseases, scrofula, and venereal affections, and is considered an efficient substitute for Sarsaparilla.

## Alstonia Scholaris.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Sâtavîna सातवीण, Marathi.

Remarks.—A powerful tonic and antiperiodic. It is also used in bowel complaints,

#### APOCYNACEÆ.

# Anodendron paniculatum.

The root.

Bombay name.—Kâvalî कावळी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is the Echites paniculata of Roxburgh. It has properties similar to those of ipecacuanha.

# Holarrhæna antidysenterica.

The bark and the seed.

Bombay name.—Kudûsâla कुडासाल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The bark has tonic and febrifuge properties. It has been used, as well as the seed, in the treatment of dysentery with good effect. An infusion of the roasted seeds is a gentle and safe astringent in bowel complaints and is given to allay the vomiting in cholera.—(Ainslie).

### Nerium odorum.

The root.

Bombay name.—Kaneramala कणरमूळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is used by villagers as a remedy for colic, but the author has seen poisonous effects produced by it. It is also used to procure abortion.

## Wrightia tinctoria.

The bark of the root and the seeds.

Bombay name.—Kâlâkuda काळाकुडा, Marathi. Gode-indrajava गाँडेइंद्रजन, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The root bark is used as a tonic and febrifuge, and in bowel complaints. The seeds seem to be almost inert.

#### LOGANIACEÆ.

# Strychnos nux vomica.

The bark, the leaves, the seeds, and the wood.

Bombay name.—Kuchala कुचला, Marathi.

Remarks.—All these are used medicinally, and in cases where strychnine is useful. The wood is sold in the bazaar as Goagurrû. It is a domestic medicine amongst the Banias. Its efficacy is supposed to be much increased by adding to it the kernel of the Coco-de-Mer, the Lodoicea Seychellarum of botanists.

It is used in atonic complaints.—(Dr. Dymock).

# Strychnos potatorum.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Nirmali निर्मळी, Ma rathi.

REMARKS.—The seeds are devoid of poisonous properties and are used in the treatment of diabetes and gonorrhea.—
(Drury).

Their property of clearing water is well known.

# Strychnos St. Ignatii.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Papîtâ पपीता, Arabic.

REMARKS.—The seeds are used for the same purposes as Nux vomica. Externally they are applied to disperse indolent bubbes.

#### JASMINACEÆ.

### Jasminium latifolium.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Kusara 勇根, Marathi.

REMARKS.—They are slightly bitter and astringent, and might be used as a tonic and stomachic.

# Jasminium pubescens.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Mogra मात्रा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The dried leaves soaked in water and made into a poultice are used in indolent ulcers to generate a healthy action.

The root is said to be alexiteric.—(Lindley).

### GENTIANACEÆ.

## Erythrea Roxburghii.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Lûntak छन्टक, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This plant grows in rice fields in the cold season, and is a good bitter tonic.

### Gentiana lutea.

The root.

Bombay name.—Jentiana जेतीआना, Arabic. Remarks.—A well known bitter tonic.

# Ophelia chirata.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Kiráîta किराईत, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is the officinal chirata. A valuable bitter tonic and antiperiodic. Wallich has figured this in his Plant: Asiat: Rarior: Tab. 252.

# Ophelia multiflora.- (Dalzell).

The plant.

Bombay name.—Kadavînaî कडवीनाई, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is figured beautifully in Wight's Icones Vol IV. Plate 1031. It is used as a good substitute for chirata, and in combination with Neem bark in the treatment of fevers.

### Swertia angustifolia.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Pahâdîkirâîta पहाडीकिराईत, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A useful tonic; also used as a substitute for chirata, but is considered inferior to it. See Wallich's Plant: Asiat: Rarior: Tab: 204.

# Swertia paniculata.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Kadavi कडनी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Beautifully figured in Wallich's Plant: Asiat: Rarior: Tab: 205.

This is also used as a substitute for chirata.

#### BIGNONIACEÆ.

#### Calosanthes Indica.

The root.

Bombay name.—Tetûmûla टेट्रमूळ, Marathi. REMARKS.—A bitter tonic and stomachic.—(Nighanta).

# Heterophragma chelonioides.

The root.

Bombay name.—Pâdalamâla पाडळमूळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—An infusion of this is used as a cooling drink in fevers.—(Ainslie).

#### PEDALINEÆ.

#### Pedalium murex.

The fruit, the leaves, and the root.

Bombay name.—Mothengokharan मोठेगायरं, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A decoction of the fruit is mucilaginous and diuretic. It is much used in the treatment of gonorrhæa, cystitis, and seminal weakness. The fresh leaves form a mucilage when macerated in water, which is extensively used in the early stages of gonorrhæa. The root is similarly used.

### CONVOLVULACEÆ.

# Argyria speciosa.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Samudraçosha समुद्रशाप, Marathi.

Remarks.—The leaves warmed are applied as poultices to dissolve inflammatory swellings.

# Batatas paniculata.

The tuberous root.

Bombay name.—Bhulkohold मुईकोहोळा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The dried root reduced to powder and then boiled with sugar and butter, is said to promote corpulence.—
(Roxburgh). It is never used as such on this side of India. This drug is sometimes given for one kind of Musli kanda. Ainslie in his Materia Indica Vol. II. page 307, calls this Vidâri.

### Convolvulus scammonia.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Sakmûniû सक्मानिआ, Arabic.

Remarks.—The Bombay-bazaar specimen seems to be a fictitious one. A black and a green variety are here met with. They are made up of some gum resin and juice of vegetable leaves. This drug is unfit for medicinal purposes.—(See Dr. Dymock's Notes on Indian drugs, in the Pharmaceutical Journal of 1876, page 450).

#### Cressa cretica.

The herb.

Bombay name.—Khardi खर्डी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a tonic and is believed to possess expectorant properties. It grows abundantly in rice fields after the rains.

# Cuscuta reflexa.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Aftîmûn अपतीमून, Arabic.

Amaravela अमरवेल, Sanscrit.

Nirmuli निर्मुळी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a purifier of the blood, and in bilious disorders.

C. sulcata is found on small herbs but is not used medicinally.

The C. reflexa is often confounded with Cassytha filiformis, a Lauraceous parasite.

### Evolvulus hirsutus.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Cankhâvallî इंखावली, Marathi. Vishnugandhî विष्णुगंधी, Sanscrit.

REMARKS.—It is believed by Unani Hakeems to strengthen the brain and memory, and is used extensively in the Mofussil as a febrifuge and tonic.

It is also used in certain bowel complaints.—(Ainslie).

In the Vedic period it was believed to promote conception.

# Ipomœa reniformis.

The plant.

Bombay name. — Undirkant डादरकानी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has deobstruent and diuretic properties.—
(Bakerally).

# Ipomœa Turpethum.

The root.

Bombay name.—Niçottar निशासर, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a purgative and is analogous to Jalap in its action.

#### Pharbitis Nil.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Kâlâdânâ কাতাহাণা, Marathi. REMARKS.—A safe and efficient purgative.

#### BORAGINACEÆ.

### Anchusa tinctoria

The root.

Bombay name.—Rañg-i-bâdçâh रंगेनादश:, Hindi.
Ratanjot रतन्जीत्, Hindi.
Hâvâjîvâ हानाजीना, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is used to colour oils.

# Onosma bracteatum.—(Royle).

The leaf.

Bombay name.—Gaozaban गाओझनान, Persian.

Remarks.—It is used in the form of decoction in rheumatism, syphilis and lepra.—(O'Shaughnessy).

#### CORDIACEÆ.

## Cordia myxa.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Sapistan सपिस्तान्, Persian.

REMARKS.—The fruits are mucilaginous. They are used in diseases of the chest and urethra,—(Drury).

