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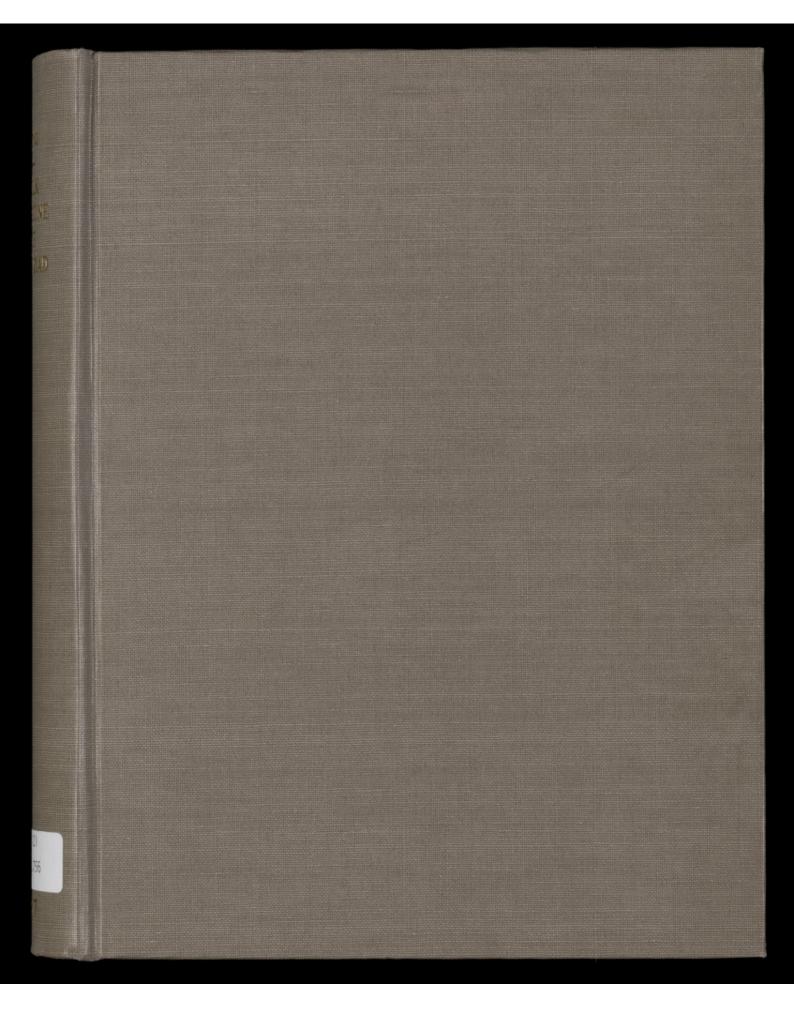
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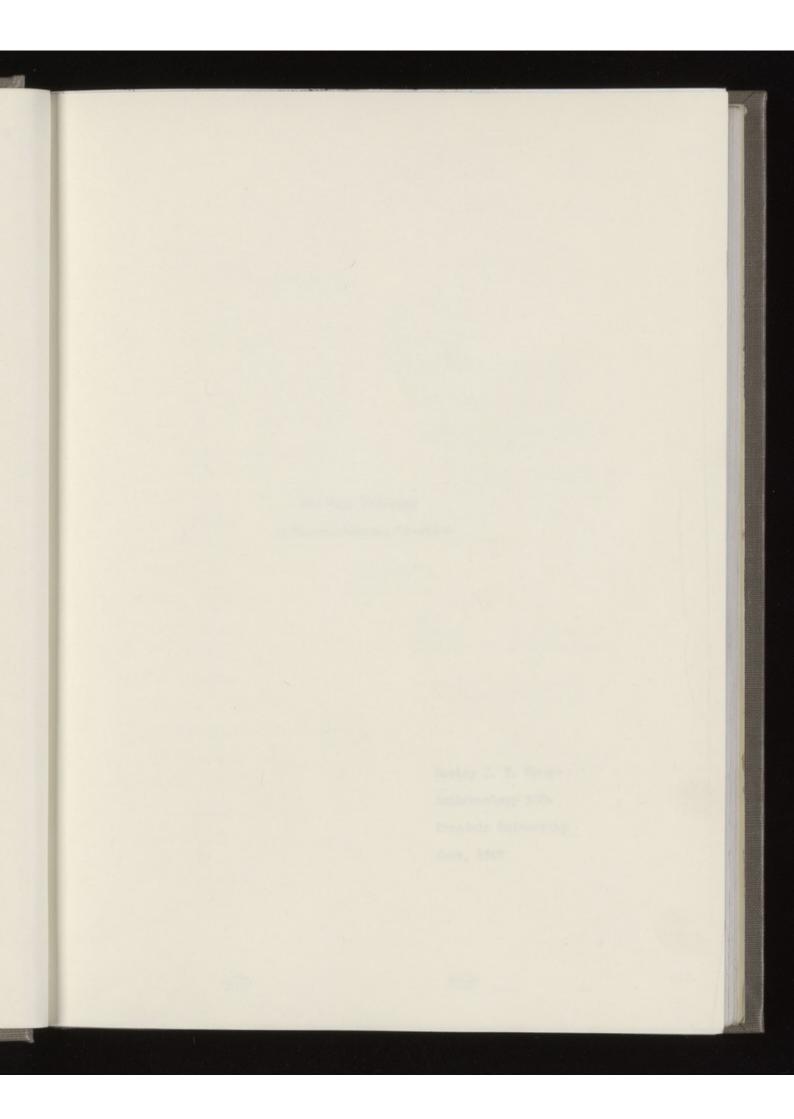
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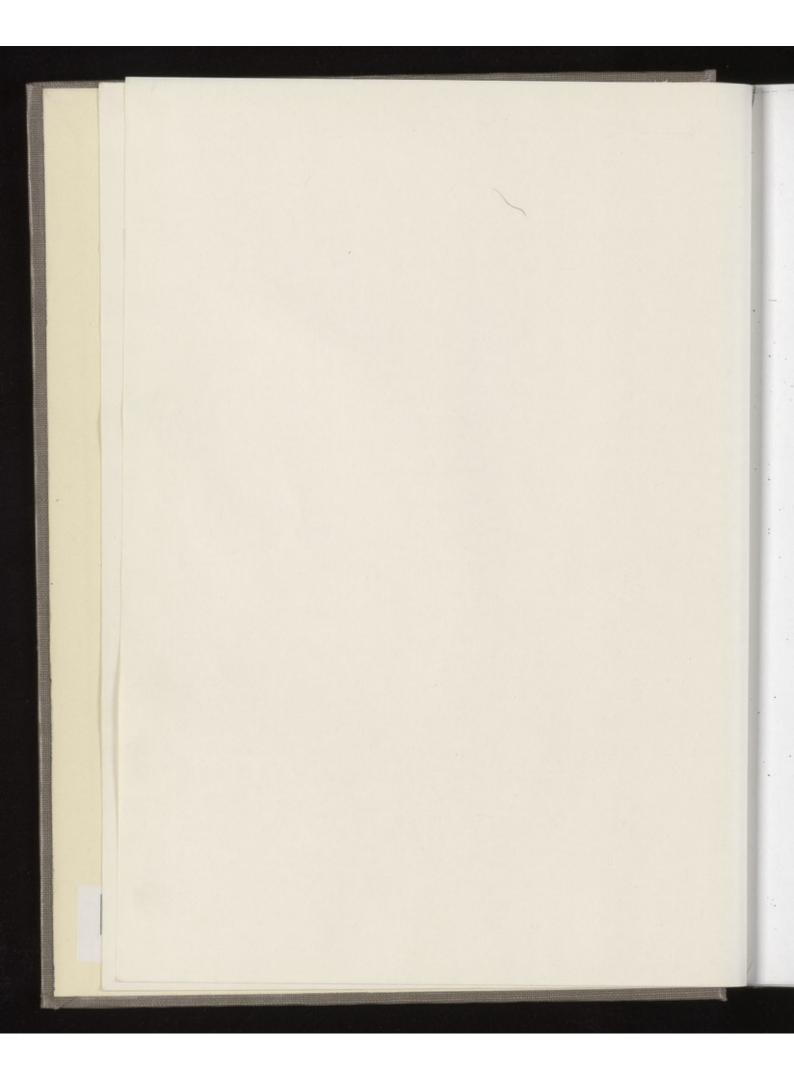












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One day I met an old lady

She said she had some bush for selling

I ask her to name me the names

Of the bush that she was selling

She said she had

Man Piyaba, Woman Piyaba

Tan Tan Fall Back, Lamaina Grass

Minnie Root, Guinea Root

Granny Backbone

Bitter Sally and Stinking Toe

Coolie Bitters and Airanote

Down to the one called Bois Bande

That good for young boys today.

-- local calypso

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Preface

The folk medicine of Blanchisseuse is discussed in this text in three sections. The first section concerns the preparation and administration of the remedies for therapy, and the second is a list of the substances used in the remedies. The third section is a consideration of the local principles of disease and therapy. Following the discussion are the appendices, which include a comparison of the disease concepts of Blanchisseuse with those prevalent in the Spanish-speaking Caribbean countries. Next, there is a list of the medicinal plants with their local names, etymologies, classification according to one of the local principles of disease, and taxonomic names as they have so far been determined. Finally, there is a collection of drawings of 128 of the local medicinal plants, and a catalogue of the local remedies, which are grouped according to the disease entities for which they are prescribed.

The phonemes that are used here for Blanchisseuse patois are those proposed by Morris Goodman 1, with the following modifications: substitution of symbol /a/ for /a/, /a/ for /a/, and addition of /r/, a frictionless continuant. In most cases, /r/ appears in words of English and Spanish origin. It appears in place of the Spanish alveolar flap /r/ in words such as /mapurit/, /siriyo/, and /korosiy/. Patois words of French origin which have /r/ are few, such as //rivys/, /rsydsparsl/, and /rsydsmat/. Words of dubious origin which have this frictionless continuant are /matrag/, /matrivs/, /yaraba/, /waray/, and /roksan/, among others.

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Introduction

The village of Blanchisseuse is located on the north coast of the island of Trinidad. It contains 277 households, and has a population of 902 persons, of which 57% is Negro, 40% is of mixed ancestry, and 3% Chinese and Indian. Fishing, gardening, and road-working are the major occupations. The majority of the people are of the Roman Catholic faith, and the rest are followers of the Seventh Day Adventist and Reformed Evangelical Churches. There are also a few Spiritual Baptists and Jehovah's Witnesses. Most of the houses are of ajoupa, and the rest are made of wood or concrete; all of them have corrugated metal roofs. Electricity is lacking, except for that generated locally at the police station and at the Roman Catholic church.

There is no full-time doctor present, but a government nurse works daily in the infirmary, and holds prenatal and pediatric clinics, gives inoculations, dresses wounds, and dispenses certain medications such as cough syrups, ointments, and codeine. A government physician is supposed to hold bi-monthly clinics at the infirmary.

In spite of the modern medical services offered by both nurse and government physician, the inhabitants of Blanchisseuse continue to practice traditional folk medicine. Nearly everyone knows a few remedies for the most common ailments. In this respect, Blanchisseuse is an apparent exception among villages in Trinidad, for it lacks specialists in folk medicine known as "bush doctors". True, there are residents, most often the older ones, who "know more bush", but these individuals merely have a wider repertory of remedies, many of which are familiar

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The Techniques of Preparation and Administration of Remedies

I. Preparation

As one can see from the accompanying list of materia medica, the majority of medicaments used by the people of Blanchisseuse are of plant origin. Hence, the description of preparation concerns primarily medicinal plants. A large number of these are herbs. The patois equivalent is /zeb/, and both "herb" and /zeb/ refer to the stalk, stems, and leaves of nonwoody green plants. The term "bush" refers both to "herb" and to various parts of woody plants, i.e., the stalk, stems, leaves, roots, bark, seeds, and flowers. So when one speaks of "bush medicine", one refers to the use of the aforementioned plant parts in remedies. The patois term /wimsd zeb/ is not the equivalent of the term "bush medicine". The villagers use it to translate "bush medicine", but /wimsd zeb/ refers specifically to remedies utilizing only whole herbs and parts of herbs.

A. Collection

Herbs, flowers, and the green parts of woody plants are plucked from the garden, field, or roadside during the daytime. In the morning, the collection must be done after the dew has evaporated; and in the evening, before the dew has settled. Some remedies require that the barks of trees be collected from one or two of the four cardinal points of direction, but others lack this specification. The plucked herbs and plant parts are washed, and then are used immediately for making the medicine. However, there are several remedies that call for the use of

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B. Measurements

Measurements are imprecise. Differential quantities of herbs and other medicinal substances are indeed required, but no exact measurement of quantity is necessary. Herbs are measured in terms of number of "bushes" or "sprigs" or "trees". As to the number of bushes or leaves to be used in a recipe, the majority of informants follow the rule of odd numbers. A brewer uses one, three, five, or seven leaves of a certain plant together with an odd number of leaves of another. Several recipes call for even numbers, or odd and even numbers, of leaves for one dose of medicine. When asked about this deviation from the rule, informants indicate that an odd or even number of leaves does not matter for that particular recipe, or that they personally do not follow the rule.

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C. Methods of Preparation

There are several recipes that call for using the plant or plant parts fresh after plucking and without further alteration, but most of the remedies involve some preliminary preparation. Significant in number are the infusions. Making an infusion involves steeping the herb, herbs, or plant parts in an aqueous solution (mainly water, but also human urine and fruit juices) or an alcoholic solution (mostly alcoholic beverages like rum and vermouth) without boiling so as to extract certain qualities from the plants. The length of time for such soaking varies with the remedy, but most remedies require three days. The container may be a pot, bottle, or /boli/. A /boli/ is a young calabash which has been halved and the contents removed, such that the remaining shell forms a suitable container.

A few other recipes require mixing the raw ingredients with an oil, or with a syrup such as molasses and honey. The ingredients that are so used are usually crushed or grated. Crushing is accomplished usually by grinding the ingredient against a hard surface with the bottom of a bottle. The oils are either commercial ones, such as Kuparilla and sweet oil; or they are home-made, such as coconut oil and carap seed oil.

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Fruit juices are obtained by squeezing or crushing the fruit manually or by mastication. Juices from leaves are obtained by first passing the leaf over a flame, such that the heat causes the leaf to soften or quail. Then it is rolled in the hands, and the juice squeezed out. More often, it is placed with a little water in a piece of clean, porous cloth, and the cloth is squeezed so that the juice is strained through it. One recipe is unique in that the leaf is stretched over the mouth of a glass, and a warmed iron placed over it, so that the juice drips into the glass (remedy #3 under Ophthalmia). If dew is called for, the dew is removed in the early morning from the surface of the herb or leaf, which has been left outdoors overnight.

Other methods of preparation are burning, patching, and roasting. Burning merely involves setting the medicament on fire, until it burns to an ash, such as a piece of coconut shell (remedy #4 for toothache). Roasting means that the medicinal substance is placed over a fire or is buried in hot ashes for a variable length of time, e.g., remedy #9 under Flatulence. Patching is called for in a few remedies, and involves cooking the medicinal substance in dry heat in a pot or pan over a hot fire, and crushing the substance when it has begun to burn with the back of a spoon or bottom of a bottle. Two examples of this method occur in remedies #28 and #29 for flu.

By far the largest number of remedies are decoctions. A decoction is a liquid preparation made by boiling medicinal plants in water. The container can be either a pot of appropriate size, if more than one cup of the decoction is desired, or a metal can which holds the proper amount of water for one dose. The water is brought to the boiling point, and is left boiling from five to ten minutes, but rarely longer. An excep-

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tion to this time limit occurs when one wants to make a fairly concentrated decoction, so that one starts out with a given amount of water and herbs, and boils the water down to the desired amount.

This method is to be distinguished from the local concept of "drawing". Drawing consists of placing the herb or plant parts in proper amounts into a cup or a larger container, and pouring the proper amount of boiling water over them. The container is covered, and the plants are allowed to steep or draw for five minutes or slightly more, during which time the hot water removes the essential qualities from the plants. The greens are then taken out, or the decoction is separated from them into another container by straining. This results in what is essentially an infusion.

There are four local categories of remedies involving the use of boiling water, and which are made by one or the other of the two methods described above. The categories are "tea" or /dite/, "tisane" or /tizan/, "coffee", and /lok/. Among the four, the majority are teas.

