

OLEA EXPRESSA.
EXPRESSED OILS.

OLEUM AMYGDALÆ.

ALMOND-OIL.

POUND fresh Almonds, either sweet or bitter, in a mortar, then press out the Oil in a cold press.

In the same manner is to be expressed from the bruised seeds

OIL of FLAX,

MUSTARD, and

PALMA CHRISTI, previously husked.

R E M A R K.

As the Oil of *Palma Christi*, or, as it is commonly called, *Castor Oil*, prepared, by expression, even from

from fresh seeds, after long keeping grows thick, reddish, transparent, (*Bergius*,) and rancid, — its purgative property decreasing with its increasing acrimony, (*De Machy*;) and, as there is sometimes danger of a mixture of different seeds, or of old oil with the fresh, the College has directed the apothecary himself to express it.

It has been long in use as a mild lubricating purgative, producing its effect, without griping, in cases where the more acrid purgatives are thought less necessary or safe. It acts so gently, that it may be given to new-born infants, and to pregnant and lying-in women, and has been found an useful remedy in vomiting, iliac passion, spasmodic cholick, (*Frazer*,) asthma from the fumes of lead, (*Selle Handb. der med. Prax.*) in dysentery, worms, &c.

It is given to infants in the dose of $\mathfrak{z}i$, or more; — to adults, from $\mathfrak{z}ss$ to $\mathfrak{z}i$, and repeated (as a large dose excites nausea and vomiting) at proper intervals. See *Canvane's Essay*. *Frazer in Med. Obs. and Inq. Vol. 2.* &c.