#### EHRETIACEÆ.

## Coldenia procumbens-

The plant.

Bombay name.—Tripakshî त्रिपक्षी, Sanscrit.

REMARKS.—Equal parts of the dried leaves and fenugreek seeds rubbed to a fine powder and applied warm to boils quickly bring them to suppuration.—(Ainslie).

### SOLANACEÆ.

## Capsicum annuum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Lâlamiracht लालिमरची, Hindi.

Remarks.—It is used as a stimulant in snake-bites and in cholera.

### Datura alba.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Dhatûrûbîja धतूराबीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used in powder in bowel complaints, coughs, fevers and in tetanus. The black species, D. hummatu, is generally preferred by the native practitioners.

#### Datura hummatu.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Kâlâdhatûrû काळाधत्रा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Poultices of the leaves are used in various glandular swellings. The juice of the leaves mixed with quick-lime is a favourite application for mumps.

It doubtless possesses very active properties.

# Hyosciamus niger.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Khorasani-ajavan खोरासानीअजवान्, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is used in the form of compound powder as a stomachic, and in worm complaints.

It is also smoked with mercurials in the treatment of syphilis with the view of moderating the effects of mercury.

# Nicotiana Tabacum.

The leaf.

Bombay name.—Tambakha तंबाखू, Marathi.

Remarks.—It is smoked to relieve asthma and cough, and to promote digestion. As a local application it is used in rheumatic pains of the joints and in painful affections of the testicles.

The stalk is introduced in the rectum, especially of children to relieve constipation.

## Physalis somnifera.

The root.

Bombay name.—Asagandha असगंघ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a deobstruent and diuretic.—
(Ainslie).

## Puneeria coagulans.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kâkanaj काकनज्, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is given for the same purposes as Physalisomnifera; and is largely used for coagulating milk. Expectorant properties are also assigned to it.

## Solanum incertum.

The flowering plant with fruits.

Bombay name.—Kamani कामूनी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used in the form of syrup as a cooling drink in fevers and to promote perspiration, and also as an expectorant and a diuretic.

### Solanum Indicum.

The root.

Bombay name.—Dorlimala ड्रार्टीमूळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used in fevers, worm complaints and colic. Ainslie says it is given in dysuria.

# Solanum Jacquini.

The fruit, the plant, and the root-

Bombay name.—Bhuiringani मुइरिंगणी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—All the parts are used as expectorants. The root has also diuretic properties.

Fumigations with the burning seeds are in great repute in the cure of toothache.—(Drury).

### Solanum trilobatum.

The root.

Bombay name.—Motaringanîmula मातारंगणीमूळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used in fevers and is never given by the native practitioners as an expectorant, as the S. Jacquini.—
(Ainslie's Materia Indica Vol. II, page 427). No other part of this plant is used medicinally.

# SCROPHULARIACE E.

# Herpestes Monnieria.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Bâma नाम, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a febrifuge, and a tonic. A poultice made of the boiled plant is placed on the chest in coughs of children.

#### LABIATEÆ.

### Anisomeles Malabarica.

The flowers.

Bombay name.—Gul-i-gaozaban गुलेगाओझनान्, Persian.

REMARKS.—They are believed to possess the properties of the plant, which is a diaphoretic, and are supposed to be useful in affections of the stomach and bowels.—(Pharmacopæia of India).

## Hyssopus officinales.

The flowering plant.

Bombay name.—Zofā-i-yabis झोफेयाविस, Persian.

REMARKS.—It is believed by the Hakeems to possess anthelmintic, stimulant, and diuretic properties.—(O'Shaughnessy).

# Dracocephalum Royleanum.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Tukhm-i-bâlango तुर्भेवालंगी, Persian.

REMARKS.—They are used in the preparation of mucilaginous drinks.—(Royle).

### Lavandula stechas.

The flowers.

Bombay name.— Ûstukhudus उत्स्तुखुदुस्, Arabic.

REMARKS.—Stimulant, diaphoretic, and emmenagogue properties are attributed to this drug, and is largely used by native

females under the name of Alfajan, which is a corruption of the Portuguese word Alfazema.

# Leucas cephalotes.

The flowering plant.

Bombay name.—Twmbd तुंबा, Marathi.

Remarks.—A mild stimulant and diaphoretic. L. aspera and L. collina, are also used for the same purposes. These three plants are known to the natives by the name of Tumbâ.

### Melissa umbrosa.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Badrañjboya बाद्रंज्वोया, Persian. REMARKS.—It is used as a stimulant and tonic.

# Mentha virides.—(Royle).

The plant.

Bombay name.—Pahadipudina पहाडीपुदीना, Hindi. Remarks.—A stomachic and a carminative.

# Mentha vulgaris.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Pudînâ पुदीना, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is largely used as a domestic medicine in the complaints of childhood as a stomachic, carminative and expectorant.

### Ocimum basilicum.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Faranjmushk प्रांजमुद्ध, Persian.

REMARKS.—As these seeds come from Persia they are most probably those mentioned by Dr. Roxburgh in his Flora Indica Vol. III. page 18.

They are used as a demulcent and diuretic in ardor urinæ and in diseases of the kidney.

### Ocimum canum.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Rânatulasîbîja रानतुळसीबीज, Marathi.

Remarks.—This is allied in its properties to O. pilosum, and is used for similar purposes. The name, Rânaṭulaçî, is indiscriminately applied by natives to all the Ocimums except the O. sanctum, the Holy Basil.

# Ocimum gratissimum.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Tulasîbîja तुळसीनीज, Marathi.

Remarks.—The seeds of O. sanctum would properly be called Tulasîbîja, but they are not used medicinally. The drug here mentioned would more properly be designated Rânatulasîbîga.—(Roxburgh).

It is used as a demulcent and also as a nutritive substance, hence the name Kâmarakâsa or strengthener of the loins. It is also eaten on fast days, and in seminal weakness.

# Ocimum pilosum.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Tukhm-i-rahan तुर्वेरहान, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This seed is extensively used in the early stages of gonorrhœa and in every variety of scalding in the urine. It is also used in Spermatorrhæa.

Green in his Dictionary of Botany, includes this in O. basilicum, and calls it the citron scented middle basil. The specific name pilosum, is a very apt one, as the whole plant, but especially the inflorescence, is very pilose. Dr. Roxburgh's description of O. pilosum, (Flora Indica Vol. III. page 17), corresponded exactly with the plant raised by Dr. Dymock from the Tukhm-i-rahan of the bazaar.

# Origanum vulgare.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Sathra साभा, Hindi. REMARKS.—A tonic, stimulant and emmenagogue.

# Pogostemon patchouli.

The flowering plant.

Bombay name.—Pacha पान, Marathi.
REMARKS.—A well known and agreeable perfume.

#### THE BOMBAY DRUGS.

# Pogostemon purpuricaulis.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Fâñgalâ फांगळा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is a strong scented herb and is used in the diseases of cattle.

# Prunella vulgaris.—(Royle).

The flowering plant.

Bombay name.—Mick-i-Taramhsia मिष्केतरामसी, Arabic.

Remarks.—It is considered to have stimulant and emmenagogue properties.

# Salvia hæmatodes.

The root.

Bombay name.—Lalbehamun लालबेहमन्, Hindi. Remarks.—It is a tonic and stimulant.

### VERBENACEÆ.

# Clerodendron phlomoides.

The root.

Bombay name.—Airanamala ऐरणमूळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a bitter tonic and is given in the convalescence of measles.

### Clerodendron serratum.

The root.

Bombay name.—Bharañgamala भारंगमूळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used in febrile and catarrhal affections.—
(Ainslie).