A tea is made from one or more medicinal plants or plant parts by either decocting or drawing. The plant parts are mostly leaves, stems, bark, roots, and sometimes flowers and seeds. It is made in one dose, and is not specified to be drunk over any regular time period. A tisane is a decoction of more than one plant and plant parts, and is drunk in regular doses over a period of time as specified by the particular remedy. Hence, tisanes are usually made in large quantities. The plant parts are the same as those used in a tea. Both tea and tisane may have added to them other ingredients such as soft candle, oil, and salts. However, a tisane is drunk without sweetening whatsoever; whereas a tea can be drunk either "brackish" (unsweetened) or sweetened with milk and/or

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The other two categories are coffee and /lok/. Coffee refers to the use of seeds in making a decoction. The seeds are ground or crushed into a fine powder. A /lok/ is a decoction or infusion of one or more types of flowers, and sometimes including herbs, to which is added a large quantity of sugar or other sweetening agent, so as to make a thick syrup. These two types, together with tea, lack the time specification in their administration, which contrasts them with a tisane.

Several recipes call for bottling the decoction or infusion, and placing the bottle outdoors at night for the dew to collect on the bottle. The bottle may be corked or uncorked. Fewer recipes call for leaving the bottled tisane in the sunlight. Bathwater can be prepared by allowing an infusion to remain in the sun until it becomes warm. This method is utilised in only a few remedies.

II. Administration

A. Internal and External Remedies

Remedies are administered either externally or internally. Remedies of internal administration constitute 67% of the total number of the 825 individual recipes. These remedies are taken by mouth, are inhaled, or are used as suppositories. The external remedies are those that are applied topically to the skin and mucous membranes, and also include baths, charms, prayers, and a few surgical manipulations.

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There is no consistent rule for all illnesses as to how much and how long a remedy is to be taken. Several informants mention that a remedy should be taken as long as the illness lasts, therefore the length of administration depends entirely on how one feels. Others specify that a remedy for any illness should be taken for a span of an odd number of days, i.e., three, five, seven, etc. A few of the older and more knowledgeable informants insist that the traditional rule to be followed is to take a medicine for nine days. If by the end of that time the illness has not improved, another remedy should be taken for another span of nine days. There are a few recipes, however, that require administration every other day. In general, the period of time of administration depends entirely on the specifications of the particular remedy; and this itself depends on tradition, or has an empirical basis. Likewise, how many times per day a medicine should be taken varies with the particular remedy. Most informants agree that those

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D. Prayer

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III. Examples

A few examples serve to illustrate the foregoing principles of preparation and administration.

An example of a tea that is made by drawing is #9 for cooling:

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Wash a small bunch of the herb, place in a cup, and pour in boiling water. Cover, and draw for 15 to 20 minutes. Sweeten with sugar. Drink as water throughout the day.

An example of a tea that is made by boiling is #12 for cooling:

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Wash a handful of the herb, and drop into a not filled halfway with boiling water. Boil at least 5 minutes, at most 10. Cool a little, then strain. Drink warm as a tea with milk and sugar, or drink cool as water without sweetening.

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Moreover, both recipes recommend that the decoctions be taken as water, which means that they be drunk cooled to room-temperature and unsweetened. In such cases, a large quantity of tea is made and kept on hand. to avoid having to boil water for every dose.

An example of a tisane is #13 for venereal disease:

/kan rrivys/ root
/lam bsf/ root
male papaw root
/pwsta/ root

white stinging nettle root Kuparilla oil epsom salts round calabash or /boli/

Boil all the roots together in enough water to last all day. Pour the decoction into a /boli/, and add a minch of epsom salts. Drink one large cup per dose as water throughout the day. Continue for fifteen days.

In this recipe, one root of each plant is to be taken, and added to as much water as one needs to drink for the entire day, usually a minimum of three cups. One cup of tisane, and no more, should be taken at one time, and this therapy is to be continued for fifteen days. This is the only remedy in the catalogue that has this requirement, for the usual length of time specified is nine days.

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Finally, an example of an externally administered remedy is #8 for pain:

white physic nut leaf soft candle, or sweet oil

For pain from a fall, take nine leaves and rub six on the "wrong" side, three on the "right" side, with sweet oil or soft candle. Apply the leaves to the affected area and wrap around with a cloth. Repeat this procedure every day for nine days.

This remedy is exemplary in its stipulation of odd numbers -- nine leaves and nine days. Sweet oil and soft candle are the most popular substances for coating leaves, fresh or warmed, to be used as a poultice.

Materia Medica

This section presents a list of all the items used in the folk medicine of Blanchisseuse. I have grouped them into seven categories. The first is the vegetable category, which is divided into the different plant parts that are specifically called for in the recipes. The other categories are animal, mineral, organic compounds, commercial medications, aqueous solutions, and a miscellaneous category. A separate list of various commercial medications that are available at the largest Blanchisseuse general store, but are not called for in the recipes, is provided at the end.

I. Vegetable

The medicinal plants are listed according to plant parts. The common name is listed first in English or patois, depending on which is the more frequent and on the presence of a specific name in either one or the other language. The Latin taxonomic name then follows.

A. Herbs

/alttu kay/, Heliotropium procumbens Miller
/altamis/, Artemisia spp.
bachelor-button, Gomphrena globosa
bamboo fern, Coniogramme japonica?
carpenter bush, Justicia secunda
chive, Allium schoenonrasum
congo lala, Eclipta alba (L.) Hassk.
thyme, Coleus aromaticus?

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jump-up-and-kiss-me, Portulaca

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/kuze/, Desmodium frutescens (Jacq.) Schindl.

love vine, Cuscuta americana
/fim&l malome/, Euphorbia thymi-

/mal malome/, <u>Eunhorbia</u> hirta L.
man-better-man, <u>Achyranthes</u> indica

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/mawi guža/, <u>Passiflora foetida</u> /mow3/, <u>Peperomia emarginella</u>

/patak3/, Cissampelos pareira

wild ground nut, Desmodium adscendens (Sw.) D.D.

/piti dite/

/pwa maldyo/, <u>Canavalia ensifor-</u>

rabbit meat, Alternanthera ficoidea (L.) R. Br.

rosemary, Rosemarinus officinalis /Mado beni/, Eryngium foetidum L. white-back fern

shiny bush, Peneromia pellucida Kunth.
sweet broom, Scoparia dulcis

/ti mawi/, Mimosa pudica L.

water grass, Commelina elegans H.B.K.

wild coffee, Cassia occidentalis L.

wild margaret, Borreria verticillata
(L.) Meyer

whitehead broom

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worm grass, Chenopodium ambrosioides L.

/zeb a fam/, Ageratum conyzoides L.

/zeb zeywi/, Bidens pilosa L.

/zizye pul/

red stinging nettle, Fleurya aestuans
Guad.

white stinging nettle, F. aestuans Guad.

. B. Leaf

aguma, Solanum nigrum L.

almond, Terminalia catappa L.

aloes, Aloe vera

avocado, Persea americana Mill.

angelin, Andira inermis

balisier fig, Heliconia bihai

bamboo, Bambusa vulgaris

barbadine, Passiflora quadrangu-

bay leaf, Pimenta racemosa
bird pepper, Capsicum frutescens L.
black sage, Cordia curassainca
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/bwa kano/, Cecropia peltata
breadfruit, Artocarpus communis
caimite, Chrysophyllum cainito
round calabash, Crescentia
cujete L.

cashew, Anacardium occidentale L. castor-oil bush, Ricinus communis L.

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coffee plant, <u>Coffea arabica</u> L.
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/fay koway/

/fay pisa/, <u>Euphorbia</u> oerstidiana (Klotzch and Gareke) Boiss.

creole fig, Musa sp.

frangipani, Plumeria rubra

ground nut, Arachis hypogaea L.
guava, Psidium guajava L.

hog plum, Spondiss monbin L.

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/kuze maho/, Urena lobata L.

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/lam bef/, Smilax salsanarilla ? /madi gwa/

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/susi/, Calendula officinalis

/matran/

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moco fig, <u>Musa balbisiana</u>
olive bush or kidney bush
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/pat šyž/, <u>Urena sinuata</u>

red physic nut, <u>Jatropha gossypifolia</u>

white physic nut, <u>Jatropha curcas</u> L.

pigeon pea, <u>Cajanus cajan</u>

pineapple, <u>Ananas comosus</u> (L.) <u>Merrill</u>

balsam, <u>Copaifera officinalis</u>?

/nlate/, Plantago major L.

/pom dilyan/

pumpkin, Cucurbita pepo L.

rachette, Noralea cochenillifera (L.)
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cashew, Anacardium occidentale L.

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double hibiscus, Hibiscus rosa-sinensis
/susi/, Calendula officinalis
mountain rose, Brownea latifolia
papaw, Carica paraya L.
periwinkle, Lochnera rosea, var. lba
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C. Seeds, Nuts, and Pods cashew, Anacardium occidentale L. coconut, Cocos nucifera L. coffee plant, C. arabica L. corn, Zea mays L.

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> F. Roots, Tubers, and Bulbs arrowroot, Maranta arundinaceae L. bamboo, Bambusa vulgaris carrot, Daucus carota L. bitter cassava, Manihot utilissima sweet cassava, M. utilissima chaconia, Warszewiczia coccinea coconut, Cocos nucifera L. coffee plant, C. arabica L. thyme, Coleus aromaticus ? fat pork, Chrysobalanus icaco creole fig, Musa sn. fiddle bush

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/wasin manepi/, Plumbago canensis, var. alba

wild coffee, Cassia occidentalis L.

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G. Bark

avocado, Persea americana Mill.

bois bande, Roupala montana

cashew, Anacardium occidentale L.

cedar, Cedrela mexicana

coconut tree, C. nucifera L.

fat pork, Chrysobalanus icaco

guava, Psidium guajava L.

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I. Grass

/kabut/, Paspalum conjugatum
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/pye pul/, Eleusine indica (L.)

savannah grass, Axonopus compressus (Swartz) Beauv.

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J. Vine

/lyan taso/, Bauhinia excisa /tošo/ /lyan wak/ K. 011

carap, Carapa guianensis
castor-oil bush, Ricinus communis L.
coconut tree, C. nucifera L.

L. Milk

breadfruit tree, Artocarnus communis chataigne, A. communis
/matanal/, Clusia spn.

M. Silk

corn, Zea mays L.

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II. Animal

An important part of the materia medica of Blanchisseuse are the following human and animal parts and products.

1. cobweb	10. /mat/ skin, Tupinambis nigro-
2. crapaud, /kwapo/ Bufo marinus	nunctatis
3. dog hair	11. merle corbeau blood,
4. feather	Crotonhagus spn.
5. fowl gizzard lining	12. pig gall, Sus scrofa
6. krouper gall, /fyel viyey/	13. /pin karat/ or tortoise penis
7. jack nest, Polistes canadensis	14. /pul bwa/
8. manicou or /maniku/ crab shell.,	15. scornion
Pseudothelphusa spo.	16. wild hog miss, Dicotyles tajaçu
9. manicou crab fat	17. human urine

III. Mineral

1. alum or /lale/	6. soda, or sodium bicarbonate
2. earth	7. salt
3. epsom salts	8. rock salt
4. glover salts	9. sulfur, or /suf/
5. potash, or potassium bicarbonate	

IV. Organic Compounds

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A. Foods

1. barley	10. oats
2. butter	ll. pickle water
3. cheese	12. rice
4. egg	13. round hops bread
5. farine (cassava)	14. salt fish
6. flour	15. spice
7. honey	16. starch, manioc or arrowroo
8. milk	17. sugar
9. molasses	18. white vinegar

B. Alcoholic Beverages

1. bay rum	4. nuncheon rum	7. stout
2. brandy	5. red wine	8, vermouth
3. gin	6. rum	9. whiskey

C. Oils, Waxes, Fats, Dyes, Perfumes, Resins

1. asafoetida, or /kaka dyab/	10. pitch oil, or kerosene
2. camphor	ll. olive oil, or sweet oil
3. castor oil	12. red lavender, or /lavan wuž/
4. cod-liver oil	13. resin
5. creosote	14. sassafras
6. eucalyptus oil	15. shark oil, or /lwil pwas5/
7. indigo blue	16. soft candle
8. lamp oil, or whale oil	17. turpentine

9. lard

VII

V. Commercial Medications

These commercial medications are specifically called for in local recipes. They are sold usually under brand names, and are obtainable at Blanchisseuse grocery stores.

1. Angostura Bitters 5. Canadian Healing Oil 9. Kuparilla Oil

2. Belgium stone

6. disinfectant

10. Seven Spirits of

3. Buldimas

7. Extra Strong

Vinegar

4. Cafenol

8. iodoform 11. Steel Drop

VI. Aqueous Solutions

1. water

2. Holy Water

3. sea water

4. brine

VII. Miscellaneous

1. wood ashes, soot, or /sen/,

7. sack cloth

/mama dife/, /šimine dife/

8. rusty nail

2. bandage

9. soap

3. brown paper

10. Castille soap

4. gold (amulet)

11. thread

5. jet (amulet)

12. tobacco ash

6. matches

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Commercial Medications

This is a list of commercial medications that are not specified in the local remedies. They are all available at the largest general store in Blanchisseuse.

- 1. Pulmotoxin (for cough and cold, flu, 17. Rodway's Ready Relief asthma, bronchial affections; contains creosote, guaicol)
- 2. Buckley's Mixture (for cough, cold, bronchitis)
- 3. Pertussin
- 4. Sanatogen
- 5. Phosferine Tonic
- 6. Allenbury's Castor Oil
- 7. Optrex Eye Lotion
- 8. 10-Hour Influenza Mixture
- 9. Syrup Easton's-Dakin (syrup of phosphate of iron with quinine, strychnine)
- 10. Expectorant
- 11. Pulmo Bailly -- medication for affections of the respiratory . I corgans contro las doctrors etien-
- 12. Urasal -- contre les douleurs rheumatismes et les troubles du rein et de la vessie
- 13. Choledyl Syrup (choline theophyllinate)
- 14. PKL (pain-killing linament)
- 15. Vaseline
- 16. Minards Liniment

- 18. Eno -- "sparkling antacid"
- 19. Elliman's Embrocation (rheumatism, lumbago, sprains)
- 20. Eye Water
- 21. Uriseptic Pills
- 22. Camphorated Oil
- 23. Phensic (headaches, pain, fever, colds, flu)
- 24. Nerville (neuralgia, toothache, rheumatism, colds)
- 25. Tiger Balm (camphor 20%, cassia oil 10%, menthol crystal 30%, wax/vaseline 40%)
- 26. Jarabe para ninos (vitamin C)
- 27. Jack and Jill cough syrup
- 28. Bengue's Balsam
- 29. Jamaican Healing Oil (bronchitis, burns, bruises, cuts, catarrh, coughs, colds)
- 30. Aceite -- medicinal canadiense (bronchitis, burns, bruises, cuts, catarrh, coughs, etc.)
- 31. Quickeze -- antacid tablets
- 32. Vick's Vapo Rub
- 33. Allenbury's Cod Liver Oil

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- 34. Cystex
- 35. Sacrool
- 36. Pragmatar
- 37. Dodd's Kidney Pills
- Cafenol (acetylsalicylic acid, caffeine anhydrous, glycine)
- Veganin (headache, colds, toothache, rheumatism, influenza)
- 40. Virilex -- Vitamin and Mineral Tonic
- 41. Easton's Syrup B. P.
- 42. Eurexyl
- 43. Terror of Malaria
- 44. Howard's Mentholated Syrup --
- 45. Bates Worm Syrup
- 46. White Pine Cough Syrup
- 47. Balsam of Linseed Horehound and Honey
- 48. Davis and Lawrence -- Le sirop vert pour la toux
- 49. Rector's Blood Purifier
- 50. Raymond's Mixture
- 51. Scott's Emulsion -- Tonic Food supplement
- 52. Seven Seas -- huile de foie de moine
- 53. Swamp Root
- 54. Woodward's Celebrated Gripe Water
- 55. Kepler Cod Liver Oil
- 56. Tisane de Durbon

- 57. Codol with Creosote and Guaiacol
- 58. Para Asma
- 59. Phillip's Milk of Magnesia
- 60. Solucion Pautauberge
- 61. Rexall Bone and Nerve Liniment
- 62. Ferrol Cod Liver Oil with Iron
- 63. Ferrol Compound -- a tonic cough remedy
- 64. Tablette
- 65. Contac-C -- soulage nuit et jour
- 66. Seven Seas Cold Liver Oil
- 67. Thermogene -- medicated rub
- 68. Exterminator de Lombriges de Mother Graves
- 69. Nixoderm
- 70. Hydrogen Peroxide B. P.
- 71. Listerine Antiseptic
- 72. Centepar
- 73. Effervescent Andrews Liver Salt
- 74. Fenox
- 75. Endrine
- 76. Musterole
- 77. Ringworm Remedy
- 78. Vicks Inhaler
- 79. Kruschen Salts
- 80. Pulmotoxin Rub

The Principles of Disease and Therapy

Analysis of the data obtained during the summer's field study indicate that the folk medicine of Blanchisseuse is based on a set of ten principles. These principles are related to different aspects of folk medicine. Those on which the local concept of illness and disease generation is based are four:

- 1. temperature, or the opposition of "hot" and "cold"
- 2. body fluids
- 3. food and diet
- 4. the supernatural

Those principles which relate to medicinal plants and other medicaments and to the remedies are

- 1. temperature
- 2. the supernatural
- 3. taste, or the opposition of bitter and sweet
- 4. time
- 5. strength, with reference to dilution and efficacy
- 6. color
- 7. moisture, or the opposition of wet and dry
- 8. odor

These ten principles vary relatively in significance and emphasis, and the quantity of data given by informants on each principle seems to support the relative importance of each of them. The most important principle is that of temperature. It is the only one of the ten, besides the supernatural, that relates the local concept of illness to the concept of therapy. Between these two principles of temperature and the

supernatural, however, the data are most complete and extensive only in regard to the "hot-cold" opposition. In the following discussion we analyse the principles one by one, and consider the relationships that exist between them.

