

Broom (sarothamnus scoparius. Family: papilionaceae) : Falapen tablets.

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BROOM (*Sarothamnus scoparius*. Family: *Papilionaceae*)

The plant contains small quantities of poisonous alkaloids but there is little likelihood of sufficient being ingested to cause poisoning. Twenty-five pounds of the plant would be required to poison a horse. Broom-tops were once prescribed as the panacea for all female ailments and dropsy. *Poisonous constituent*: Alkaloids – cytisine, sparteine, and a glycoside, scoparin.

Treatment: symptomatic, keeping the patient warm and administration of a mild saline purgative.

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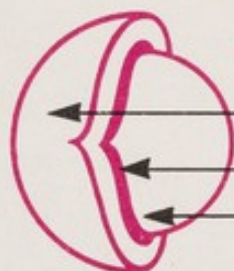
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