### Gmelina arborea.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Civanaslaa शिवणसाल, Marathi.

Remarks.—It is mucilaginous, and is used as a demulcent in gonorrhea.

# Lippia nodiflora.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Ratoliya रतालिया, Guzerathi.

REMARKS.—The juice of the fresh plant with cumin-seeds is used in the treatment of gonorrhea and dysuria.

# Tectona grandis.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Sågabîja सामनीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—They are used as a diuretic. The wood rubbed to a paste with water is believed to be a useful application to subdue the inflammation caused by the marking nut.

### Vitex trifolia.

The leaves and seeds.

Bombay name.—Nirgundi निगुंडी, Marathi.

Remarks.—The leaves have discutient properties and are extensively applied as a poultice to contusions, for pain in the joints and in syphilitic rheumatism.

The seeds, Renuka bîja, are a nervine and an emmenagogue.—(Roxburgh).

### ACANTHACEÆ.

# Acanthodium spicatum.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Utangana उतंगण, Hindi.

Remarks.—The seeds are mucilaginous. They possess demulcent, cooling and diuretic properties, and are used in cases of gonorrhæa and seminal weakness.

# Andrographis paniculata.

The herb.

Bombay name.—Olenkiraîta ओलंकिराईत, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is generally obtained in the fresh state, hence the name olen (fresh). It is an efficient substitute for Ophelia chirata.

# Asteracantha longifolio.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Talamakana तालमकाना, Arabic.

REMARKS.—It is a tonic and diuretic, and is used in gonorrheea.

### Justicia Adhatoda.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Adulasa अड्ळसा, Marathi. Remarks.—A most useful expectorant.

# Lepidagathis cristata-

The plant.

Bombay name.—Bhuyaterada मुयतेरडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is a bitter herb, and is used in the treatment of fevers.

### Rhinacanthus communis-

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Gajakarnî गजकणीं, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The juice of the leaves is applied to the Bombay ringworm, and beyond palliating, it has no particular efficacy.

# Peristophe bicalyculata.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Ghâtîpittapâpadâ घाटीपित्तपापडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is believed to have the properties of Fumaria parviflora, and is used in its stead, but has not the bitterness of that plant.

### Rostellularia diffusa-

The plant.

Bombay name.—Pittapapada पित्तपापडा, Marathi.

Remarks.—This is extensively used for Fumaria parviflora but has no bitterness, nor does it seem to possess any active properties.

# Rungia parviflora.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Pittapapada पित्तपापडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This and the following plant with or without flowers are indiscriminately given for Pittapapada as also the above mentioned Rostellularia.

All over the Concan they are used for Pittapapada, and are sold as such in the druggists' shops in Bombay. All of them are far from the true Pittapapada, the Fumaria parviflora, both in appearance and taste and in medicinal properties. They have no bitterness at all.

## Rungia repens.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Pittapåpadå पित्तपापडा, Marathi.

Remarks.—This drug was obtained from the druggists of Bulsar, where it was used as Pittapapada.

#### PRIMULACEÆ.

## Cychamen hederæfolium.

The root.

Bombay name.—Hattajodi हत्ताजाडी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—Dr. Lindley describes this root as possessing drastic properties.—(Vide Lindley's Flora Medica).

Here it is never used internally. It is sold in Bombay by the itinerant Vaidyas, commonly known as jholee-wallas, as a charm.

## PLUMBAGINACEÆ.

# Plumbago rosea-

The root.

Bombay name.—Lâlachitraka लालचित्रक, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has acrid and stimulating properties, and is used externally in rheumatic and paralytic affections.—(Ainslie).

Here it is often used for causing vesication in syphilitic buboes. It is also used to procure abortion by applying a watery paste to the os uteri.

## Plumbago Zeylanica-

The root.

Bombay name.—Pandharachitraka पांदराचित्रक, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used for the same purposes as the above, but is believed to be less powerful.

#### PLANTAGINACEÆ.

## Plantago Ispaghula.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Ispaghat इस्प्राल, Persian.

Remarks.—A useful demulcent. It is much used in urinary disorders and bowel complaints as diarrhæa and dysentery.

# Plantago Psyllium.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Baratang बारतंग, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is mucilaginous, and is used as a cooling demulcent in urinary disorders.

# Plantago amplexicaulis

The plant.

Bombay name.—Gajapimpall गर्जापंपळी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—An astringent. It is said to be useful in intermittent fever, and as an application to the eyes in ophthalmia.—(Rahimkhan).

#### NYCTAGINACEÆ.

#### Boerhaavia diffusa.

The root.

Bombay name.—Punarnava पुनर्नेवा, Sanscrit.

REMARKS.—Two varieties of this are used in medicine, the red and the white. The difference is owing to the nature of the soil on which the plant grows. In the sandy soil the white variety is seen, whereas on the hard alluvial the red is met with.

It has slight laxative properties .- (O'Shaughnessy).

It is used as a remedy for scorpion bites both applied externally and given internally. It is also used as an application to ædematous swellings of the feet. Brayed with honey it is put into the eyes to dispel opacities of the cornea, and in chronic ophthalmia.

# Boerhaavia repens?

The root.

Bombay name.—Tutiharuni तुतीहरूनी, Persian.

Remarks.—The root sold under this name, in the druggists' shops resembles in appearance and structure the root of B. diffusa, and is said to be an ingredient in the cosmetic preparation of Antimony called Surma, which is extensively used by Mahomedans as an application to the eyelids. As B. diffusa is used here for similar purposes, and from the resemblance of the two drugs, the author is inclined to believe the drug under consideration to be a Boerhaavia. It is said to be imported from Jedda, and as a Nubian species of Boerhaavia is described by Green to be B. repens, the author refers the drug to it.

#### AMARANTHACEÆ.

## Achyranthes aspera.

The root and the seed.

Bombay name.—Âghādā আঘারা, Marathi.

REMARKS.—An infusion of the root is given as a mild astringent in bowel complaints.—(O'Shaughnessy).

The spike with the seeds is often used as an expectorant.

## Alternanthera sessilis.

The flowering plant.

Bombay name.—Kanchari कांचरी, Guzerathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a diuretic chiefly after a night's dissipation.

Aerva lanata is indiscriminately substituted for it as it possesses similar properties.

# Amaranthus spinosus.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Bhajibaja भाजीबीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a cooling demulcent, and as an emollient in enemata.

#### CHENOPODIACEÆ.

## Spinacea oleracea.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Palak पालक, Hindi.

Remarks.—The seed is supposed to have laxative properties, and is efficacious in difficulty of breathing and biliary derangements.—(Taleef Shereef).

The green plant is believed to be useful in urinary calculi.

### SALVADORACEÆ.

#### Salvadora Indica.

The root.

# Bombay name.—Pila पीलू, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The bark of the root is acrid and is used as a vesicatory.—(Roxburgh).

The leaves of this plant are used in northern India under the name of Rasna.

The bark of S. Persica has tonic, febrifuge and emmenagogue properties. The natives make no distinction between the two plants, but they are easily recognised by the leaves of the S. Persica being more pungent and the berries bright red.

# Salvadora oleoides.—(Decaisne).

The oil.

Bombay name.—Khakhanela खाखनेल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The oil is obtained by expression from the seeds. It is used as a stimulating application in rheumatic pains.

#### POLYGONACE Æ.

#### Rheum Emodi.

The root.

Bombay name.—Lakadîrevañdachinî लकडीरवंदाचेनी, Hindi. REMARKS.—It is used as a substitute for Rhubarb.

#### Rumex vesicatoria.

The flowers and the seeds.

Bombay name.—Gûl-i-hamâz गूलेहमाझ, Persian. Chukâbîja चुकाबीज, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Both possess cooling and astringent properties.