I. Temperature

In Blanchisseuse, disease entities are classified as either "hot" or "cold". ³ From the explanations of informants and from analysis of the classification of particular illnesses, "hot" and "cold" are qualities which have two aspects. One has a direct reference to temperature, i.e., temperature of the body, as in the case of fever when the "body feel hot". The other has no direct reference to natural temperature, but is an abstract quality. This abstraction is evident from the classifications of ailments manifested by skin changes, such as measles and jaundice, which are considered to be "hot". Very often, the differences between these two aspects are obscure, such that expressions as "heat in belly", "throat hot", and "too much heat in body", may refer to either the abstract aspect or to the actual temperature, or often to both simultaneously.

Most of the folk disease categories are recognized by Western medicine, and those that bear the same English terminologies are directly translatable into our own perceptual categories, e.g., asthma, diabetes, sore throat, and sprain. What is most important for Blanchisseuse folk medicine, however, is how these very same categories are placed into the

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The medicaments that are used in the remedies are also classified as "hot" or "cold"; and the remedies themselves are likewise classified, according to the quality of the predominating medicament. This latter aspect concerns the principle of strength to be explained later on.

Data on classification are most complete in regard to the medicinal plants (see Appendix B). Like the classification of diseases, there is an inconsistency in the assignment of a quality to a particular plant, but a significant number of these plants do have an agreed-upon classification.

The classification of plants differs from that of diseases for which they are used in terms of two features: 1) parts of the plant may have different qualities, and 2) there are degrees or differing intensities of quality. In regard to the first feature, most of the classifications involve the entire herb or plant, but there are a few plants whose leaves, bark, fruit, and root have different qualities.

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As for the second feature, there is a general agreement among informants that certain herbs are more "hot" than others, and can be described as "very hot". This is true of herbs such as / Japana/ and / Sandilye/; but among these "very hot" herbs, there is no hierarchy of "very hot". Such distinctions do not exist for the "cold" herbs and plants, all of which are described merely as "cold". The classification of plants is likewise not arbitrary, but is related to the classification of the diseases for which they are used. Let us now consider how the local classification of disease accounts for the classification of medicinal plants and the remedies in which they are used.

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Etiology, on the other hand, is the defining of circumstances or conditions that lead an individual to contract an illness. Such conditions are usually defined in terms of the "hot-cold" theory. Illnesses are classified as either "hot" or "cold", but the circumstances leading up to the eruption of the illness actually determine the subsequent therapy, i.e., that the medicinal plant or remedy is to be "hot" or "cold". That it is the "hot-cold" classification of the specific illness which affects the classification of its remedies and the medicaments which compose it, is substantiated by the way informants responded to questions regarding the classification of a particular herb or plant. With most of the medicinal plants, informants gave an answer unhesitatingly. However, it was with those plants of whose classification they

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Informants differed in their explanations and also differed in their attribution of a quality to the disease and to the remedial plant, whether it was of the same or of the opposite quality to the illness. Such individual differences are to be expected. Although the data are far from consistent in providing a clear-cut classification of diseases according to "hot" or "cold" quality, what is important is that the folk categories of diseases are indeed thought of in terms of these two qualities.

Moreover, the quality of the illness is uppermost in the minds of the informants. Only after the quality of the ailment is determined is the matter of medicinal plants and their specific qualities considered. Again, that the treatment is of a quality similar or opposite to the one assigned to the illness is less important than that the treatment is likewise considered in terms of the "hot-cold" classification. Differences between informants as to assignment of a quality to a disease and to a remedial bush do occur frequently, but for only one illness category, or categories — fresh cold, flu, and cold fever — do the

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Very important to the understanding of the local "hot-cold" classification of plants in general is the recognition that there are different domains of classification. So far we have been dealing only with the domain of medicine. According to some Blanchisseuse informants, plants have separate "hot-cold" classifications for other domains as well. For example, wonder-of-the-world is considered to be a "hot" bush when used in folk medicine. However, it is a "cold" bush when considered as an indicator of richness of soil. Wonder-of-the-world grows in a "cold" place, where there is moist earth and where the land is "good", but not in "hot" soil, which is poor and dry. Hence, there is a "hot-cold" classification for soils. Unfortunately, no data exist for the classification in other domains and for that of other medicinal plants in relation to them.

Many of the inconsistencies in attribution of quality to an illness and to its remedial plant are due to individual experience. There
are no data on the history and source of each remedy, but a large part
of the folk remedies of the village is the result of current individual
experience and experimentation, as opposed to another part which is
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Another situation that informants described is that in which the patient knows neither the classification of the illness he has nor that of the bush that brings him relief, but which he himself has discovered through experimentation on his own. In such a case, a personal attribution of quality to both illness and to the bush results. Such an individual classification, they said, depends on "feel". The illness receives a "hot" or "cold" classification according to the patient because it "feels hot" or "cold"; and the herbal remedy assumes the patient's personal classification of quality because it produces the opposite effect and brings relief. Individual experience and experimentation, then, are the basis for a not inconsiderable part of the folk classification of illnesses as "hot" or "cold". And it is probably this situation that accounts for many of the inconsistencies in the classifications of the diseases and medicinal plants when considered as a whole.

Another factor that contributes to the inconsistency in classifi-; cation of medicinal plants, remedies, and disease entities, is the interplay between the abstract attribution of temperature and the natural one. Some medicinal plants of one quality may have a different

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Let us now consider this interplay of abstract quality and natural quality of temperature in regard to disease classification and application of therapy. The disease for which there is most reliable data as to etiological criteria is that which we would call the "common cold", but which exists in the folk category as three distinct stages with their individual terminologies. It is a disease category, or categories, which also illustrate very well the necessity of considering etiological conditions in order to determine which type of therapy, whether predominantly "hot" or "cold", is to be pursued.

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The etiological criteria for generation of a fresh cold next involve the state of the external environment to which the body is exposed. There are two major conditions that concern this environmental state. The difference between these two conditions is significant enough to result in two contrasting body states that subsequently determine the mode of therapy and whether or not a "hot" or "cold" remedy is used. These conditions are displayed in the accompanying observer model of the generation of the fresh cold, flu, and cold fever, according to the Blanchisseuse folk theory of illness. It is a synthesis from data given by three informants, and substantiated by remedies given for each of the stages by others.

The common situation to the two, otherwise contrasting, conditions is that the normally "hot" body is exposed to a "cold" environment. The difference between the conditions of this environmental state is based on the effect on the pores. In certain instances, outlined in the upper left column of the model, the body exposed to a "cold" environment results in wide-open pores. The condition of open pores deviates from the normal condition because the exposure is such that the body is deprived of its "heat", and the level of "hotness" in the body drops

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exposure hot body to cold environment: pores open body deprived of heat

- 1. standing uncovered in draft
- 2. petting vet in river, sea, rain
- 3. standing beside cold river on hot
- h. not drying off after bathing
- 5. sitting on hot sand uncovered without going into water
- exercising or working after a sleepless night.

prolonged exposure hot body to cold environment: pores closed "congested heat", / Ealt afeme/

- 1. immersing body in cold water for too long, e.g. skin-diving, sea-bathing
- exercising or working in hot sun, then being soaked by rain
- perspiring heavily without removing wet clothes.

diagnosis

fresh cold, /lawim/

runny nose, sneezing, (body feels warm)

cold, flu, /fwadi/

sneezing, severe cough, eyes red and watery pain in lower back

cold fever, /gwoswim/,
/fwadi lafyav/

sneezing, coughing, burning throat, hoarseness (throat tight) fever: thin skin over

soles and palms peels

therapy

- A. hot remedies, if pores open.
- B. cold remedies, if cause is "congested heat". When body feels cooler, then treat with hot.
- C. Those who do not know which condition they have, and those who feel a fever is imminent, would prefer to proceed cautiously by drinking a tisans of both hot and cold bushes. If they have "congested heat", the cold aspect will counteract it, If it is fever they have, it will be relieved by the hot bushes.
- A. Use hot medication to "draw out water".

 Hot tea opens pores to let out perspiration.
- B. take a cold tea, followed by a hot bath.

If fever does not go away by day 3, you know you have a cold. Treat for cold.

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By contrast, the second condition of the "cold" environment, manifested by the three instances in the unper right column of the model, will cause the pores to be closed. In these instances, the body undergoes a prolonged exposure to such an environment; the "hot" body is wholly immersed in a "cold" surrounding. The excess body "heat" that should normally leave the body in the perspiration is now prevented from leaving because the pores are closed. A resulting condition of "congested heat" occurs. The body now has a "heat" level higher than that of normal.

The contrast that this particular set of instances makes with the other set of six mentioned above is very interesting. In all the instances, except for the peculiar sixth instance in the upper left column, the normally "hot" body is exposed to a normally "cold" environment. We call such an environment normal because all of the instances are far from being novel circumstances in the daily life of the residents of Blanchisseuse. They occur frequently. To keep from contracting illness, however, is to avoid such instances as much as possible. However, should any of these instances take place, the condition of the

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However, both of these conditions of contrasting etiological criteria produce the same illness. The illness has three folk categories or stages: fresh cold, flu, and cold fever. The length of time to pass through each of these three stages varies with the individual and with the intensity of "heat" loss or "congested heat". Some individuals pass through the first or second stage so fast, that the initial signs and symptoms of illness are those of the third stage. The first and second stages, fresh cold and flu, are similar only in that they are treated with the same modes of therapy. The second stage, moreover, duplicates the signs and symptoms of the first stage, but has as its hallmark the cough. The cough must be present for a diagnosis of cold or flu to be made. The other signs and symptoms may or may not be present.

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generation and treatment of this illness. An example of such a "hot"
remedy is #1 for fresh cold:

/aletu kay/ soft candle

Drink this tea in the evening. Boil a bunch of the herb in a cupful of water, and boil it "strong" until the water turns green. Strain, add a little soft candle rolled into a ball to the tea, and drink lukewarm.

If, however, the circumstances were such that left the individual with closed pores and "congested heat", the course of action is twofold. First, the treatment must consist of "cold" remedies; this is evidently to lower the level of "hotness" of the body. He continues to administer "cold" therapy, until the body feels cooler. At this point, he follows up the therapy by administering a "hot" remedy. This latter action is explained by the body's being in a state of "cold", underlying the condition of "congested heat". An example of such a course of action is afforded by remedy #46 for flu:

hops bread corn cloves

For cooling, mash half a loaf of burned hons bread, add nine grains of corn, and nour boiling water over them. Let draw, cool, and drink the infusion as water throughout the day. When you feel the body becoming cooler, proceed with the following.

Boil nine cloves. Cool, and drink the tea outside in the dew. This is the "hot" aspect of the therapy.

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/japana/ leaf /matrag/ leaf (3-4) shiny bush

Boil together for one dose. Drink in the evening.

The third stage of illness brought about by exposure of the "hot" body to a "cold" environment is referred to as cold fever, the distinguishing sign of which is a fever. The folk category of fever seems to include not only a personal feeling of an elevation of body temperature — a feeling of abnormal warmth — but also, according to one informant, the peeling of skin over the soles and palms. There are two courses of action in this stage, both of which are aimed at opening the pores in order to rid the body of the excess fever "heat" through perspiration. The efficacy of the remedy for this stage of illness, then, is determined by how much sweating is induced; the better the remedy, the more it makes one perspire. One mode of therapy is to take a "hot" medication, a "very hot" one in order to open the pores and "draw out the water". An example of this is #3 for cold fever. Lemon grass root is "very hot". Notice, moreover, the specification of Cafenol, which

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Boil a root, and drink the tea hot with two Cafenol tablets in a closed room. Get into bed and cover up. There will be profuse sweating.

The second mode of therapy is to take a hot bath, usually an herbal bath of "hot" bushes, preceded or accompanied by a "cold" tea. Unfortunately, the present data do not account for the taking of the "cold" tea, but presumably it moderates the strength of the "very hot" bath. Remedy #37 for flu exemplifies such a mode of therapy:

bamboo leaf

Boil plenty of these leaves in a gallon of water. Remove one cupful for tea, and put the balance in a tub. Add some warm water to fill the tub. First, wet the head with cold water, then bathe the whole body in the decoction. Wine dry after bathing, and drink warm the cup of tea set aside earlier.

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In those cases where the initial symptom is fever, there, the above courses of action are taken. By the third day of illness, should the fever not pass, i.e., the body not feel cooler, the individual then knows for certain that he is in a state of "cold", so he follows this up with the required treatment. This takes him back to the three possibilities for the first two stages of the illness. The patient may then take either a "hot" medicine or a "cold" one, or more often, drink a tisane of both these qualities. Whichever course of action is assumed, it is continued or discontinued in favor of another course largely on the basis of "feel". The point of relief, according to informants, is the feeling of the body in a state of normalcy as far as natural temperature is concerned. Solely titrating the body with alternating "hot" and "cold" medicines, or even "hot" - "cold" tisanes, is of no value without due regard as to how the body feels as a consequence of the administration of the remedy.

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2.	cough c	al disease and or	82	pain	
3.	erysipelas		9.	postpartum	
4.	fresh cold	as a result	10.	stroke	
5.	flu	of open pores	11.	swollen feet	
6.	marasmus				

By far the largest number of diseases are placed in the "hot" classification:

1.	abscess	18.	/maldyo/ (fever)
2.	burns	19.	measles
3.	constination	20.	nephritis
4.	cystitis	21.	oliguria
5.	diabetes	22.	palpitation
6.	diarrhea	23.	pleurisy (fever)
7.	dog bite	24.	pneumonia
8.	ecz ema,	25.	pregnancy
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13. h	ypertension	30.	thrush
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/mayok šapel/ root

Cut off a finger's length of root, and use a knife to string it into shreds. The shreds are placed in a cup, boiling water is poured into it, and the infusion is permitted to cool. This is to be made fresh everyday, and drunk as water three to four times a day.

Taken for specific ailments, cooling remedies are intended to moderate certain characteristics of the blood. Analysis of the data shows that these characteristics are impurity or dirtiness, heat, and tension or pressure. Taking cooling is indicated when any of these characteristics are excessive. Diseases that informants attribute to impurity, or "bad blood" and "dirty blood", are those manifested by skin changes, i.e., abscess (pimples, boils), eczema, jaundice, measles, rash, venereal

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II. Body Fluids

From the Blanchisseuse data so far obtained, two body fluids have any importance in the concept of disease. They are blood and bile.

Concerning the blood, one informant regards it as the seat of the body's normal level of "hotness": "If you have chill in the blood, you use hot things...you are bringing the temperature of the blood up to normal."

Also, "Cooling teas are used...when the blood is hot, or its temperature is too high." Moreover, this informant said that too many "hot" bushes "irritates" the blood.