#### LAURACEÆ.

# Actinodaphne lanceolata.

The leaves and the oil.

Bombay name.—Pisa पिसा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A cold infusion of the leaves is mucilaginous and is used in urinary disorders and diabetes.

The oil, Pisâ tela, is used as an external application to sprains.

## Camphora officinarum

The concrete oil.

Bombay name.—Kapara कापूर, Sanscrit.

REMARKS.—It is used chiefly as a perfume to keep away vermin, and externally as an application mixed with oil for rheumatic pains. Made into pills with lump crude sugar it is given internally in hysteria, tympanitis, chronic cough, diarrhea and dyspepsia.

It is also used as an application in eye affections; and for killing pediculi. The native practitioners believe it to possess anaphrodisiac properties.

## Cassytha filiformis.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Amaravela अमर्वेल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is chiefly used externally in the treatment of ulcers and sore eyes.—(Drury).

A decoction of it is sometimes prescribed in retention of the placenta. This plant is often confounded with Cuscuta reflexa.

### Cinnamomum aromaticum-

The bark and the oil.

Bombay name.—Taj तज, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is used as an aromatic and a spice. The oil is used externally in headaches, rheumatism and paralysis.

## Cinnamomum Loureirii.

The flower buds.

Bombay name.—Kalenagakeçara काळेनागकेशर, Marathi.

Remarks.—They are used as an aromatic and a condiment.

These are the Cassia buds of commerce.

### Cinamomum Sintoc.

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Bombay name.—Taj तज़, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This bark is sold as a coarse kind of Cassia and is used as such by the ignorant classes. It corresponds to the bark of C. Sintoc described by Dr. Lindley in his Flora Medica, page 331.

## Cinnamomum Tamala.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Tamálapatra तमालपत्र, Sanscrit.
Remarks.—They are used as a carminative and a spice.

# Cinnamomum Zeylanicum.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Dârachinî दाराचिनी, Hindi. REMARKS.—It is used as a carminative and a spice.

## Oreodaphne bullata?

The wood.

Bombay name.—Narkyaada नक्यों ऊद, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The wood has a very feetid odour, and is burnt as a fumigatory to dispel evil spirits. This is in all probability one of the stinking woods mentioned in Lindley's Treasury of Botany, Vol. II. page 100.

## Tetranthera Roxburghii.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Maidalakada मैदालकडी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is very mucilaginous and is used chiefly to increase the adhesiveness of external applications.

## MYRISTICACEÆ.

# Myristica officinalis.

The arillus and the fruit.

Bombay name.—Jâyapatri जायपत्री, Marathi.
Jâyaphala जायफळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—They are well known aromatics. The fruit pessesses anaphrodisiac, sudorific and slightly intoxicating properties. It is also used in conjunction with clarified butter or ghee to bind the bowels especially in children.

The arillus is used only as a spice.

## Myristica tormentosa.

The arillus and the fruit.

Bombay name.—Mâyapatrî मायपत्री, Marathi. Kâyaphala कायफळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The Mayapatri is used as an inferior kind of substitute for the true mace.

The fruit is also substituted in the same manner for nutmeg.

#### PENÆACEÆ.

## Sarcocolla squamosa.

The gum resin.

Bombay name.—Gujara गुजर, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This is the produce of an African tree.—(Lindley's Treasury of Botany, Vol. II. page 1020).

It is chiefly used as an external application for rheumaticpains in combination with other stimulating gum resins.

#### THYMELACEÆ.

# Daphne Mezereum.

The root.

Bombay name.—Mazirian माझिरिजन, Persian.

REMARKS.—This is the Mezerion root of the Pharmacopæia. It is chiefly used by the Unani Hakeems in venereal complaints.

## Lasiosiphon speciosus.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Rametha रामेडा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is a powerful vesicant but very uncertain in its action. A tooth brush made of the young branch is said to cause falling out of the teeth.

## AQUILARIACEÆ.

## Aquilaria agallochum.

The wood.

Bombay name.—Agar-i-Hindî अगराहिंदी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—A stimulant. It is used in coughs both internally and externally, and in headaches.

This variety of the Agara is not commonly sold in the shops. It can only be obtained by special order from Singapore. What is commonly sold in the bazaar is the Krishnagara, the wood of Aloxylum agallochum.

#### SANTALACEÆ.

#### Santalum album.

The wood and the oil.

Bombay name.—Chañdana चंदन, Marathi.
Sañdal संदल, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The wood is used externally as a cooling application in headache and to furunculi. The saw dust, made

into pills, is used in the treatment of gonorrhea. The oil is an efficient substitute for Balsam Copaiba, and is used as an external application in scabies in every stage and form.

### ARISTOLOCHIACEÆ.

#### Aristolochia bracteata.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Kidâmâra किडामार, Hindi.

REMARKS.—Nauseating bitter. Two fresh leaves rubbed up with water are given once in twenty-four hours in gastric colic. Externally the juice is used to kill maggots. The dried root is said to excite uterine contraction.—(Drury).

## Aristolochia Indica

The root and stem.

Bombay name.—Sapasanda सापसद, Marathi.

Remarks.—This is the Sapsun of the bazaars. It is also a nauseating bitter like its above mentioned congener and possesses emmenagogue and antarthritic virtues. Its Marathi name indicates that it is an antidote in snake bite. The leaves are used in fever. It is remarkable, that the Aristolochias all over the world should be noted as antidotes in snake bites, as the Indian Sapsanda and the American Serpentary would signify.

## Aristolochia longa?

The root.

## Bombay name.—Râsnâ रास्ना, Marathi.

Remarks.—The drug sold under this name is undoubtedly an Aristolochia. It has the structure peculiar to the order, a pungent odour and a bitter taste. The Aristolochia longa is thus described by Green in his Botanical Dictionary:—"On first chewing it when dry scarcely any taste is perceptible, but it soon fills the mouth with a nauseous bitterness which remains for a long time." Such has been found to be exactly the property of the drug under consideration. The description of the root as given by Dr. Pereira almost corresponds with the drug as sold in the Bombay bazaar.

The author, from these considerations, is induced to infer, that the Råsnå of the Bombay shops is Aristolochia longa or Zeravand taveel of the Arabs.

Aristolochia rotunda or Zeravand Mudherraj is described as a carrot-shaped root, but it is not found in the Bombay shops. Under that name, however, the tubers of Pinellia tuberifera are sold. Another Râsnâ denominated Khaḍakî Râsnâ which means the rocky Râsna, is referred to Asclepiadaceæ.

The Råsnå is highly praised as a medicine in syphilitic rheumatism and gouty pains, and is prescribed in the form of a compound decoction.

How Zeravand came to be transformed into Râsnâ it is difficult to explain.

# Aristolochia serpentaria.

The root.

Bombay name.—Kâlavala काळाबाळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is the Serpantary of the Pharmacopæia, and is sold by native druggists under the above name, believing

it to be the black variety of the Vâlâ or Andropogon muricatus. Valerian is generally substituted for it as being cheaper.

It is used as a stimulant, a tonic and a diaphoretic.— (See Nat. Ord. Valerianaceæ).

#### EUPHORBIACEÆ.

### Acalypha Indica.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Khokali खोकली, Marathi.

Kupi कुपी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It has laxative properties, and is used in cough mixtures.

# Croton hypoleucos.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Påndharisålå पांदरीसाल, Marathi. Remarks.—It is used as a bitter and a stomachic.

# Croton oblongifolium.

The root.

Bombay name.—Ganasûra गणस्र, Marathi.

Remarks.—Brayed in water it is used as an application to swellings.

## Croton tiglium.

The seed.

Bombay name.—Jamalagota जमालगाटा, Hindi. Remarks.—A drastic cathartic.

## Crozophora plicata.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Súryavarta सूर्यावर्त, Sanscrit.

Remarks.—A decoction of the dried plant mixed with sugar and mustard is supposed to have virtues in leprous affections.—(Ainslie).

It is an annual, growing in uncultivated places after the rains.

# Euphorbia hirta et Thymifolia.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Mothidudhi माठीदुधी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Both the abovementioned species are known by the same name. They are chiefly used in the affections of childhood, in worms, bowel complaints, and cough. They are sometimes prescribed in gonorrhea also.

# Euphorbia officinarum.

The resinous exudation.

Bombay name.—Farfyûn फर्प्यून, Arabic. REMARKS.—A violent drastic. It is seldom used.

## Euphorbia parviflora.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Dhâkatîdudhî धाकटीदुधी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It possesses properties similar to those of the E. hirta and E. thymifolia.

# Euphorbia Tirucalli

The young branches.

# Bombay name.—Cera शेर, Marathi.

Remarks.—They are used in cough mixtures. The milk is considered a specific in syphilis. Externally it is used as an escharotic and vesicant in rheumatic pains of the joints and other parts.

# Phyllanthus Emblica.

The dried fruit.

Bombay name.—Avalakathi आवळकठी, Marathi.

Amla आम्छा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This is the Emblic Myrobalan. It is used in conjunction with the other Myrobalans in the form of a decoction as a vehicle for potent mineral preparations. It is used also in fevers and diarrhœa and bilious complaints.

## Phyllanthus Niruri.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Bhuiavall भुइआवळी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a diuretic and bitter tonic. The root is supposed to be efficacious in the cure of jaundice, and the plant in diabetes.—(Ainslie).

It is an annual which grows abundantly in the beginning of the rains.

# Phyllanthus Madraspatensis.

The seeds.

Bombay name.— Kanochha कनान्छा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—They are cooling and mucilaginous, and are used in internal inflammations and in gonorrhea.—(Bakerally).

# Phyllanthus simplex.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Bhuiavali भुइआवळी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used in gonorrhoea internally, and mixed with butter milk is used as a wash to cure itch.—(Roxburgh).

#### Ricinus communis

The oil, the root, and the seeds.

Bombay name.—The oil, Erañdela एरंडल, Marathi.

Erañdamula एरंडमूळ, Marathi.

Erañdî एरंडी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—All the parts are used as safe purgatives. The seeds are used by the native practitioners, after certain processes of purification, in the preparation of a purgative confection called Eranda påkha.

#### Rottlera tinctoria.

The powder covering the capsules.

Bombay name.—Kapila कपीला, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is the Kamala of the European writers. Its anthelmintic properties are too well known in English practice to require any mention.

It is used, externally, mixed with oil as an application to itch.

#### URTICACEÆ.

#### Cannabis Indica.

Different parts of the plant.

Bombay names.—(The larger leaves and capsules without the stalks) Bhanga भांग, Hindi.

(The extract or resinous exudation) Charasa चरत, Hindi.

(The dried plant which has flowered and from which the extract has not been removed) Gânjâ गांजा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The properties of Indian hemp are well known. In native practice all the above mentioned parts are chiefly used as aphrodisiacs.

#### ARTOCARPACEÆ.

## Covellia glomerata.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Umbarasala उंदरसाङ, Marathi.

Remarks.—It has astringent properties and is used for gargles.

### Ficus carica.

The dried fruit.

Bombay name.—Añjîr अंजीर, Persian. Remarks.—It is used as an aperient.

# Urostigma volubile.

The root.

Bombay name.—Dantîmûla दांतीमूळ, Marathi. REMARKS.—It is used as a stomachic and a mild aperient.

#### PIPERACEÆ.

#### Chavica officinarum.

The fruit and the stem.

Bombay name.—Lendîpimpalî छेडी पिंपळी, Marathi. Chavaka चवक, Sanscrit.

REMARKS.—Both from aromatic and carminative properties.

## Chavica Roxburghii.

The fruit and the root.

Bombay name.—Mothipimpali माठीपिपळी, Marathi.
Pimpalimula पिपळीमूळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The fruit is used in cough mixtures and electuaries. The root is said to have emmenagogue and stimulant properties.

# Piper cubeba.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kañkola कंकीळ, Marathi.

Kababchini कवार्वाचिनी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a cooling application in toothache and in sore throat. It is also used in gleet.

## Piper nigrum.

The fruit.

Bombay name—Kâlenmirî काळेमिरी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a carminative and stomachic. Made up into a paste with water it is applied externally in headache, swellings, and tympanitis.

Denuded of its outer covering it is called Safed mirî (white pepper) and is used for similar purposes, but is said to be milder in its action.

# Piper sylvaticum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Bañgâlîpimpalî बंगालीपिंपळी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It possesses properties similar to the long pepper and is used for the same purpose.

# Piper trioicum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Pokalamirî पानळामरी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is used where a very strong carminative is necessary.

#### ALTINGIACEÆ.

# Liquidamber orientale.

Bombay name.—Cilârasa शिलास, Marathi.

REMARKS.—As its name would signify this is believed by the natives to be an exudation from stones or rocks. It is chiefly used as an external application to painful swellings of the testes, with tobacco leaves; and smeared over the abdomen of children to relieve colicky pains.

#### SALICINEÆ.

# Salix tetrasperma.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Valunjasala वाळुंजसाङ, Guzerathi. Remarks.—A bitter astringent.

#### MYRICEÆ.

# Myrica sapida.

The bark.

Remarks.—It is used as an external application for œdematous swellings and rheumatic pains.

#### CASUARINEÆ.

#### Casuarina muricata.

The female flower heads.

Bombay name.—Sarpuhala सरूपळ, Marathi.

Remarks.—They are used for their astringent properties in compound decoctions.

#### BETULINEÆ.

#### Betula Tartarica.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Bhojapatra भाजपत्र, Sanscrit.

REMARKS.—It is seldom used in medicine, but is used to write charms on.

# Holoptelæa integrifolia.

The bark.

Bombay name.—Vavalasala वावळासाल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It has astringent properties.

#### CUPULIFEREÆ.

### Quercus infectoria.

The galls.

Bombay name.—Mājûphala माज्यस्ळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Two varieties are sold in the bazaar, the black and the white. They are indiscriminately used as astringents in the bowel complaints of children.

#### ABIETINEÆ.

## Panitis Succinifer.—(Birdwood).

The fossil gum resin.

Bombay name.—Kahraba काहरूबा, Persian.

Remarks.—The word Kerba, by which this drug is generally known, is a corruption of the Persian Kahruba.

It is used by the Mahomedan and Unani Hakeems in their complex preparations for its cordial virtues.

## Pinus Deodora.

The wood.

Bombay name.—Devadara देवदार, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A bitter stomachic. It is used in fever, costiveness, piles and pulmonary complaints.—(Taleef Shereef and Nighanta).

#### Pinus Gerardina.

The seeds.

Bombay name.—Chilgoza चिलगोझा, Persian.

REMARKS.—They are used as a nutritive tonic instrengthening preparations.

# Pinus longifolia.

The resinous exudation and the resin.

Bombay name.—Gandhabiroja गंघाविराजा, Hindi.

Biroja or Berajî विरोजा, वेरजी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—Both these substances are sold under one name, the former in soft, the latter in hard lumps. They are used in the preparations of ointments. Galbanum has been believed to sell under these names.

#### CUPRESSINEÆ.

# Callitris quadrivalvis.

The resin.

Bombay name.—Chandrasa चंद्रस, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Dr. Royle puts this down as the produce of the plant abovenamed. It has been also said by some to be the product of Vateria Indica; but this seems rather doubtful. This drug

is also sold in the shops under the name of Janardhaniûda, and is burnt as an incense on some special occasions. The real Janardhaniûda of the ancients must have been the product of the Canarium Berghalense according to Dr. Royle.—(Illustrations of Himalayan Botany, page 117).