Two other informants confirmed this view in their discussion of two disease categories, cold fever and pneumonia, which are characterized by a heat level of the body that is higher than normal. In these two cases, treatment is aimed at removal of blood by either expectoration or emesis, and in that way the "heat" level of the body is lowered to normal. Contrast this mode of therapy with other modes which aim for the same result but instead are based on the principle of the "hot-cold"

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opposition. One of these informants, in discussing his remedy for /gwsswim/ or "bad cold", said that the remedy "makes you vomit out blood." The particular etiological circumstances leading to this stage -- a "hot" body that experiences a chill -- causes the blood to "clot". Hematemesis is a favorable treatment, so his particular "hot" remedy strikes at the clotted blood, "wakes it up...and brings out the blood." This is remedy #37 for cold fever:

guinea pepper grains coffee black pepper grains shark oil

Boil nine grains of guinea pepper and nine grains of black pepper together in coffee. After boiling, let stand to allow the grains to settle. Then add one teaspoon shark oil. Drink, and get into bed and cover up. "Makes you vomit out blood."

A third informant indicated the importance of the blood in his discussion of pneumonia. His particular view of the etiological circumstances leading to the generation of pneumonia is similar to those expressed by other informants for the generation of fresh cold, flu, and cold fever. He said that pneumonia results when "...body hot from walking in river, and hot blood rushes up and remains inside, cracks inside." The resulting condition of the body is then one with an increased "heat" level, for "too much heat inside causes inflammation."

Adequate therapy for this condition involves administration of a remedy that either a) "melts the blood to make it pass up or down", or

b) "passes away blood", or c) "cools down, in case too much heat inside."

Thus, he regards passage of blood out of the body by emesis or cough as favorable for treatment of the disease.

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Without mentioning bile, another informant confirmed the preceding recommendation by saying that after any type of therapy for any disease, one needs to take a purge. His own explanation for this is that although after therapy one may feel better, the illness essentially remains inside the body and in time is liable to spring back on the individual, i.e., a relapse can occur, if a purge does not rid the body of it. These two concepts appear to be similar, but only with the former informant was the bile specifically mentioned.

The principle of body fluids is evidently not as commonly shared among informants mash that of temperature. However, from the data provided by three informants, we see that the "hot-cold" opposition is intimately related to the principle of body fluids. Among the fluids, the blood is of primary significance in relation to the principle of temperature, for it is involved in both the concepts of disease generation and of therapy. The bile, on the other hand, is involved only with the concept of therapy.

A healthy, normally functioning body appears to depend on two conditions. First, there must be maintained the normal "heat" level of the body. This level of "heat" resides in the blood. Normally, excess "heat" is lost in perspiration through pores which should be in such a

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III. Foods and Diet

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IV. Taste

The principle of taste concerns the opposition of bitter and sweet. There is no consistent application of the quality of sweetness to either the concept of disease or to therapy, however. Sweetness is evidently not an important natural quality of any of the local medicinal plants, except for /mowo/, for informants mentioned only this bush in that regard. Informants described the tea made from the bush as "tastes very nice" and "nice bush, it sweet." Otherwise, sweetening agents must be used in remedies; these are milk, honey, molasses, and sugar. Spice is added sometimes for flavor, but informants did not mention this specifically as a sweetener. The sweetening agents are specified in only some recipes for teas, and frequently they are optional. As mentioned above in Preparation, a decoction or infusion can be drunk as a "tea" when it is warm and sweetened, or as "water" when it is cooled and unsweetened. In these cases, sweetening is left to individual taste.

Where sweetness does take on a significant role in therapy is in the administration of syrups and /lok/. An informant said that a /lok/ is for the lungs, for "building up the lungs." Hence, we find the majority of remedies for "cold in chest" requiring a /lok/; these are remedies #63, #64, #65, #66, #71, and #72 under Flu. A /lok/ is also used, among other types of remedies, for cough; these are remedies #11, #12, #13, and #15. A thick, sweet syrup other than a /lok/ is used for other ailments as flu (remedies #25, #48, and #54), debility (#2), and

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The principle of bitterness has a more definite application. An informant stated that "anything bitter is good for blood." Although referring specifically to diabetes, the statement nevertheless is applicable to most remedies that are used for diseases which the local concept of disease attributes to "bad blood", "impure blood", or "dirty blood". The following chart presents bushes whose remedies are described by phrases such as "bitter as gall", "bitter for so", and "very bitter", along with their corresponding diseases:

Bush	Disease Entity
/kas/ pod	for cooling, flu, jaundice
bamboo root	for cooling and /bles/
/šandilye/ flower	cold fever
/ti mawi/ root	cystitis, insomnia
/twef/ leaf	diabetes, hypertension, dysmenorrhea, menorrhagia, postpartum and abortion, snake bite
carilie leaf	diabetes, dysentery, dysmenorrhea, hypertension, rash
wild coffee seed	palpitation
wild coffee root	for cooling, postpartum and abortion
ruku leaf and root	oliguria, diabetes
/top a top/ leaf	nephritis, cold fever, hemorrhoids
/zeb Sat/ leaf and root	for cooling, dysmenorrhea, oliguria, postpartum and abortion
carap seed oil	flu

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/reydemat/ root

snake bite, scorpion sting, dysmenorrhea, jaundice, postpartum

/to33/ vine

snake bite, scorpion sting

Among the diseases listed above, those for which bitter remedies are used most frequently are cystitis and oliguria, diabetes, postpartum and abortion, dysmenorrhea, palpitation and hypertension, snake bite and scorpion sting, flu and cold fever, jaundice, and rash. All of these diseases are classified locally as "hot", except for postpartum and abortion. Hence, we most likely cannot associate bitterness with therapy of a "hot" disease. However, a majority of these ailments are described by informants as necessitating "cleaning the blood" or "cleaning". We mentioned before that "cleaning the blood" is a concept associated with cooling, and the remedies that accomplish this are cathartics or "blood purifiers". Taken for specific ailments, cooling acts against "bad blood", cleans out "inflammation", and "cools down" any excess of impurity, heat, and pressure of the blood. Bitterness, therefore, is associated with a cleansing and purifying effect on the blood.

However, not all cooling remedies or cathartics are bitter. Moreover, some informants warned that a particular bush is so bitter that
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V. Strength

This is a vague principle, whose opposition of weak-strong is associated with the "hot-cold" opposition in some cases, and in others appears to be a principle that is independent of that of temperature. In the latter cases, strength refers to dilution and efficacy. The first indications of the concept of strength occurred in the discussion of the preparation of folk remedies. Plants and their parts are to be collected in the morning after the dew has evaporated, or in the evening before the dew has settled. Unless the dew itself is desired, informants said that dew-covered plants are not good for making bush medicine because the dew draws out the strength and quality from the plant, which consequently loses its maximum efficacy. However, that some remedies call for placing bottled tisanes outdoors at night for the dew to settle on them does not appear to have any relation to this concept of strength.

Other aspects of preparation that bear a relation to the concept of strength are proportion and boiling and drawing. Although measurements are imprecise, a maximum and minimum amount exists for every medicinal substance that is used in relation to a specified quantity of something else for a given remedy. Bitterness as one determining factor of proportion was mentioned above, and two exemplary remedies were cited. Where bitterness is not concerned, however, the principle of temperature appears to be the determinant. In making decoctions and infusions, various plants of opposing qualities are used. If a tisane is to be a "hot" one, predominantly "hot" bushes must be used, but there must also be a certain amount of "cold" bushes present, because too "hot" a medicament is undesireable. In such cases, a certain number and amount of

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"cold" bushes are used with a given number and amount of "hot" plants.

An example of such a remedy is #50 for flu:

/yapana/ leaf /matran/ leaf (3-4) shiny bush

Boil together for one dose. Drink in the evening.

/ Japana and /matran are "very hot" and "hot" bushes, respectively, be and shiny bush is "cold". Yet, the remedy is predominantly "hot", and as such is a good one for the ailment. The specification of odd numbers, i.e., 3, 5, 7, or 9 leaves, in a remedy is an important concept relating to proportion. However, from the available data we cannot account for why some informants specify odd numbers and others do not, and for the relationship the use of odd numbers has to the principles of Blanchisseuse folk medicine.

According to one informant, too many "hot" bushes "irritates the blood too much." Another informant said that too many "hot" things together causes the skin and mucous membranes to become too red, which is "bad". Informants did not mention the dangers, if any, of taking too many "cold" bushes. Apparently, excessive "hotness" of remedies has greater perils. All of this is not to say that purely "hot" things should not be taken alone, however. Certainly some decoctions, such as #32 and #33 for cold fever, are made from all "hot" bushes. Moreover, #30 for cooling is made of only "cold" bushes. However, these perticular teas are to be taken in single doses and for specific purposes: for cold fever, the "hot" remedy is to induce profuse perspiration; and for cooling, the "cold" remedy is to "clean the blood." Other decoctions and infusions that are to be taken over a longer span of time and in several

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One other aspect of strength needs to be mentioned. In discussing remedy #11 for venereal disease, an informant mentioned that red stinging nettle is "stronger" than white stinging nettle. This difference may possibly be due to the difference in color, but only in this example does the principle of strength show apparent relation to that of color.

A few other bushes are described as "strong" and "powerful" when used in remedies for certain conditions. The following chart lists six of them, together with the diseases for which they are prescribed, and the manner of administration of the remedy. The first three bushes are outstanding in that taking too much and too concentrated a decoction made from each of them causes undesireable consequences. Informants

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Bush	Remedy	Result of Overdose
/sstrolog/ leaf	in tisane for constipation	vomiting
bois bande bark	in tea for impotence	priapism
soursop leaf	in tea for insomnia	giddiness, faintness
guinea pepper	chewed for flatulence	
/pin karet/	in rum for impotence	
olivier bark	in rum for rheumatism and diabetes	periods are stated

The principle of strength also governs the administration of remedies. One informant said that rest should always accompany the taking of remedies, for "when you lie down, medicine fights sickness better." Therefore, one should avoid taking a remedy during the day when one is active because there is "not so much power (in the remedy) when you walking and body hot." This explanation accounts for the recommendation that a dose be taken before bedtime. However, that medications be taken before mealtimes is a specification that has still to be accounted for in the data.

Another relationship that the "hot-cold" system has with the concept of strength and also with the concept of time is evident in the specification of the natural temperature of the remedy when administered. One informant said that a remedy that is drunk warm "gives quicker relief." These three principles also appear to apply together to the idea of the "master" tea or tisane. According to one informant, a

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VI, Time

Several remedies are specified to be taken for any length of time, or as long as the ailment lasts. We are more interested in the specified lengths of time in therapy, however. Such time periods are stated in odd numbers of three days, nine days, and fifteen days. The majority of such remedies specify nine days. That is, the remedy is to be taken according to the daily dosage every day for nine days. If the individual does not attain relief or cure by the end of the period, he can take another remedy, or if he desires, retain the original one. A few informants recommend that their remedies be taken for the stated length of time even if discomfort ceases before the nine days are up.

The stress on the number nine may possibly be related to the Roman Catholic novena. During this period of nine days, one prays daily to the proper Saint in regard to the fulfilling of a specified wish or the attainment of a goal. How this purely religious use of the novena can be translated into a medical one can perhaps be surmised from the data from a few informants who said that prayer should always accompany the taking of a remedy for any illness. Relief or cure is the goal to be attained at the end of nine days. The use of nine is also important in midwifery, but the ninth day is only one of the important days in the

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series of three, nine, and fifteen days. There are no data to explain how three and fifteen days fit into the principles of medicinal administration.

VII. Color, Odor, and Moisture

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Like the principles of taste, strength, and time, the concepts of color, odor, and moisture concern remedies rather than medicinal substances and disease. Informants gave no positive statements regarding the relationship of color, odor, and moisture to curing, however; and any such relationship that we present are surmised from the data.

Local informants mentioned only the color red as a noticeable characteristic of a few decoctions and infusions. The following chart presents those bushes whose remedies are said to be "red as wine":

Bush	Disease Entities
double hibiscus	flu, cough, amenorrhea
seaside grape bark	diarrhea
/ti mawi/ leaf and root	oliguria, insomnia
ruku seeds	oliguria
/lyan taso/ vine	pain, venereal disease, cooling
/lag bef/ root	flatulence, rheumatism, venereal disease, cooling
bay leaf	flu

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Except for cough, pain, and rheumatism, all of the ailments have a "hot" classification. From the available data, then, there appears to be no relationship between the color red and the "hot-cold" opposition. Among the "hot" disease, however, the majority are those that local informants attribute to "bad blood", i.e., oliguria, venereal disease, and the general condition of "bad blood" that requires periodic catharsis or cooling. If any connection exists between the color red and concepts of therapy, then, we would say that red might be connected with remedies having a cleansing and purifying action. We concluded above that bitterness is associated with this very same effect. However, red and bitterness are mutually exclusive in regard to remedies, with only one exception. Only in a decoction of /ti mawi/ root are both red and bitterness found together.

As far as odor is concerned, informants named only two plants whose odor is of any interest. The most well-known of the two is /mapurit/, whose smell emanating from the crushed leaves and stems is quite unpleasant and offensive. The other bush is /mil flore/, with which only one informant was familiar. Describing the bush, she said, "Flowers smell sweet, sweet...leaf does smell like dead people."

In regard to therapy, odor is important in only a few remedies that one administers internally by inhalation. In the treatment of "cold in head" and catarrh, the following recipe is given (#60 under Flu):

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The only remedy for the treatment of fainting calls for placing crushed soursop leaves before the nostrils of the unconscious individual for him to inhale the "strong scent". And part of one remedy for worms involves placing a pounded garlic clove before the nostrils of a sleeping child for him to inhale, so that the small worms emerging from the nose will be forced to retreat back through the nostrils. From these three examples, the principle of strength is evidently tied in with this concept of odor. The stronger the odor, the more effective the remedy.

Analysis of the remedies indicates that moisture plays a significant role in therapy. This role concerns primarily the remedies of external administration, and specifically the poultices. As used in Blanchisseuse, a poultice or /kataplam/ is a soft, moist mass, usually heated, and applied to a lesion to provide moist warmth, relieve pain, and act as a counter-irritant. The majority of substances used for making a poultice are leaves, for example #2 for abscess:

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Dryness or dessication achieves significance in only two instances. In the treatment of a sore, an external remedy is applied to "eat up all the dead flesh" and to "dry it out." This remedy must also "clean and cure the sore." The drying effect of such a remedy thus appears to be associated with a cleansing action. The other ailment that requires a cleansing remedy, but which is of the internal type, is eczema. One informant said that the remedy should "pass in blood and dries it (the eczema)." Here we have a hint of a relationship between the concept of dessication and that of temperature; the cooling effect of remedies for eczema also have a drying effect. Only in these two cases, however, is the quality of dryness relevant to therapy.

VIII. The Supernatural

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So far we have been concerned with natural causes for the explanation of disease generation. There are several instances, however, in which informants attribute the cause of a particular illness to the supernatural. One instance is picking up a coin at the roadside or "crossroads". Coins are the means by which an ill individual may "sell his illness." The coin is usually copper, but informants say either a copper or silver coin is potentially dangerous. The sick person takes an herbal bath, and the coin is then dipped in the bathwater. Following this washing, he places the coin in some convenient spot where it will be seen, sometimes on the pile of herbs used in the bath. He who

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picks up the "bewitched" coin becomes the unlucky victim who contracts the illness, while the other person becomes well. Therefore, informants said, people should be particularly cautious about picking up a coin lying on the roadside.

However, there exist means to indicate that a coin is "bewitched", and there are also means of counteracting the "spell". Should one either spit, pour lime juice, or urinate on the coin in question, the liquid will foam and bubble on the coin if it is indeed "bewitched". These very same actions also serve as counteractions to the bewitchment, according to a few informants, so that the coin can be picked up without harm after the ritual is accomplished.

Another instance is a prolonged illness that does not recede or improve despite long-term treatment with all sorts of remedies. One would begin to suspect that he is being "humbugged" or "bewitched". Such suspicions are especially aroused if the ailment is a minor one, such as a small cut, which refuses to heal and is intractable to any remedy.

Bewitchment (and its other apellations "humbug", "blight",
"crookedness", "black spell") is not only a cause of an illness, but is
also considered to be an illness itself. Both as a disease and as a
cause of disease, the concept centers around the belief in personal
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he covets and wishes to master. As it is used to the individual's advantage, the intentions underlying the use may be good or evil and thus harmful to the object. This power can also act without the conscious intention of that individual, as in some cases of /maldyo/, but nevertheless the effect on the object is one of domination and harm.