## Cupressus sempervirens.

The tops.

Bombay name.—Sarûboke सर्वाके, Marathi.

Remarks.—The tops are put in medicated vapour baths for fevers.

## Juniperus communis.

The berries.

Bombay name.—Abhhal अभल, Arabic.

Remarks.—Diuretic and emmenagogue properties reside in these berries.

#### TAXINEÆ.

#### Taxus baccata.

The leaves.

Bombay name.—Bamî वमी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The leaves are said to possess properties similar to those of digitalis. In large doses they prove fatal. It is

said that this drug has not the cumulative effects of digitalis.— (Lindley's Flora Medica, page 558).

#### SMILACEÆ.

#### Smilacina fusca.

The rhizoma with suckers.

Bombay name.—Jhipregathikiraita झिपेगाठीकिराईत, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This drug is not obtainable in the Bombay shops. The specimen under description was found in the collection of the late Mr. Narayen Daji, without its botanical name. Its source would certainly have remained undetermined had it not been for the searching inquiries of my esteemed friend Mr. N. M. Khan Saheb, who found the plant illustrated in Wallich's excellent work, the Plantæ Asiaticæ Rariores (Vol. III. page 37, Tab. 257) corresponding to the drug under consideration. It has a very bitter taste, and promises to be a valuable bitter tonic.

It is an inhabitant of the mountains of Nepaul.

#### Smilax China.

The root.

Bombay name.—Chobi-i-chin े चोत्रेचिनी, Hindi.

REMARKS.—A diaphoretic and tonic. It is also supposed to possess alterative properties; and is said to be useful in constitutional syphilis.

## Smilax officinale.

The stem.

Bombay name.—Vilayatîsâlasa विलायतीसालस, Hindi.

Remarks.—This is the well known American Sarsaparilla which is also sold by the native druggists. Its properties are too well known to require mention.

#### ASPARAGINEÆ.

## Asparagopsis adscendens.—(Roxburgh).

The bulbous rootlets.

Bombay name.—Safedmusall सफेट्म्सली, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The source of this drug was doubtful for a long time. Bombax Malabaricum, Curculigo orchioides, and Asparagopsis adscendens have been in succession alleged to be its sources. As for the first its nature requires no lengthened description; the author has examined the rootlets of this plant, but they are far from having any resemblance to the drug under consideration. Curculigo orchioides might be easily taken as a source of this drug; but on minute examination we are obliged to reject it.—(See Roxburgh's Coromandel Plants, Vol. I. Tab. 13.)

Latterly Mr. Mohedeen Shereef of Madras has positively stated Asparagopsis adscendens to be the source of this drug. The author has examined the rootlets of A. racemosus and found them larger than the Safeda muslî and fusiform in shape. The Safeda mûsli, when kept in water for about twelve hours, swells to the size of A. racemosus, and the sections of both under the microscope, with 1 inch power, present an appearance which

cannot be said to be very different. The cells in the Musli are closer and smaller, and the root is more mucilaginous than that of A. racemosus. The author is inclined to adopt the views entertained by Mr. Mohedeen Shereef as to the source of this drug.

It is used as a nutritive tonic and as a substitute for Salep. By some it is stated to be very efficacious in old gleet and spermatorrhea.

## Asparagopsis sarmentosus.—(Graham).

The roots.

Bombay name.—Catâvarî शतावरी, Marathi.

Remarks.—It is largely used as a nutritive tonic, and is said to be efficacious in seminal debility and pulmonary complaints.

# Asparagus officinalis.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Hallyûn हलीयून्, Persian.

REMARKS.—Dr. Royle states this drug to be the fruit of the A. officinalis.

The Hakeems use it as a diuretic and tonic.

#### ORCHIDACEÆ.

# Eulophia vera. - (Royle).

The tubers.

Bombay name.—Sálammisri सालम्मिस्त्री, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The Salam of the bazaars may be the product of this plant, as well as of other species of orchids. The above

plant has been believed by Dr. Royle to be the source of the best oriental Salep. It is extensively used as a nutritive tonic in seminal debility.

An imitation of these tubers, evidently made of wheaten flour, is sold in the bazaars under the name of Banâvati Salam.

#### Orchis maculata.

The tubers.

Bombay name.—Pañjâbîsâlam पंजाबीसालम्, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The above name of the orchid, the source of the drug under consideration, the author has taken from Hooker's General System of Botany, page 15, where an illustration of the palmate tuberous root is given. (fig. 44). It is used in the same way as the above.

## Pholidota imbricata.

The pseudo-bulbs.

Bombay name.—Bâdaçâhîsâlam बादशाहीसालम्, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The author has given the above plant as the source of this drug from an illustration in Wight's Icones Tab. 907, and on the authority of his friend Mr. N. M. Khan Saheb, who saw the plant growing in the Bangalore garden with the pseudo bulbs attached. It is used for the same purposes, but is a very inferior substitute for the genuine Salep, and is sold very cheap.

It has been referred to a species of Allium by Dr. Birdwood in his Bombay Products, probably from the alliaceous smell the tubers evolve when allowed to swell in water. This drug is generally brought from Kandahar by the Caboolies.

#### SCITAMINEÆ.

## Alpinia Chinensis.

The rhizome.

Bombay name.—Chinîkolanjana चिनीकोछंजन, Hindi. REMARKS.—It is used as an aromatic and hot stomachic.

## Alpinia Galanga.

The rhizome.

Bombay name.—Koshthakolañjana कोष्ठकोलंजन, Hindi.

REMARKS.—It is used in the same way as the above. Some authors have believed this to be the rhizome of Costus speciosus; but this plant as it grows in Bombay has quite an insipid root, altogether destitute of the aroma and pungency of Koshthakolanjana.

# Amomum cardamomum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Kagadlelachl कागदीएडची, Marathi.
REMARKS.—It is used as a useful aromatic and diuretic.

## Amomum maximum.

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Mothielachi माठीएलची, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as an inferior substitute for the
A. cardamomum.

#### Curcuma Amada.

The rhizome.

Bombay name.—Âmbehalada आंबेहळद, Hindi.

Remarks.—It is used as an external application for bruises; and forms an ingredient in cosmetics.

## Curcuma cæsia.—(Roxburgh).

The rhizome.

Bombay name.—Kâlîhalada काळीहळद, Marathi.

Remarks.—It is used externally as an application to bruises, for rheumatic pains, and in contusions.

## Curcuma longa.

The rhizome.

Bombay name.—Halada हळद, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A cordial and a stomachic. It is given in powder in cases of injuries which have communicated a shock to the system. It is used externally, in combination with alum, as an application to bruises.

## Curcuma Zerumbet.

The sliged rhizome.

Bombay name.—Kachord कचोरा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is an ingredient in perfumed cosmetics, used in cutaneous eruptions. It is supposed to promote the growth of hair.

### Curcuma ---?

The fecula.

Bombay name.—Tavakîra तनकीर, Marathi.

REMARKS.—C. angustifolia, C. leucorrhiza, and C. erubescens—(Royle), are said to be the sources of the fecula sold as East Indian Arrowroot. It is used as a nutritive food for invalids and children.

## Elettaria cardamomum.-(Royle).

The fruit.

Bombay name.—Malabarielachi मलवारीएलची, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as Amomum cardamomum.

# Hedychium spicatum.

The sliced rhizome.

Bombay name.—Kaparakachari कापूरकाचरी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is always used externally in cosmetic powders, and is supposed to promote the growth of hair.