An example given by an informant serves to illustrate local thoughts on this concept. A person covets a valued possession of someone else, and he steals it. As the possession is vital to the well-being and livelihood of the owner, he grieves over its loss. The thief is thus "blighted". The victim, in his grief, essentially wills back the stolen object, and this will or power affects the thief such that ill luck follows him, and he is forever compelled to steal. However, if the stolen item were of no value to the victim, and he did not grieve over its loss, no blight would stain the thief. This blight or crookedness passes on from generation to generation, as when a blight affects one part of a vine, the whole plant is considered diseased. Both thief and victim have their proper rituals and medications to take as a consequence. The thief may take a bath, e.g., a lime bath, to wash away this blight; while the victim takes a bath of patchouly, to bring luck and avoid further misfortune.

The "evil-eye" or /maldyo/ belongs to the concept of bewitchment and personal power. What distinguishes /maldyo/ from blight or humbug is somewhat subtle. The majority of cited cases indicate that the person with the "evil-eye" physically expresses his desire or admiration for the object, be it verbal or nonverbal behavior. The person may or may not have a conscious intention to do the object harm, and in most cases he does not realise that his admiration is harmful. A furtive glance,

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a single caress, or even an inadvertant gasp of appreciation constitute a power that flows from the admirer to the object, and causes the latter to wither and eventually to die. Most of the victims are infants or children. That the child is indeed the victim of /maldyo/ is indicated by such signs as fever, change of color, inability to urinate, and loss of appetite and of weight. Suspicion of /maldyo/ is further indicated if the child has recently been admired in any way by a passer-by or stranger.

/maldyo/ can also affect animals and plants. An informant related that one day a woman passed by his yard and exclaimed, "Oh, what darling chicks you have!" A few days later all the chicks perished. The same informant had a tomato patch that was complimented by someone, and who, carried away by his admiration, plucked a tomato without asking permission to do so. By the next day, the whole patch had withered. When confronted with the accusation of /maldyo/, the individual was quite offended and defended his innocence. One informant stated that /maldyo/ is rooted in jealousy, hence it can be either conscious or unconscious. For example, "too much love" can cause /maldyo/ sickness, as when a mother causes her child physical and emotional harm by being too possessive.

The supernatural also appears to have an importance in therapeutic techniques as well as in concepts of disease causation and generation. This view-point is indicated by the prescription of prayer to accompany the treatment of any ailment. Moreover, as is shown in the catalogue of disease entities under the headings of Bewitchment and /maldyo/, there are remedies of a supernatural nature like ritual baths, amulets, and charms, which can be used for any kind of disease, whether or not its

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cause is attributed to the natural or to the supernatural. In addition, for a few of the specific disease categories, there are one or two remedies of a supernatural nature, e.g., wearing a leaf of /pat 5y2/ around the neck for a sore throat (remedy #6), and slicing a lime on the tree and leaving one half behind to counteract a dog bite (remedy #1).

Yet most of the remedies lack the supernatural element, and aim at bringing relief to ailments that have a natural causal explanation.

Moreover, the character of the belief in the supernatural varies from person to person. For example, one elderly informant, a staunch Jehovah's Witness, scoffed at the aforementioned remedy of tying the leaf around the neck to cure a sore throat, saying that it is "superstition". However, this same individual claimed that the cause of all illnesses is Original Sin.

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On the Curative Properties of Folk Medicine

Although this discussion is not so much concerned with whether or not the local remedies have curative properties, nevertheless the attitudes of some informants in this regard are worth mentioning. That the people of Blanchisseuse still maintain a vast repertory of bush remedies for their diseases and ailments, and that many of these remedies are still in use, indicate that there is an assurance that folk medicine can indeed bring relief of some sort. This indication is supported by statements the villagers themselves make regarding the efficacies of bush medicine, and by claims that it is sometimes more effective and brings quicker relief than what the doctor gives them.

Curing the disease, however, is altogether another matter. In regard to this, several informants were asked whether or not they believe that bush remedies can cure the diseases for which they are intended. Some answered that such remedies can indeed bring about a cure. One informant exclaimed, "You go for years to doctor and no cure. Then you drink (bush) tea and you cured!" Another informant pointed out, however, that for those diseases which even Western medicine has no cure, like cancer and diabetes, bush medicine likewise has no cure; and in such cases it is best to rely on modern medicine for treatment. Another informant added that for a disease such as high blood pressure for which neither modern medicine nor bush medicine has a cure, bush medicine can at least be relied on to bring comfort from the troublesome symptoms of hypertension, such as flushing, headache, and dizziness. Finally, a third informant, a young local school teacher, admitted that for certain diseases, bush remedies can effect a cure. He confirmed this from

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Some informants agree, then, that bush medicine can cure some minor illnesses. Looking over the remedies listed in Appendix D, we notice that the majority of them are indeed intended for chronic, minor ailments. As far as the remedies for the acute and major illnesses are concerned, however, the opinion of a few informants is that if these remedies cannot achieve absolute cure, they can at least provide temporary relief from the most aggravating symptoms. Hence, informants are in agreement that relief is what they seek in folk remedies for any kind of ailment, be it major or minor. That a remedy can cure the disease is apparently less important to them than that it can effect some degree of comfort and can relieve the individual of the symptoms of the illness.

On the Medicinal Properties of Local Plants

Examination of the many remedies and their composition for the various disease entities reveals that there are quite a variety of bushes that are used in the treatment of one disease. Moreover, some of these bushes are not used solely for one disease, but are used for many diseases.

For example, consider the disease entity of diarrhea. Notice that four of the individual recipes call for guava leaves (#7, #8, #9, and #11). Two other recipes, however, require the bark of the guava tree as part of the decoction (#10 and #13). For this same ailment, other recipes call for using either the bark or the leaves of the cashew tree,

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ma th pl the sapodilla tree, and the avocado tree. However, guava leaves and bark are also good for treating dysentery. Diarrhea and dysentery are the only two ailments for which parts of the guava plant are used. However, the same parts of the cashew, sapodilla, and avocado trees are good for other distinctly different ailments. Cashew bark is used for treating dysentery; but the leaves are not used, instead they are used for flatulence. Sapodilla leaves are popular in remedies for cough, fresh cold, flu, and cold fever, ailments which are quite different physiological entities from diarrhea. Finally, avocado leaves are recommended as poultice for headache and sprain, but for no other internal use other than in one recipe for a tisane against fresh cold. Purely on pharmacological grounds, there seems to be no basis for all of them to be used in common for diarrhea, but not in common for dysentery, flatulence, cough, etc.

The therapy for diarrhea provides only one illustration of the diversity of remedial possibilities for one disease using the medicinal plants of Blanchisseuse. From the examination of the list of medicinal plants and the catalogue of remedies, one can see that any single plant or plant part can be utilized for many different diseases. Likewise, any one disease category can have a diversity of plants as constituent units for its remedies. We do not deny that there may be a pharmacological basis for the effects of these medicinal plants when they are used in the specified remedies. What we do question is that on pharmacological grounds, one can account for the diversity of the plants that are used for any one ailment and for the variations in which a plant can be prepared to be used as treatment. Moreover, for any one disease entity, we wonder if all of the plants that are recommended for

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its treatment have any medicinal properties in common that could effect relief from symptoms of the disease. This is a formidable task to prove or disprove chemically, and as far as we know, no thorough analysis has yet been made of the chemical composition of the more than 5000 species of flora of Trinidad.

Therefore, in the discussion of the folk medicine of Blanchisseuse, the medicinal properties of plants and the pharmacological basis of remedies are difficult to document. What is more important to our study, however, is the unifying principle of the "hot-cold" opposition. Only in this basic principle do we find a common ground for the analysis of folk disease categories considered as a whole and of their corresponding remedies and the units that compose them.

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Conclusion and Summary

The principle of the "hot-cold" classification of illnesses and remedies appears to be the most important concept that unifies in the most complete way the disease entities with the remedies and their constituents in the folk medicine of Blanchisseuse. The list of medicinal plants and the catalogue of recipes for remedial treatment of diseases are not the haphazard collections they seem to be at first glance, but they are ordered by the application of the "hot-cold" opposition to both. The diseases themselves need not necessarily have a description or explanation that is consistent with our modern Western understanding of diseases and their pathogenesis. The important part of the folk conception of these disease categories is their local "hot-cold" classification.

Among the principles organizing the folk medicinal beliefs of Blanchisseuse, this principle of the "hot-cold" opposition is also unique in that it has two aspects with reference to temperature. "Hot" and "cold" can be natural qualities, in that they refer to the actual temperature of a remedy, such as a hot tea, and of an illness, such as fever. "Hot" and "cold" can also be abstract qualities in regard to the classification of both medicinal plants and diseases. The natural aspect and the abstract one are intimately connected, and in many cases are opposed to each other, such that a hot tea can be considered "cold" if it is made from a bush classified abstractly as "cold".

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Greek and Roman science held that all substances were made up of the elements of earth, air, fire, and water in varying proportions, and hence possessed the qualities of cold, hot, dry, and wet in varying degrees. Cold was opposed to hot, and wet the opposite of dry, so that a substance could be described in terms of two qualities. Moreover, the qualities could be characterized in terms of degrees, e.g., hot to the second degree, dry to the third degree. In The Nature of Man,

It follows, then, such being the nature of the human body and of everything else, that man is not a unity but each of the elements contributing to his formation preserves in the body the potentiality which it contributed. It also follows that each of the elements must return to its original nature when the body dies; the wet to the wet, the dry to the dry, the hot to the hot and the cold to the cold. The constitution of animals is similar and of everything else too. All things have a similar generation and a similar dissolution, for all are formed of the substances mentioned and are finally resolved in the same constituents as produced them. 4

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The human body contains blood, phlegm, yellow bile and black bile. These are the things that make up its constitution and cause its pains and health. Health is primarily that state in which these constituent substances are in the correct proportion to each other, both in strength and quantity, and are well mixed. Pain occurs when one of the substances presents either a deficiency or an excess, or is separated in the body and not mixed with the others. 5

Foster reports also that the heart, brain, and liver were considered the most important organs of the body, and as they were respectively dry and hot, wet and cold, and hot and wet, the healthy body had an excess of heat and moisture. The excess varied with the individual, however, in different degrees. Hence, medical practice "consisted largely in understanding the natural complexion of the patient, in determining the complexion of the illness or its cause, and in restoring the fundamental harmony which had been disturbed."

Therapy involved primarily restoring the natural balance of the body in terms of heat and moisture by the prescription of foods and medicines of qualities opposite to those produced in the body by the illness. Certain sicknesses were believed to be "hot", and were treated with "cold" remedies, while "cold" diseases were treated with "hot" remedies. According to Hippocrates,

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Both Madsen and Foster and Rowe report, moreover, that hot, cold, wet,. and dry in the system were abstract qualities, and attribution of a substance or illness to any one of the categories was arbitrary. Thus the qualities of "hot" and "cold" had nothing to do with temperature, nor "wet" and "dry" with the actual moisture of the matter; and neither had they necessarily to do with physiological effect.

According to Foster, Spanish medicine at the time of the conquest of the New World had largely the Graeco-Roman tradition as its base, and had been modified by Arab medicine, and included contributions as far east as Persia. He says also that pre-Christian beliefs of the Celts and other early Europeans can be identified in Fifteenth Century Spanish folk medicine. 10 At the time of its introduction into America, the Hippocratic classification did include "hot" (caliente), "cold" (frío), "wet" (húmedo), and "dry" (seco), and each attribute was graded in intensity on a scale from 1 to 4 for each substance. Physicians and geographer-natural historians were some of the earliest travelers to the New World, and as they discovered the different forms of fauma and flora, they classified each find according to that system. So apparently by the end of the Sixteenth Century, a good part of the local indigenous pharmacopoeia had been recognized and each item categorized in terms of temperature and moisture.

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Spanish medicine was maintained in the New World through establishment of chairs of medicine at the University of Mexico in 1580 and at the University of San Marcos in Peru in 1638. Foster says that until the end of the Eighteenth Century, few changes in classical medical concepts and practices were apparent, and that the isolation of Spain and its American colonies from European scientific progress maintained the traditional theories for more than a century after they had been done away with in northern Europe. There is an apparent paucity of documentation of how the knowledge of classical medicine was transmitted from the academic world to the folk world. Foster says that "the mechanisms whereby university medical beliefs and practices filtered down to the folk level can only be surmised." 11 Perhaps because of a lack of enough doctors, priests were largely responsible for the care of the sick among both the Indians and mestizos so that the Church may have been a chief channel through which academic medical knowledge reached the common folk. Moreover, guides to home curing were published to make up for the lack of doctors. 12

At the time of the Conquest, then, a well-developed body of folk belief about the nature of health, causes of illness, and curing techniques, was wide-spread among the native populace of the Spanish New World. According to Foster, this body of belief was made up of native American, Spanish folk, and classical medical elements. Madsen documents the case for the incorporation of native American beliefs into the body of general medical knowledge from his experience with the Indians of Tecospa, a Nahuatl village. They believe in what he labels the "contrario" system, by which the universe is seen as ordered by a balance of opposites such as night and day, war and peace, hot and cold.

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This system is essentially like that of the Aztecan concept of the universe as one in which war is continually waged between opposing supernatural forces of opposites. Madsen concludes that "the Hippocratic classification of foods and diseases as hot or cold dovetails neatly into the contrario system." 13

Anthropologists have found that the classic Hippocratic system has been modified in all of the Spanish-American countries in which it is prevalent. 14 Both Madsen and Foster report that the homogeneity in 10 all the areas from Mexico to Chile consists in the belief of the inherent "hot" and "cold" quality in nature, and in the general absence of belief in the wet-dry opposition, and absence of the ranking of qualities by four degrees. The belief in the humors and their changes as the basis of illness is less pronounced. Agreement is also found in the "basic attitudes toward health and sickness", names of the folk categories of illnesses, and curing techniques and medicaments. 15 Foster and Rowe have found that, in place of degrees, qualities may be ranked by intermediate stages, terms for which vary from locality to locality. In parts of Mexico, for instance, "irritante" and "fresco" replace "caliente" and "frío", respectively. If frío is used, fresco may also appear as intermediate between hot and cold. They have also found that although the principle of opposition is still largely fol-0/ lowed in therapy, there may still be some "inconsistencies" in application of the Hippocratic system where a "hot" remedy is used for a "hot" illness in addition to the usual "cold" remedy. 16

Mention was made above that the classification of hot or cold is purely abstract and arbitrary and have no reference to the temperature of the subject classified, according to most reports. Madsen has found

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Medicinal Plants of Blanchisseuse

This list presents all of the data on plants used in the folk medicine of Blanchisseuse which I gathered during the summer field trip of 1966 and from post-field work research. The plants are listed in roughly alphabetical order according to their local English name, or if this is lacking, their local French Creole name. In some cases, an informant translation of the name follows in quotation marks. Its etymology is provided in the third column, together with the folk acategories of illnesses for which the plant is most used in therapy. I utilized these sources for determining the etymologies of the local names:

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The fourth column presents the quality of the plant according to the local principle of "hot-cold" classification. I obtained the classification of each plant by directly questioning informants. For each plant, there is an average of three decisions. I have recorded in the list an unqualified "hot" or "cold" when there is perfect agreement among all informants who gave independent responses to the question regarding each plant. When there is 50 % agreement, I have recorded "no agreement". When there is one dissension, I have placed a question mark after the decision of the majority.

The last column provides the Latin taxonomic name: the plant family first, followed by the genus and species. The suprascript refers to the source from which I obtained the identification. Those taxonomic names which lack a suprascript belong to those plants identified by Dr. N. Bhorai of the herbarium at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad. This is the complete bibliography of sources which I used to identify the remaining plants:

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The following list presents updated and corrected identifications of the plants used in the folk medicine of Blanchisseuse, Trinidad. It is arranged according to the list in Appendix B, which it now supercedes. During the second field research project in Blanchisseuse from July to December, 1967, the author collected and mounted specimens of about one-third of the total number of these plants. The numbers following the taxonomic names of the plants refer to the voucher specimens presently kept in the herbarium of the Department of Botany, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad, and in the author's personal collection.

Although only one-third of the plants of this list are represented by mounted specimens, nevertheless all identifications were made from specimens collected in the field, except for the most common food and ornamental plants. Mssrs. M. Bhorai and R. Ramkissoon of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, identified the specimens, and the author is grateful to them for their assistance.