# Kæmpferia rotunda.

The tuberous root.

Bombay name.—Bhuyachampa भुयचापा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The fresh tubers reduced to a pulp are used as a discutient in buboes, and to produce an escharotic effect.

## Zingiber officinale.

The rhizome.

Bombay name.—Suntha ਚੁੱਟ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Scarcely any preparation for internal use is ever free from this drug. As a carminative with stomachic and expectorant properties it stands unique.

#### IRIDACEÆ.

### Crocus sativus.

The stigmata.

Bombay name.—Keçara केशर, Marathi.

Zâfrân झाफान, Arabic.

REMARKS.—A carminative. It is given to children in ghee or clarified butter in looseness of the bowels. It is believed to have approdisiac and stimulant properties.

### Iris Florentina.

The root.

Bombay name.—Bekh-i-banfsa बेर्नेब-फ्सा, Persian.

REMARKS.—It is used to impart an agreeable smell to the breath.

As it possesses acrid properties, beads are made of it to keep open issues.—Royle.

## Iris pseudacorus?

The root.

Bombay name.—Lakadîpakhanbhed लकडीपालानभेद, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The drug under consideration, the author assumes to be the product of the plant above named, from the structure of the root, from the fact of Dr. Lindley ascribing diuretic properties to it along with other Iridaceæ, and from its being largely used by the Unani Hakeems as a diuretic

#### HYPOXIDACEÆ.

Curculigo brevifolia.—(Birdwood).

The root-stalk.

Bombay name.—Musalîkand मुसलीकंद्, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The structure of the root-stalk approaches that of an Iris, and in all probability belongs to a plant of this order. It is used as a tonic.

#### LILIACEÆ.

# Allium Cepa.

The bulb and the seed.

Bombay name.—Kânda कांदा, Marathi.

Remarks.—The white variety only is used medicinally. In colic, mixed with common salt, it is a domestic remedy with the natives and is invariably held to the nose in cases of fainting. Its juice is put into the ear to relieve earache. Roasted it is applied as a poultice to indolent boils.

In the hot season onions are eaten as a preventive against sunstroke.

The seeds, Kândâbîja or Gondna, are demulcent, and are used in gonorrhœa.

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#### Allium sativum.

The bulb.

Bombay name Lasûna लस्पा, Marathi.

Remarks.—The common garlic. This, as well as onions and salt, is the usual remedy for ordinary colic with the lower classes of people. Made into a paste it is rubbed for the relief of neuralgic pains. It is sometimes added to mustard to augment its rubefacient properties. A paste of this and mustard with the Moringa bark is a common remedy with the natives for pains and inflamed joints. Externally it is rubbed for the cure of the Bombay ringworm. Garlic is eaten as a salad by native females when the menstrual flow is defective.

#### Aloe Barbadensis.

The hardened juice.

Bombay name.—Pivalabola पिवळाबोळ, Marathi.

Remarks.—This is the Barbadoes Aloes of the Pharmacopœia. Here it is generally used as a purgative for children.

Its emmenagogue properties are also known to native practitioners. As an external application, brayed in lime juice, is used to dispel swellings of various kinds.

### Aloe Indica.

The hardened juice.

Bombay name.—Kâlabola काळाबाळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Its uses are similar to those of the above mentioned drug.

#### Aloe Socotrina.

The hardened juice.

Bombay name.—Sokotrîeliyâ सोकोत्रीएळ्या, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The Socotrine Aloes of European writers. This is considered a superior kind of aloes and is used in the same way and for similar purposes as its above mentioned congeners.

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### Gloriosa superba.

The bulbous root.

Bombay name.—Khadyanaga खडयानाग, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The Hindi name is corrupted into Marathi and the plant is called Kalalâvî कळ हानी, which means instigator of quarrels, a term indicative of no property in the drug, but a mere production of the native tendency to adapt corruptions to commonly understood words. The root has all along been considered to be poisonous, but this has been of late doubted by Mr. Mohedeen Shereef, who ascribes to it, tonic and alterative properties.

### Urginia Indica.

The bulb.

Bombay name.—Jangalikanda जंगलीकांदा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a diuretic for horses. The native practitioners do not seem to understand its real medicinal virtues. It doubtless possesses all the properties of Squill, and might be safely substituted for it.

#### MELANTHACEÆ.

### Hermodactylus---?

The corm.

Bombay name.—Surinjan सुरिजन, Persian.

REMARKS.—Two varieties, Suriñjan Shîrin—sweet, and Suriñjan talkh—bitter, are obtainable in the shops. They are used by the Hakeems for rheumatic pains of the joints, much in the same way as Colchicum is used in English practice.

#### PALMACEÆ.

#### Areca Catechu.

The nut.

Bombay name.—Supari सुपारी, Marathi.

REMARKS.— The anthelmintic property of this substance has but lately come to the knowledge of European practice.

The betel nut possesses marked astringent properties. Reduced to charcoal it is much used for tooth powders.

### Calamus Rotang.

The stem.

Bombay name.—Veta वेत, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The rattan, brayed in cold water, is applied to mice bites, to neutralise their poisonous effects.

### Caryota urens.

The nut.

Bombay name.—Ardhîsupâr अर्थासुपारी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This elegant palm is known to the natives by the name of Bherlî Mâda.

The two nuts when separated from each other look like half Betelnuts, and hence the vernacular name. The nut is used as an application to the head in cases of hemicrania, from an idea of the supposed efficacy of the half nut in curing the affected half of the head.

### Lodoicea Seychellarum.

The kernel.

Bombay name.—Jeherînârala जेहेरीनारळ, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is the celebrated Coco de Mer, otherwise known as the Double Cocoanut of the Maldive Islands.

The Dekhani name seems to be a corruption of the Hindi Daryai Narel or sea cocoanut. It is devoid of poisonous properties and, therefore, the Marathi name could not have been founded on a correct meaning.

The kernel brayed in milk or sugar and water is administered to check vomiting.

There are many other fanciful virtues ascribed to it, but they are not deserving of notice.

#### COMMELYNACEÆ.

### Murdannia scapiflora.—(Royle).

The root stalk.

Bombay name.—Kâlimusli कार्लामुस्ली, Hindi.

REMARKS.—The source of this drug is doubtful. Dr. Royle in his Illustrations of Himalayan Botany, page 403, has the above plant for the source of this drug. Mr. Mohideen Shereef, in his Supplement to the Pharmacopæia of India, puts down Curculigo Orchioides as being the source of the Kâlîmuslî.

On an examination of this drug and the root of Tradescantia discolor, the author is inclined to believe that the former is a Commelynacious plant, and not a Curculigo.

Various valuable properties have been ascribed to this drug. It enters largely in the aphrodisiac formulæ.

In all probability it is a stomachic tonic.

#### AROIDEÆ.

### Arum sylvaticum

The corm.

Bombay name.—Madanamasta मदनमस्त, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A nutritive tonic. It is supposed to possess aphrodisiac properties as its vernacular name would imply.

### Pinellia tuberifera.

The tubers.

Bombay name.—Ziravañdmûdhiraj झिरावंट्मुट्हिर्ज, Arabic.

REMARKS.—The native designation given above, is the name unler which Aristolochia rotunda is said to be sold in

India. Up to this time, these tubers were mentioned by all the former writers on Indian Materia Medica, as the product of Aristolochia rotunda.

It is difficult to understand how the tubers of an Arum came to be used as the Zirâvañdmûdhiraj, the round Aristolochia. They are sold in all the Bazaars of India, as the real product of Aristolochia rotunda.

They are starchy and possess nutritive properties; but they are utterly devoid of the active properties found in the Aristolochias.

For an account of these tubers, Hanbury's Notes on Chinese Materia Medica may be consulted.