> Cambridge, Massachusetts April, 1972

Corrected List of
Medicinal Plants of Blanchisseuse, Trinidad

	Local Name	Family	Taxonomic Name
1.	aguma	Solanaceae	Solanum nigrum L.
2.	/alætu kay/	Phytolaccaceae	Microtea debilis Sw. 72
3.	almond	Combretaceae	Terminalia catappa L.
4.	/altamis/	Compositae	Ambrosia cumanensis HBK. 30
5.	aloes	Liliaceae	Aloe barbadensis Miller
6.	aralie	Guttiferae	Clusia rosea Jacq.
7.	arrowroot	Marantaceae	Maranta arundinacea L.
8.	avocado ·	Lauraceae	Persea americana Miller
9.	angelin	Papilionaceae	Andira inermis (W.Wright)DC.
10.	bachelor-button	Amaranthaceae	Gomphrena globosa L.

	Local Name	Family	
11	. balisier fig	Musaceae	M
12	. bamboo fern	Liliaceae	A
13	. bamboo	Gramineae	В.
14	. barbadine	Passifloraceae	P.
15	. bay leaf .	Myrtaceae	. P:
16	. bird pepper	Solanaceae	C
17	. black sage	Boraginaceae	Co
18	. blister bush	Vitaceae	Ci
19	bois bandé ,	Proteaceae	Re
20	. bois canot	Moraceae	Ce
21.	. breadfruit	Moraceae	Ar
22.	caimite	Sapotaceae .	Ch
23.	round calabash	Bignoniaceae	Cr
24.	carap	Meliaceae	Ca
25.	carpenter bush	Acanthaceae	Ju
26.	carrot	Umbelliferae	Da
27.	cashew	Anacardiaceae	An
28.	bitter cassava	Euphorbiaceae	Ma
29.	sweet cassava	Euphorbiaceae	M.
30.	castor-oil bush	Euphorbiaceae	Ri
31.	carilie	Cucurbitaceae	Мо
32.	oedar	Meliaceae	Ce
33.	chaconia	Rubiaceae	We.
34.	chataigne	Moraceae	Ar
35.	chive	Liliaceae	Al
36.	clove	Myrtaceae .	Sy
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37.	Christmas bush	Compositae	Eu
38.	Christmas bush	Cassalpiniaceae	Ca
39.	Christmas bush,	Compositae	Eu
	San Miguel		
	coconut tree	Palmae	Co
41.	coffee plant	Rubiaceae	Co

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ssia fruticosa Miller 62 patorium inulaefolium HBK. 59

cos nucifera L.

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	Local Name	Family	Taxonomic Name
42.	congolala	Compositae	Eclipta alba (L.) Hassk. 37
43.	corn plant	Gramineae	Zea mays L.
44.	dasheen	Araceae	Colocasia esculenta (L.) Schott
45.	/egsfle/	Labiatas	Hyptis capitata Jacq. & Endl.
46.	thyme	Labiatae .	Coleus aromaticus Benth.
47.	/dit€ Jaraba/	Labiatae	Ocimum gratissimum L.
48.	/dite peyi/	Scrophulariaceae	Capraria biflora L. 24
49.	/do blã/	Compositae	Rolandra fruticosa (L.) Kuntze
	riddle buch	Compositae	Chaptalia nutans (L.)Polak. 31
50.	/gstrolog/	Cucurbitaceae	Gurania spinulosa (Poepp. & Endl.)
		Bignoniacone	Cogn.
51.	evergreen	Urticaceae	Pilea microphylla Liebm.
52.	coco plum, /zikak/	Rosaceae	Chrysobalanus icaco L.
53.	/fey koway/	Rubiacece	Hamelia erecta Jacq. 12
54.	/fey pisa/	Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia oerstediana (Kl. &
	/Authority	Halvassa	Garcke) Boiss. 26
55.	/fay solay/	Piperaceae	Pothomorphe peltata (L.) Niq.
56.	creole fig	Musaceae .	Musa paradisiaca L.
	THE PARTY	Aguvaceae	var. sapientum (L.) Kuntze
57.	/f5baz [/	Labiatae	Ocimum micranthum Willd. 85
58.	frangipani	Apocynaceae	Plumeria rubra L.
	Guinea pepper	Zingiberaceae	Amomum melegueta Rosc.
60.	ganalote	Gramineae	Setaria poiretiana (Schult.) Kunth
61.	garlic	Liliaceae	Allium sativum L.
	ginger	Zingiberaceae	Zingiber officinale Rosc.
	ground nut, peanut	Papilionaceae	Arachis hypogasa L.
	guava	Myrtaceae	Psidium guajava L.
65.	/gwan Toa fay/	Euphorbiaceae .	Phyllanthus ancrus Schum. & Thonn.
66	double bibiness	16.3	38
00.	double hibiscus,	Malvaceae	Hibiscus roca-sinencis L.
67	fencing flower hog plum		var. duplex
	/yapana/	Anacardiaceae	Spondias mombin L.
	/Japana/ /Yewi tut/	Compositae	Bupatorium triplinerve Vahl
	/Jimov/ .	Compositae	Pluchea odorata (L.) Cass. 61
	jumby calabash	Malvaceae	Malachra alcoifolia Jacq. 55
120	Junoy Caraoasu	Lecythidaceae	Courounita guianencis Aubl.

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Local Name	Family	Taxonomic Name
72. /kabut/	Gramineae	Paspalum conjugatum Bergius
73. dragon's blood	Iridaceae	Trimezia martinicensis (Jacq.)Herb.
74. /kan rivye/	Zingiberaceae	Costus cylindricus (Plum.) Jacq.
75. /kaŋkanapiri/	Euphorbiaceae	Croton flavens L. 2
76. carpet, /tapi/	Euphorbiaceae .	Acalypha wilkssiana MuellArg.
77. /kas/	Cassalpiniaceae	Cassia fistula L.
78. jump-up-and-kiss-me	Portulacaceae	Portulaca pilosa L.
79. pussley	Portulacaceae	Portulaca oleracea L. 19
80. fiddle bush	Schizaeaceae	Lygodium volubile Sw.
	(Filices)	Paret riora goaleda n.
81. /koko šat/	Bignoniaceae	Doxantha unguis-cati (L.)
		Miers emend. Rehder
82. /korosiy/	Cyperaceae	Cyperus sp.
83. /kuz ɛ̃/ ,	Papilionaceae '	Desmodium canum (J.F. Gmelin)
sweetheart	Acenthropp	Schinz & Thellung 21
84. /kuzamaho/	Malvaceae	Urena lobata L.
85. /lani bwa/	Piperaceae	Piper marginatum Jacc. var.
116. /118.6/	Piperaones	catalpasfolium (HBK.)C.DC. 81
86. /lam bsf/	Agavaceae	Furcrasa cubensis Vent.
87. lemon	Rutaceae	Citrus limon (L.) Burm. f.
88. lime	Rutaceae	Citrus aurantifolia (Christm.)
123 clive bush	Bytoparacose	Swingle
89. lemon grass	Gramineae	Cymbopogon citratus (DC.) Stapf
90. incense tree	Burseraceae	Protium heptaphyllum (Aubl.) March.
91. love vine	Convolvulaceae	Cuscuta emericana L.
92. /lyan taro/	Caesalpiniaceae	Bauhinia excisa (Griseb.) Hensl.
93. devil vine,	Liliaceae	Smilax cumanensis Humb. & Bonpl.
/lyan zewős/	Halvanens	ex Willd.
94. /loy3 dil/	Amaryllidaceae	Hymanocallis tubiflora Salisb.
95. Mardi Gras	Zingiberacege	Renealmia exaltata L. f.
96. /malome/	Euphorbiaceae .	Euphorbia thymifolia L. 54
97- /malome/	Euphorbiaceae	Euphorbia hirta L. 18
98. manac	Palmae	Euterne spp.
99. man better man	Amaranthaceae	Achyranthes indica (L.)Mill. 32
100. mango vert	Anacardiaceae	Mangifora indica L.

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Local Name	Family	Taxonomic Name
101. gully root	Phytolaccaceae	Petiveria alliacea L. 22
102. /marakiy/	Papilionaceae .	Crotalaria incana L. 20
103. marigold	Compositae	Calendula officinalis L.
104. turmeric, /masala/	Zingiberaceae	Curcuma domestica Valet.
105. matapalo	Moraceae	Ficus nymphasasfolia Miller
106. /matram/	Labiatas	Hyptis suaveolene (L.) Poit.
107. /mäže kabwit/	Solanaceae	Cestrum latifolium Lam.
108. mauby	Rhamnaceae	Colubrina reclinata (L'Herit.)
Fits maldys/		Brongn.
109. /mawi guža/	Passifloraceae	Passiflora foetida L.
		var. hispida (DC.) Killip
110. /mayok šapsl/	Mimosaceae	Entada polystachya (L.) DC.
lll. vetiver	Gramineae	Vetiveria zizanioides (L.) Nash
112. /mil flore/		
113. minnie root	Acanthaceae	Ruellia tuberosa L. 23
114. moko fig	Musaceae	Musa balbisiana Colla
115. mountain rose	Cassalpiniaceas	Brownea latifolia Jacq.
116. /mow3/	Piperaceae .	Peperonia emarginella (Sw.)C.DC.
117. nutmeg	Myristicaceae	Myristica fragrans Houtt.
118. obi seed	Meliaceae	Trichilia sp.
119. okra, ochroes	Malvaceae	Abelmoschus esculentus (L.) Moench
120. olive bush	Myoporaceae	Bontia daphnoides L. 44
121. olivier	Combretaceae	Terminalia amazonia (J.F. Gmel.)
	Lablates	Exell
122. papaw, /papay/	Caricaceae	Carica papaya L.
123. /patak 5 /	Menispermaceae	Cissampelos pareira L.
124. patchouly	Labiatas	Pogostemon cablin (Blanco)Benth.
125. /pat šyš/	Malvaceae	Urena sinuata L.
126. black pepper	Piperaceae	Piper nigrum L.
127. periwinkle, .	Apocynaceae	Catharanthus roseus (L.) Don
old maid	moterna .	forma albus (Sweet)Woodson
128. red physic nut	Euphorbiaceae	Jatropha gossynifolia L. 50
129. White physic nut	Euphorbiaceae	Jatropha curcas L.
130. pigeon pea	Papilionaceae	Cajanus cajan (L.) Millsp.
131. pineapple.	Bromeliaceae	Ananas comocus (L.) Merr.

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132. wild ground nut	Family	Taxonomic Name
133. balsam, /ti bom	, white and the same of the sa	Desmodium adscendens (Sw.)DC. 7
(cf. #57)	/ Labiatas	Ocimum micranthum Wall
134. /piti dit /		
135. plantain, /banar	Verbenaceae	Lippia micromera Schau. 70
136. /plate/		Musa paradicione v
137. /pom dilyan/	Plantaginaceae	Plantago major L.
138. pumpkin	Passifloraceae	Passiflora laurifolia L.
139. cowitch	Cucurbitaceae	Cucurbita papo L.
140. /pwa maldyo/	Papilionaceae	Mucuna pruriens (L.) DC.
141. /pwɛ̃ta/	Papilionaceae	Canavalia ensiformis DC.
142. /py9 pul/	Asclepiadaceae	Asclepies curees
143. /maže lapē/	Gramineae	Asclepias curassavica L. 8
144. rachette	Labiatas	Eleusine indica (L.) Gaertn. Hyptis atrorubens Poit.
-44. rachette	Cactaceae	. Nopales cochamilia
145. rayo	Military eco ap	Novalea cochemillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck
146. red cotton	Agavaceae	
147. /refriyau/	Malvaceae	Cordyline terminalis Kunth
148. licenis /	Moraceae	Dorstenia contrai
148. licorice, /weglis/	Papilionaceae	Dorstenia contrajerva L. 87 Abrus precatorius L. 46
149. /raydapars1/	Apocynaceae	Rauvolfia ligustrina Willd.
150. /reydemat/	Agureceas	ex Roem & Saballa
151. /rokšan/	Aristolochiaceae	ex Roem. & Schult. 84
152. rose	Compositae	Vernonia scornicia (
153. rosemary	Rosaceae	Vernonia scorpioides (Lam.)Pers. 4 Rosa spp.
154. ruku	Labiatae	
	Bixaceae	Rosmarinus officinalis L. Bixa orellana L.
155. /šado beni/	Umbelliferae	
156. Saint John bush	Acanthaceae	Justicia second L. 58
157. /Kandilye/	Labiatas	Justicia secunda Vahl 29
158. Santa Maria	Verbenaceae	Leonotis nonetaefolia (L.)R.Br. 10
150 0	Plumbaginasous	Lippia alba (Mill.) N.E. Br.
159. sapodilla	Sapotaceae .	ex Britt. & Wils. 25
160. savannah grass	Gramineae	Manilkara zanota (L.)P. van Royen
161. /savonst/	Rhamnaceae .	Gounnia nolumnia (Sw.) Beauv.
162. White back fern	Polypodiaceae	Gouania polygana (Jacq.) Urb.
	(Filices)	Pityrogramma calomelonos (L.)Link

	Local Name	Family	Taxonomic Name
163.	seaside grape	Polygonaceae	Coccoloba uvifera L.
164.	senna	Caesalpiniaceae .	Cassia angustifolia Vahl
			Cassia acutifolia Delile
165.	shining bush	Piperaceae	Peperomia pellucida Kunth 52
166.	/sijin bo lame/	Araceae	Philodendron latifolium C. Koch
167.	silk cotton	Bombacaceae	Ceiba pentandra (L.) Gaertn.
168.	/siriyo/	Caprifoliaceae	Sambucus intermedia Carr. 60
169.	soursop	Annonaceae	Annona muricata L.
170.	sour orange .	Rutaceae	Citrus aurantium L.
171.	sweet orange	Rutaceae	Citrus sinensis (L.) Osbeck
172.	sugar cane	Gramineae	Saccharum officinarum L.
173.	sweet broom	Scrophulariaceae	Scoparia dulcis L. 42
174.	tanya	Araceae	Xanthosoma sagittifolium Schott
175.	ti marie	Nimosaceae ·	Mimosa pudica L. 11
176.	tobacco .	Solanaceae	Nicotiana tabacum L.
177.	tomato	Solanaceae	Lycopersicon esculentum Miller
178.	tonka bean	Papilionaceae	Dipteryx odorata (Aubl.) Willd.
179.	/topatop/	Solanaceae	Physalis angulata L. 80
180.	/to85/	Cucurbitaceae	Luffa operculata (L.) Cogn.
181.	/tural/	Agavaceae	Sansevieria thyrsiflora Thunb.
182.	/twef/	Aristolochiaceae	Aristolochia trilobata L.
183. /	/vaz/	Loranthaceae .	Phoradendron piperoides (HBK.) Nutt.
	and a stranger of Artist		Phthirusa adunca (Mey.) Maguire
184. /	/gwo veven/	Verbenaceae	Stachytarpheta jamaicensis (L.)
			Vahl 17
185. /	vaven lače wat/	Verbenaceae .	Stachytarpheta cavennensis
			(L.C. Rich.) Vahl 82
186. S	panish verveine	Compositae	Wedelia trilobata (L.)Hitchc. 66
187. /		Compositae	Mikania microntha HBK.
188. /	wasin mapepi/	Plumbaginaceae	Plumbage scandens L.
189. /	watamal/	Papilionaceae	Myrospermum frutescens Jacq.
190. ti	ater grass	Commelinaceae	Commelina elegens HBK. 40
191. W	hite sage	Verbenaceae	Lantana camara L. 7
	rild coffee	Caesalpiniaceáe	Cassia occidentalis L. 53
193. и	ild margaret	Rubiaceae	Borreria verticillata (L.)Mey. 67

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Note: The phonemes are those of Morris Goodman in "On Phonemes of French Creole of Trinidad", Mord, 14: 2000, 1958, 208-212, with the following modifications: substitution of symbol /a/ for /o/, and addition of /r/, a frictionless continuant, and substitution of /a/ for /a/.

local English name	local patois name	etymology; medicinal value	quality	taxonomy
1. aguma (leaf)	/a guma/	no data; also known as black nights de. for shingles	cold	Solanaceae, Solanum nigrum L.
2.	/aletu kay/ "all around the house"	French à l'entour and /kay/ "house". cough, fresh cold, flu	hot	Boraginaceae, Heliotropium procumbens Miller
3. almond (leaf)	/zaman/	Fr. amande, the fruit; or maybe zanmande, the tree? diarrhea, erysipelas, mumps, sorain, rheumatism.	hot	Combretaceae, Terminalia catappa L.2
4.	/altamis/ "High Mass"	Spanish altamisa or artemisa via Latin from Greek artemisia, deriv. of Artemis. menorrhagia, postvartum, flu.	hot	Compositae, Artemisia sp.
, alocs (teaf)	/laluwe/	Fr. l'aloe, 16th c.; now l'aloès. "internal lash" (/blas/),	cold	Liliaceae,
6. aralie @milk)	/arali/	Fr. aralie from New Latin aralia. plaster for pain.		Cuttiferae, Clusia rosea Jacq.2
7. arrowroot	(not obtd)	dysentery.		Marantaceae, Maranta arundinaceae L.5
6. avocado (leaf, bark)	/zaboka/	Fr. avocat from Sp. avogado from Carib avoka. diarrhea, headache, sprain.		Lauraceae, Persea americana Mill. 5
% angelin (hear)	/12215/	Fr. probably l'angelin, the cabbagne tree.	cold	Leguminosae, Andira inermis 5
10. bachelor- button (flower, leaf)	/magwit bla/ "white mar- garet"	Fr. Marguerite, the flower, : "stoppage of water", cooling, hypertension.	cold	Amarantaceae, Gomphrena globosa
ll. balisier fig (leaf, fruit)	/fig balizye/	Fr. figue. In patois, means "banana". worms, burns, snake bite.	cold	Musacene, Heliconia bihai 5
12. bamboo fern		"stonpage of water"		Coniogramme japonica?

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	13. bamboo (leaf, root)	/bãbu/	Fr. bambou via Portuguese from Malay. flu, fever, pneumonia,/blas/.	hot	Gramineae, Rambusa vulgaris 5
	N. barbadine (leaf)	/babadin/	brob. Sp. diminutive of bar- bado, a vine or tree trans- planted. Also granadilla. hypertension, diabetes.	cold	Passifloraceae, Passiflora quadrangularis
	15. bay leaf	/fsy bwadsn/	Fr. bois d'Inde. flu, fever, meumonia.	hot	Myrtaceae, Pimenta racemosa 2
	16. bird pepper "birds like it too much"	/pima zwszo/	Fr. piment, "spice", and oiscau. sore throat, indigestion.	leaf cold penper cold	Solanaceae, Capsicum frutescens
ı	17. black sage (leaf)	/bwa nw\$/	Fr. bois and noir. fresh cold, flu, fever, pneu- monia, diabetes, malaria.	hot	Boraginaceae, Cordia curassainca
ı	18. blister bush, fly leaf (leaf)	/fey mus/	Fr. feuille, "leaf", and moucho, "fly". fresh cold, flu, boils.	no agree- ment	
ı	19. bois bande 5 (bark)	/bwa bade/	Er. bois, "wood, timber", and bands, "stiff, taut". impotence	very hot	Proteaceae, Roupala montena 5
١	0, bois canot 5 (leaf)	/bwa kano/	Fr. canot, "canoe", or also canon, "cylinder, pipe, tube". flu, fever, cough.	hot	Moraceae, Cecropia peltata 5
ı	Z. breadfruit (leaf, fruit, milk)	/pž bwa/	Fr. main, "bread" hypertension, stoppage of water, pain.	cold	Moraceae, Artocarpus communis
ı	2. caimite (loaf)	/fey kaymit/	Fr. via Sp. caimito from Taino caymito, "star apole". fever.	hot/	Sapotaceae, Chrysophyllum cainito 5
ı	3. round cala- bash (leaf)	/fry kalbas/	Fr. calcbasse, 16 c., from Sp. calabaza, "human head". palpitation, hypertension, flu.	cold	Bigmoniaceae, Crescentia cujete L.
ı	4. carap (oil)	/kawap/	prob. Fr. via Sp. carapa from Carib krapa, "oil". flu, lice.	oil hot	Maliaceae, Carapa guianensis
ı	5. carmenter bush	/zsb šepātye/	Fr. charpentier; or also heros sermentaria? flu, fever, pneumonia, vomit	very hot	Acanthaceae, Justicia secunda
ĺ	to. carrot	/kampt/	Fr. carotte. jaundice, pneumonia.	cold	Ammiaceae, Daucus carota L.
	bark, nut, flow	/pom/	Fr. pomme, "nut", likely from diarrhea, dysentery, asthma, indigestion, cough.		Anacardiaceae, Anacardium occidentale L. ²
	3. bitter cassava	/mayok/	Fr. manihot, 16 c., now manioc. from Brazilian Tupi manioch. snake bite		Euphorbiacoae, Manihot utilissima 5

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29. sweet cassava	/kamayok/	flu, boils	cold	Emihot utilissima 5
30. castor-oil bush (leaf, oil)	/fey pomaskwiti/	Fr. from L. palma Christi, or "falmerist". pain, flu, dysmenorrhea.	leaf cold oil hot	Euphorbiaceae, Ricinus communis L.
31. carilic, or coreycles (leaf, fruit)	/misičz/	carilie from karela (Hinda), "balsam apule" M. charantia. prob. Fr. máxicain, a yellow of medium brilliance (French yel- low), color of the rips fruit? diabetes, hypertension.	hot?	Cucurbitaceae, <u>Momordica</u> <u>charantia</u> L. ³
32. cedar (bark)	/kažu/	Fr. acajou, cedarwood for cabinets, prob. from Tupi acajú via Portg., "cashew tree or fruit". "ground itch", "bad eyes".	hot	Meliaceae, Cedrola mexicana 5
33. chaconia (root)	/balizyo/	Fr. balisier, "reed, cane". scorpion sting.		Rubiaceae, Marszewiczia Scinea
34. chataigne (milk)	/Satayn/	Fr. châtaigne, from L. casta- nea, "chestnut". plaster for pein	hot	Moraceae, Artocarpus communica
35. chive		poultice for flu		Liliaceae, Allium achoenoprasum ⁶
36. clove	/klužuwof/	Fr. clou de girofle flu, postvartum, dysmenorrhea, scorpion sting, venereal dis.	very hot	Myrtaceae, Eugenia arcmatica 5
37. Ohristmas . bush	/flawi nwel/, /fay kluset/	Fr. prob. <u>fleuri</u> or <u>fleuré</u> , and noël, "Christmas"; and <u>croisette</u> "small cross". flu, fever, cough, diabetes.	hot.	Compositae, Eupatorium odoratum L.
38. Christmas bush	/flewi nwel/	cold in the chest	hot	Leguminosae, Cassia bacillaris
39. Christmas bush	/flawi nwal/,	Sp. San Miguel. "bad eyes"	hot	Green union
40. coconut (root, shell, bark, oil)	/koko/	Fr. coco, fruit of coco tree, from Sp. said to have been given by Vasco da Gama to husked fruit bec. it resembles a phantom toothache, erysipelas, ven. dis. rash, lice, amenorrhea, flu.	, not cold	Palmae, Cocos nucifera L. 2
41. coffee plant (root, leaf,se	/kafe/	Fr. caf6 sores, scorpion sting, jaundice		Rubiaceae, Coffea arabica L.
42. congo lala ³	/kongolala/	etymology? marasma	hot	Compositae, Relipta alba (L.) Hessk.
43. corn (silk, seed)	/mi/	Fr. mais from Sp. mais, 16c., from Taino mahis, mays, "corn" flu, dysmsnorrhea, stoppage of water, cutting teeth.		Gramineae, Zoa mays L.5

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I	44. dasheen (stem)		ground itch		Araceae, Colocasia escu- lenta (L.) Schott
6	15.	/degofile/ (leaf, flower)	Fr. dézonfler, "to reduce in swelling, deflate" indigestion	cold?	Lilinone
ı	6. thyme (leaf, root)	/dit%/	Fr. du thym. indigestion, menorrhagia.	hot?	Labiatae, Coleus aromaticus ?5
ı	17.	/dite jaraba/ "tea of Yoruba"	prob. Sp. jarabe, "potion"? flu	very hot	
l	ys.	/dite peyi/ "tea of the country"	Fr. du té, "tea", and pays, "land, country". flu, fever, "bad eyes", measles	cold?	Scrophulariaceae, Capraria biflora L.
ľ	19.	/do bla/, /lave bla/	Fr. dos, "back", blanc, "white" l'envers, "reverse side". Leaf undersurface is white.	; cold?	Compositão, Rolandra frucicosa
в			cooling, sores, amenorrhea, fev	er.	
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П	50.	/Estrolog/ (leaf)	etymology?	hot	Universe.
.5	l. evergreen		stoppage of water		
	2. fat pork; coco plum (bark, root)	/zikak/	Fr. via Sp. <u>icaco</u> from Arawak, perhaps <u>ikaku</u> . dysentery	hot	Rosaceae, Chrysobalanus icaso 5
-	3.	/fry koway/ "coral snake leaf"	Fr. prob. corail, "coral". dysentery		
1	A. urine bush	/fay pisa/	Fr. prob. from pissat, 13c., or pissas. stoppage of water, as cooling.	cold	Euphorbiaceas, Euphorbia cerstidiana (Klotzch and Gareke) Boiss.
5	5.	/fry solry/	Fr. soleil, "sun". Leaf resembles a huge sumburst. headache.	no agrmt.	
5	6. creole fig (leaf, root)	/fig kwepl/	Fr. créole. Prob. refers to "Gros Michel" variety.		Musaceae, 5
5	7.		prob. Fr. <u>framboise</u> , "raspber- ry", or <u>framboisier</u> ? to remove foreign body from eye	coldY	Translesse, Zarritus Staliusius Zergius
5	S. frangipani (lcaf)		It. Frangipani, name of a Roman marquis. erysipelas.		Apocynaceae, Plumeria rubra ⁵
95	9. guinea pepper		Fr. poivre de Guinée, "grains of Paradise". indigestion, bad cold.	hot	Zingiberaceae, Amomum melegueta 5

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60. gamalote (root)	/gamelot/	Sp. camalote, or camelote from Fr. camelot, water-rene lant fabric which compares with character of the leaf. stoppage of water.	hot L- lth	Gramineac, Setaria poiretiana (Schult) Kunth
61. garlic	/lapit/ (lesf)	worms, indigestion, whoteeting charm, hypertension.	re	Liliaceae, Allium sativum 5
62. ginger	/late/ (pod)	indigestion, cold in head	hot	Zingiberaceae, Zingiber officinalie
63. ground-nut, peanut (leaf	/pistaš/	Fr. pistache, from It. pis- taccio, "pistachio nut".	cold	Loguminosae, Arachis hypogaea L.
64. guava (leaf, bark, fruit)	/guyav/	Fr. gouvave, 16 c., now govav. from Sp. guavaba, fruit of gu vabo tree, from Arawak or Cardiarrhea, dysentery.	tween a -F	Myrtaceae, Psidium guajava L.2
65.	/gwen aba fey/ "seed under leaf"	fr. graine, enbas, and feuille stoppage of water, venereal di	cold	Suphorbiaceae, Phyllanthus amarus Schum and Thom.
66. double hibis- cus; fencing flower; wild red rose	/fla baya/, /gwo fla baya/, /woz baya/, /gwo woz baya/	rose,	no , agrmt.	Malvaceae, Hibiscus rosa- Sinonsis, double variety 5
67. hog plum; creole plum; wild plum (leaf, bark)	/mid{	proper name Monbin. thrush, sores, sore throat, diarrhea, pain, dysmenerrhea, fresh cold.	cold	Anacardiaceae, Spondias monbin L.
63.	/Japana/	etymology? flu, fever, as purge.	very hot	Description Protesses (Acq. 7 Schindle
69.	/jewi tut/ "cure all things"	Fr. guerir, "to cure"; tout. flu, fover, pneumonia, cold in head, hypertension, headache.	hot or cold	Malvacuis, Ureca lobate &
70.	(leat)	Fr. guimauve, "marsh-mallow", mauve, "mallow"; gui "mistle-toe". for sores.	no agrmt.	Physicses, Phys.
71. jumby cala- bash; wild calabash (bark	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Fr. calebassier, the round calabash tree G. cujete. fiber for pain.	losf own	Lecythidaceae, Couroupita guianensis Aublet
72.		prob. Sp. (Peru) cambuto, "small, thick". pleurisy, flu, fever.	hot	Gramineae, Paspalum Conjugatum Bergius
B. dragon's blocd (root)	-	prob. Fr. calendes or Sp. ca- lendas, "the first day of each month". umonorrhea, stoppage of water.	cold	Rutaceas, Citrus limonia
1000	/kan rivys/ s "river cane" v (stem, root)	r. canno and rivière.	cold	Zingiberaceae, Costus cylindricus
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5.	/kagkanapiri/ (leaf)	etymology? Sp. cáncana is "fl spider", pirioiri (Peru) is he to obtain happiness in love. earache.	leshy	
76.	/kapet/ (leaf)	etymology? headache.	agrada B	ectin galangets
77.	/kas/ (pod)	Fr. casse, "fruit of the cassier" flu, jaundice, as cooling.	hot	Leguminosae-Caesal- pinicae, Cassia fisbula 5
73, jump-up-and- kiss-us v	/kupye/, /13bwisel/	Fr. coupier? Fr. nombril, "navel", more likely from Sp. lombriz, "eart worm", as plant resembles mass of writhing worms. worms, boils, empacho.	cold	Portulacacone, Portulaca pilosa
79. pussley	/kupye/	worms, palpitation	cold?	Portulaca oleracea L.3
80. fiddle bush (root)	/kod a viyol3/ "violin string"	Fr. corde de violon. Stem is slender and tough, very difficult to cut. veneral disease, as cooling	no agrmt.	eller missets
81.	/koko šat/ (root)	Fr. coco. Patois means "nut" and "genitals". Chatte, "cat". stoppage of water.		
82.	/korosiy/ (root)	prob. dimin. of Sp. corozo, a type of palm. diarrhea, yellow fever.	hot	
83.	/kuz̃Ĕ/	Fr. cousin, "cousin" or "midge". cystitis, fever, stoppage of water, as cooling.	cold	Leguminosae, Desmodium frutescens (Jacq.) Schindl.
84.	(leaf, root)	/maho/ is "fiber, rope". This fibrous bush is "cousin of the true maho bush". pain, flu, as cooling.	cold	Malvaceae, Urena lobata L.
85.	·	etymology of /lani/? flu, for bathing	very hot	Piperaceae, Piper marginatum, var. catalpaefolium
86.	leaf: /len btf/ "cow's tongue" root: /saspawiy/ or /saspawiy/	, salsepareille from Sp.	root hot	Smilaceae, Smilax salsavarilla (*
87. lemon (fruit)	file territory, 85	sczena, as purge	cold	Rutaceae, Citrus limonia 5
98. lime (fruit, root)		Pr. citron, "lemon". Plu, fever, insommia, dogbite, erysipelas, venereal dis., protective charm, scorpion bite	cold	Bitrus aurentiifolia 5
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89.	lemon grass, fever grass (root)	/sitwonal/	Fr. citronelle, 17 c., or "verveine des herboristes" (Lippia citriodora), a mint. fresh cold, flu, fever.	very hot	Gramineae, Cymboucgon citratus
0.		/līsā/ (bark)	Fr. l'encens, "incense". venereal dis.	no agrmt.	Burseraceae, Protium guianensis
91.	love vine, wild vermi- celli	/vemisel/	Fr. vermicelle from It. vermicelli, by comparison of the form of vermicelli with that of worms; hence plant name. marasma, jaundice.	hot	Cuscuta americana
92.		/lyan taso/ (vine, root)	/lyan/ or /lyan/ "vine" whence Fr. lians. Vine resembles tase, salted beef from Venezuela. snake bite, scorpion sting, flupain, venereal dis, as cooling.		Leguminosae, Bauhinia excisa
93.	devil vine (root)	/lyen zewss/	Pr. rence, a dart, a sorrel or patience dock, a bramble. Plant has sharp thorns. as blood purifier.	hot	Smilaceae, Smilax cubensis
94.		/low dil/, or /low dilil/ (root)	Fr. 1'oismon, "bulb, onion", and prob. de 1'ail or d'ail, "garlic"? asthma, boils, vomit.	cold	
95.		/madi gwa/ (leaf, root)	prob. Fr. mardi gras, Shrove Tuesday. sores, as cooling.	cold	
96.		/fimal malome/	etymology? flu, fever, venereal dis., postpartum, abortion, cooling.	cold	Euphorbiaceae, Euphorbia thymifolia L.
97.		/mal malome/	Fr. male. "male."	cold	Zuphorbia hirta L.
98.	manac (root)	/manak/	Sp. <u>manaca</u> ? snake bite, venereal dis.	cold	Palmae, Euterpe broadwayana 5
99.	manpbetter-	/nom maya nom/, /wandelakay/	Fr. un homms and meilleur. Sp. Juan de la cay, or calle? flu, fever, marasma.	hot	Amarantacoae, Achyranthes indica
00.	mango vert (leaf, bark)	/mago va/	Fr. mangot and vert, "green". hypertension, diarrhea.	leaf hot	Anacardiaceae, Mangifera indica L.5
m.	gully root, kojo (?) root	/mapurit/, /wasin koyo/ "it stink"	Sp. mapurito, "skunk" (C. Am.) Kodic among Eush Negroes of Su- rinam is given name of person born on a Monday. flu, abortion, dysmenorrhea.	hot	Phytolaccaceae, Petiveria alliacea 1
102.	(sea)	/marakiy/, /summit/ (leaf, root)	Sp. dimin. of maraca, musical instrument ("Shak-shak") which flowers resemble. rash, /blss/.	hot	Leguminosac, Crotalaria retuga