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#### TYPHACEÆ.

### Typha elephantina.

The male spadix.

Bombay name.—Râmabâna रामनाण, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is the Elephant grass of the English writers. These aquatics, (the arrows of Râma the Hero) are sold periodically by the villagers, and are stored up by country people who use the wooly soft inflorescence as an application to wounds and ulcers, which seems to act in the same manner as medicated cotton wool.

#### PANDANACEÆ.

### Pandanus odoratissimus.

The water distilled from the bracts of the male plant, and the root.

Bombay name.—Kevadá-arka নিবরাস্থন, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Stimulant and antispamodic properties are as-

cribed to this water. Externally it is used in headaches.

The root, Kevadâmûla, otherwise known by its Persian apellation of Bekh-i-Sosun, which literally means Lily root, is used internally, brayed in milk, in sterility and threatened abortion. The Hakeems believe that it possesses emmenagogue and antispasmodic properties. Sometimes a decoction of it is used to reduce corpulency.

#### ACORACEÆ.

#### Acorus Calamus.

The rhizoma.

Bombay name.—Vekhanda वेखंड, Marathi.

REMARKS.—Two varieties of this drug are obtained in the Shops, known as Bala Vacha, and Ghoda Vacha. The latter is a rougher and stronger smelling drug, and is used for horses; the former as its name would imply, is used in disorders of childhood. As a carminative, it is highly valued, and is used in bowel complaints and coughs.

#### CYPERACEÆ.

### Cyperus rotundus.

The root.

Bombay name.—Motha माथा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as a tonic and stimulant.

#### GRAMINACEÆ.

# Andropogon Calamus—aromaticus.

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Bombay name.—Roçela रोशेड, Marathi.
Roçengavata रोशेगवत, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is the source of the oil known as Roçela, the Grass oil of English writers. It is difficult to say whether to this, or to A. Nardus, belongs the oil sold in Bombay shops. It is used externally as an application for neuralgic and rheumatic pains. The grass is used to prepare medicated vapour baths, used to cause diaphoresis in fevers.

### Andropogon Iwarancusa.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Jvarankuça जरांकुश, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The plant is known by the name Ashkhar, or Izkhir of Dr. Royle. It is used as a stomachic and febrifuge in the form of infusion.

### Andropogon muricats.

The rhizoma.

Bombay name. -- Válá वाळा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used as an aromatic tonic, and enters into the various compound decoctions of the native practitioners.

### Andropogon Nardus

The plant.

Bombay name.— Ûsadhâna ऊसधान, Marathi.

REMARKS.—This is the Ginger Grass. It is given to children in derangement of the bowels.

### Andropogon Schenanthus vel Citratum.

The oils and the plant.

Bombay name.—Nårañgîkâtel नारगिकातेल, Hindi.

Gavatîchâhâ गवतीचाहा, Marathi.

Harîchâhâ हरीचाहा, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This is the source of the Lemon grass Oil or Oil of Verbena of Commerce and the Oil of Citronelle erroneously so called. It is used, in the shape of infusion in the fresh state, as a diaphoretic in fevers, and as a stomachic. Both oils are used as perfumes, and the latter is also used to flavour liquors.

#### Bambusa arundinacea.

The articulations and the silicious secretions.

Bombay name.—Bâmbûgântha बांबूगांठ, Marathi.

Vançalochana वंशलोचन, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A decoction of the Bâmbu is supposed to have an action on the uterus, and is used by females after delivery to cause a free flow of the lochial discharge.

The silicious substance is found in the joints of some species, and is the Tabâçîr of the English writers.

Its action seems more of a mechanical nature. It is used in the state of powder as a tonic, aphrodisiac, and enters in medicines used in the treatment of gonorrhea.

### Cynodon dactylon.

The plant.

## Bombay name.—Darva दुर्वी, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A white variety, which appears to be only a diseased state of the plant, is used medicinally by the native practitioners. It is acidulous and is used to check vomiting in bilious complaints.

### Hordeum hexastichon.

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The seed.

Bombay name.—Java जन, Marathi.

REMARKS.—A decoction is used as a demulcent, much in the same way as barley water.

### Poa cynosuroides.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Darbha दर्भ, Marathi.

Remarks.—This is the holy grass of the Hindus. It is used as a blood tonic, and as a diaretic in dysuria; in fact it is a substitute for Triticum repens,

#### Saccharum officinarum.

The vinegar.

Bombay name.— Ûsa-âmba ऊसआंव, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used for stimulating the appetite and promoting digestion,

#### Triticum æstivum.

The fecula.

Bombay name.—Gahûñsatva गहुंसत्न, Marathi.

Remarks.—It is chiefly used as a nutriment. Made into conjee, it is taken by Parsee females to check profuse menstruation.

#### FILICES.

### Adiantum lunulatum.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Rajahansa राजहंस, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is the basis of the celebrated Syrop de Capillaire, which was once in repute as an expectorant. Burnt and mixed with oil, this fern is used as an application for itch.

### Polypodium ---?

The rhizoma.

Bombay name.—Bisfej विस्पेज, Arabic.

REMARKS.—Brayed in water it is used externally in rheumatic pains.

### Polypodium - - - ?

The rhizoma.

Bombay name.—Kâlâbichvâ काळाबिच्वा, Hindi.

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REMARKS.—Brayed in water it is used externally in rheumatic pains of the joints, indolent tumours and acne.

#### LICHENES.

#### Alectoria Arabum.

The plant.

Bombay name.— Ûsna ऊस्ना, Arabic.

REMARKS.—Dr. Royle gives Borrera Ashneh as producing Ûsnâ. The name given above, is taken from Professor Lindley's Vegetable Kingdom, Third Edition, page 48, who describes it as having soporific and sedative properties.

### Parmelia caperata.—(Royle).

The plant.

Bombay name.—Lahânadagadâphûla लहानदगडफूल, Marathi.

REMARKS.—The above lichen is assumed to be the most probable source of this drug, as it is said to be indigenous in the Himalayas. It is chiefly used as a perfume.

#### Parmelia perlata.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Mothendagadaphula मेडिदगडमूल, Marathi.

Remarks.—Boiled and beaten into a pulp and placed on the lumbar regions, it is believed to have diuretic action.— Pharmacopæia of India, page 260.

#### Parmelia tiliacea?

The plant.

Bombay name.—Bhoma भामा, Marathi.

REMARKS.—It is used in the same way as the other Parmelias.

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The plant.

Bombay name.—Bângûda बाङ्गड, Marathi. Remarks.—It is used to stuff wounds and check bleeding.

#### FUNGI.

### Agaricus igniarius.

The fungus.

Bombay name.—Ghârikan घारिकून, Arabic.

REMARKS.—This is the Polyporus of Dr. Royle. He speaks of the vulnerary and cathartic properties of this drug. In native

practice it is given with honey, in doses of three or four grains, in cases of eruptive fevers, to promote the rising of the eruption.

### Agaricus ostreatus.

The fungus.

Bombay name.—Phanasaâmbâ फणसआंबा, Marathi. REMARKS.—It is used as a styptic.

#### ALGEÆ.

#### Plocaria candida.

The plant.

Bombay name.—Chinaighans चिनाइघास, Hindi.

REMARKS.—This is the Ceylon Moss of commerce. The weed, frequently washed and bleached in the sun, yields this substance. It is largely used as a nutritive tonic, and jelly is made from it. The Parsee females take it, in the form of conjee, to check excessive flow of the menses and leucorrhœal discharges.

The alga producing this substance was found by the author with numerous other algæ in collections of salt water on this side of the Bandora causeway.

The Edible Bird's Nests which were at one time supposed to be constructed of an alga, are now proved to be of an animal substance secreted by the birds themselves.



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