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103. marigold; stinking suz (leaf, flow	/susi/ or)	Fr. souci, the marigold. flu, toothache.	cold	Compositae, Calendula officinalis
Coc. turmeric (root)	/masala/	etymology? sprain.	hot	Zingiberaceae, Curcuma longa
105.	/matapel/ (milk)	Sp. matapalo, name for Clusia and Ficus spp., or Scotch Attorney. plaster for pain.		Guttiferae, Clusia spp. 2
106.	/matrag/ or /matragk/(leaf)	etymology? flu, fever, menorrhagia	hot	
107.	/maže kabwit/, "goat foed"; /kalalu maše/		cold	arter many to
108. mauby (bark)	/mobi/ "bitter thing"	etymology?	cold	Sapindaceae, Colubrina reclinata
109.	/mawi guže/	Fr. Murie and goujat, "vulgar person, cad". Freb. refers to commonness of vine. worms, as cooling.	cold	Passifloraceae, Passiflora foetida
110.	/mayok šapsl/ "altar roct"	Fr. charelle. venereal dis., as cooling	cold	
11.	/metrive/, /vetive/ (root)	Fr. vétiver from Tamil vetti- veru, "the root which is dug up". flu, fever, pleurisy.	very hot	
112.	/mil flore/ "thousand flowers"(leaf)	Fr. mille and prob. fleuret.		Appropriate a la company de la
113. minnie root "many roots"	none known	etymology? flu, stoppage of water, venereal dis., as purge, coolin	cold	Acanthaceae, Rucllia tuberoda
llA. moko fig (leaf)	Tuesto/	Sp. moco, "viscid, glutinous matter"? boils, burns.	cold	Musaceae, Musa balbisiana 5
ll5. mountain rose (flower, bark)	/woz motay/	Fr. rose montagne, bois de rose, "rosewood". amenorrhea, abortion, cough, hemorrhage.	no agrmt.	Leguminosae-Caesal- pinieae, Brownea latifolia 5
116.		etymology? flu, fever	hot	Piperaceae, Pepercuia emarginolla
117. nutmeg (seed)	. 1	fr. muscade. Plu, fever, pnoumonia, stroke, asthma, dynmonorrhea, postpartur	hot	Myristicaccae, Myristica fragrans Houtt. 2

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118. obi seed		etymology?		
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7. chra,ochro (fruit)	or) Activities	corruption of Tshi nkruman. abortion, boils.	cold?	Malvaceae, Hibiscus esculentus L.5
120. olive bush, kidney bush (leaf)	/zoliv/	Fr. olive. nephritis, fresh cold, cough, pain, cooling for pregnancy.	cold	pinicos, Conifern officiently 75.
121. olivier (bark)	/olivye/	Fr. olivior. rheumatism, diabetes, pain.		Combretaceae, Chuncoa oboveta
122, papaw, male papaw (root, fruit flower)	/papay/	Fr. papaye, 10. c., from Carib papaya. /bles/, venereal dis., flu, hypertension, stoppage of water asthma, as purge and cooling.		Caricaceae, Carica papaya L. 5
	(Rest)	abannay as parge and cooking.		
123.	/pataki/	Sp. patacón, "silver dollar", deriv. of Ptg. pataca, the dollar of Portugal and Brazil early 19 c. Leaf shaped like coin. for palpitation.	cold	Menispormaceae, Cissampelos pareira
12h. patchouly 4	/pačuli/	Fr. patchouli (1826) from Eng.	ho+2	
(leaf)	/mm geste/ Fitch pane	patch-leaf from Tamil paccilai, green leaf or Pogostemon pat- chouly, a mint.		
1.5.	/pat šyť/ "dog paw" (leaf,root)	Fr. patte and chien. Leaf resembles a dog paw-print. palpitation, cold in chest.	- cold?	Malvaceae, Urena sinuata
M6. black pepper (grains)	/perex/	bad cold		Piperaceae, Piper nigrum
127. periwinkle, old maid (leaf, root, flower)	/kaka pul/ "found everywhere"	Fr. and Sp. caca, "dung" in infant vocabulary, and poule, "fowl". diabetes.	cold	Apocymaceae, Lochmera rosea, var. albas
123. red physic nut (leaf)	/me/siyi wa's/ /tuwatu/	Fr. medicine or medicinier? similar to physic, "a remedy; a mental, moral, spiritual medicine". sores, ven. dis., protec. charm.	hot	Euphorbiaceae, Jatropha cureao gossypifolia
129. white physic nut (leaf,stem)	/mežsiyī blā/ /mežsiyī beni/	diarrhea, sores, sprain, pain, fever, as cooling and protec- tive charm. Stem used as charm of power.	cold	Jatropha curcas L.
200. pigeon pea (leaf)	/pma aggol/	Fr. pois d'Angile, referring to C. cajen or C. indicus. flu, stroke, protective charm.	hot	Leguminosae, Cajamus cajan 5
lone)	anana/	Fr. anance 'c., fom Sp. ananus f. Sprein.		Bromeld , Anaros (a) (a) (b)

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132. wild ground nut (long)he	/pistaš mawo/	Fr. marron, "fugitive, run- away slave, gone wild". venercal dis., as cooling.	cold	Leguminosae, Desmodium adscendens (Sw.) D.D.
133. balsam (leaf)	/piti bwa/	Fr. petit and bois.		Leguminosae-Caesal- pinicae, Copaifera officinalis 75
13h•	/piti ditī/ "little thyme"	Fr. petit, "little", and du thym. flu, stoppage of water.	hot	
135. plantain (peel)	/banan/	Fr. banane, 17 c., via Ptg. from a lang. of Ouinea. migraine, hypertension		Musaceae, 5
136.	/plate/ (leaf)	Fr. plantain. "bad eyes"	cold	Plantaginaceae, Plantago major L.
137.	/pom dilyan/ (leaf)	Fr. pomme and de liane. worms, palpitation, sprain.	7	
138. pumpkin (fruit, leaf, flower)	/Zowomm/	Fr. giraumon, a small round pumpkin. measles, sprain.	cold	Cucurbita pepo L.
139. cowitch (seed)	/pwa gwate/ "itch peas"	Fr. pois and gratter, "to scratch". Peds covered with fine hairs that cause intense itching. for worms.	hot	
11:0.	/pwa maldyo/	Fr. pois and mal d'ceil, "evil eye". groun as protective charm.	•	Leguminosae-Papilio- natas, <u>Canavalia</u> ensiformis 5
141.	/pmeta/ (root)	Fr. printemps, "spring- time" ? Leaves reputed to be poisonous to stock.	cold	Asclepiadaceae, Asclepias
and, Inst.	/ruku/	venereal disease.		curassaviea L.
1h2.	/pye pul/	Fr. pied, "foot", and poule. pneumonia, cystitis, as blood purifier.	hot?	Chlorideae, Eleusine indica (L.)
143. rabbit meat	/mise lap#/ "rabbit feed"	Fr. manger, "to eat", and lapin. flu, fever.	cold?	Amaranthaceae, Alternanthera ficoidea (L.)R.Br. ?
lili. rachette	/wačet/	Fr. raquette, earlier rashette, "racket; prickly pear or Indian fig." diarwhea, boils, erysipelas, as cooling.	cold	Cactaceae, Nopalea cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck 5
145. rayo (leaf)	/fey tone/	Fr. tonner or tonnerre? "to thunder or "thunderclap"? prob. translation of Sp. rayo, "thunderbolt, lightning flash". amenorates, fover, protective charm.	- hot	Liliaceae, Cordyline terminalis 5

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ihe	6. red cotton (leaf)	/kot wull/	Fr. coton, "cotton", and rouge. fresh cold, flu, fever, cough.	hot	Walvaceae, Gossypium spp.
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11.8	licorice (leaf)	/weglis/	Fr. réglisse, lh c., via earlier liconoce and ricolice, 12c Also possibly from reynalisse, 16 c., from rui de Galice, rai from L. radix. All refer to European Givevrrhiza glabra rocough, flu, fever.	. agrmt.	Leguminosae-Mimosae, Adenanthera pavonina?
149	cine saley	/rZydsparel/ (root)	prob. Fr. rai (from radix) and me parelle, the yellow-dock of genus Runex, medicinal plant. snake bite.	cold?	
150.	denie (brite (bri. pod)	/r/ydemat/ (root)	prob. Fr. rai (from radix); /mat/ may be Fr. menthe, "mint' or Sp. mato, "coppice, brake". snake bite, jaundice, dysmenor- rhea, postpartum.	cold?	Convolvulaceae, Marrima unbellata (L.) Hallieri.
151.	vild patchouly	/rokšan/ (leaf)	Fr. Romane? tonic, protective charm.	hot?	
152.	rose	ME WOZ/	Fr. rose. dysmenorrhea, cold in chest.	no agrmt.	Rosaceae, Rosa spp. 5
153.	rosemary		cold in head	hot	Roserarimus officinalis
15%.	ruku (root, seed, leaf)	/ruku/	Fr. roucou, from Brazilian Tupi or Guarani urucu. stoppage of water, diabetes,	cold	Bixa orellana L.
155.		(leaf)	flu, venereal dis., scorpion basting.		
27,0	(1882)	/šado beni/, /šadnī beni/, /kulanīro/herb (root, busa)	Fr. Chardon, "thistle"; chardon bénit is the knapmed Centaurea spp. Sp. culantro or cilantro, refer to coriander Coriandrum sativum	3	Ammiaceae, Erynmium foetidum L.
156.	Saint-John bush (leaf)	/čačamušin/, /čančamunčin/	fresh cold, flu, fever, diabete etymology? rash, asthma, stoppege of water	cold?	
157.		/Sandilyo/ (leaf, flower)	Fr. chandelier, "candlestick".	very hot	Leonotis nepetifolia
1		/santa rariya/(leaf)	Sp. Santa Mario. flu, cold in chest, fever.	hot	Verbenaress Lant 2

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159. sapodilla (seed, leaf, bark, root)	/šapoti/	Fr. sapotille, from Sp. zapo- tille, dim. of zapote, from Aztec tzapotl, "fruit of the zapote."		Sapotaceae, Achras zapota 5
and the same of		fresh cold, flu, fever, diarrh stoppare of water, cough.	ea,	
160. savannah pra	SS	flu	1	Paniceae,
		Fr. petit and String.		(Suartz) Beauv.
161.	/savonst/ (leaf, vine)	Fr. savonette, "scap-ball" or "toilette wash".	cold	
Control of	/tababy	flu, venereal dis., as cooling		Distriction, State 2
162. white-back fern, chince shiny bush	/flewi bo larivys/	Fr. fleuri; bord, "bank, strand"; la rivière. "Medicine is in powder underneath".	hot	
ousin		amenorrhea, menorrhagia, flu, fever, hypertension, consumption	on.	Selement,
163. seaside	/wez [/	Fr. raisin, "grape".	no	Polygonaceae,
grape (bark)	/maga/s	diarrhea.	agrmt.	Coccolloba uvifera 5 .
164. senna (leaf, pod)		L. senna, dried leaflets of certain Cassia spp., esp.		
	/top.o.top/ Circlo.	C. acutifolia, C. angustifolia. as purge; jaundice, postpartum.	celd	Estanacene, Promito annuanta La
165. shiny bush, shining bush	/zeb kwas/ "runs along the ground"	Fr. course, "running"? diarrhea, flu, as cooling.	cold	Piperaceae, Peperomia pellucida Kunth.
166.	/sijin by lame /sijin gwa bwa (leaf)	/ etymology? Fr. la mer, "sea" erisipelas, rheumatism, feve	. hot	
167. silk cotton (leaf)	/fomaze/, /bwa dyab/	Fr. fromager, "kapok tree"; bois and diable. Tree said to be dwelling place of spirits. erysipelas.	no agrmt.	Bombacaceze, Ceiba pentandra (L.)
258.	/siriwo/ (leaf)	Sp. cirio, "church candle". flu, fever, cough, asthma.	hot?	Caprifoliaceae, Sambucus intermedia
169. soursop (leaf)	/kowssol/	Fr. corossol was borrowed from Creole, 16 c., possible al-	cold	Annonaceae, Annona muricata L. 2
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l70. sour orange (peel, fruit)	/zoway si/	Fr. orange and sur, "sour". indigestion, stoppage of water, thrush.	cold	Rutaceae, Citrus aurentium 5
(l, poel)	/zowäy du/	Fr. down flu, pasumonia, indigestion, thrush.	cold	Citrus sinensis 5
cans (1)	/ken/	Fr. canno, "cano, reed".	very hot	Graminae, Sascharum spp. 5

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173. sweet broom	/balys du/	Fr. balayer or balier, or balayeur, "sweeper". maldyo, sores, diabetes, as cooling, dysmenorrhea.	root cold bush hot	Scrophulariaceae, Scoparia dulcis.
17h. tanya, malanga (stem, leaf)	/5u/	etymology? Patois refers to the root. headache, "ground itch".	hot	Araceae, Xanthosoma Sagittifolium Schott
175. ti marie (root, buch)	/ti mavi/ "little Mary"	Fr. petit and Marie. insommia, stoppage of water, as cooling.	cold	Leguminosae, Mimosa pudica L.
176. tobacco (leaf)	/tabak/	Fr. tabae from Sp. tabaeo from Arawak, which referred to a type of cigar. cold in head		Solanaceae, Nicotiana alata ? ⁵
177. tomato (leaf,fruit)	Anta sah	flu, /lota/.		Solanaceae, Lycopersicum esculentum Mill. 5
178. tonka bean	/noyo/, /sarapya/	Fr. noyau, "stone of a fruit", Sp. sarapia. indigostion.	hot	Leguminosae, Dipteryx odorata 5
179.	/top a top/ (leaf)	Eng. top, which passed to Fr. as tourie. Fruit resembles the spinning top. nephritis, fever, hemorrhoids.	cold	Solanaceae, Physalis angulata L.
_d0.	/t235/ (vine)	Fr. torehon, "duster or house- cloth". Vine resembles a twister piece of hay or straw. snake bite.	cold	
181.	/tural/, /šu/ (root, leaf)	etymology?	hot	
182.	/twef/ (leaf)	Fr. trafle, "chaver; clubs", resemblance to leaves of vine. diabetes, postpartum, abortion, menorrhagia, dysmennorhea, pain, hypertension, snake bite.	hot	History bifurnik
183. The tobacco	/vaz/ (leaf)	Fr. vase, "vase" or "slime, mud' marassa, as blood purifier.	'? hou?	
16b.	/gwo veven/ (leaf)	Fr. verveine from L. verbezz, sacred boughs of laurel, olive, myrtle for pagan rites. flu, pneumonia, cough, eczema.	cold?	Verbenaceae, Stachytarpheta jamaiconsis (L.) Vahl.
185.	/viven lače wat/ (leaf)	Fr. la oueue, "tail", and rate, "female rat". "bad eyes", as cooling.	no agrmt.	Stachytarpheta cayannensis (L.C.Rich) Vahl.3
	/vaven bo lame/ /vaven kwayib/ (leaf, flower)	dysentery, amenorrhea, abortica.		Compositae, Wedelia trilobata (L.) Hitchc. 3

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187.	/waku/, /lyen wak/ (leaf, vine)	prob. Sp. guaco (Nicaragua), type of cracping vine used as a counterpoison. snake bite, scorpion sting, "ground itch".	hot?	Para series a
188.	/wasin mapepi/	Fr. racine, "root": /mapeni/ is the fer-de-lance snakes snake bite.	hot	Plumbaginaceae, Plumbago capensis, var. alba
189.	/watamal/ (seed)	etymology?	hot	
190. water grass; pussley water grass	/zeb gwa/	Fr. herbe and gras, "fat". flu, cystitis, as cooling	cold	Commelinaceae, Commelina clegans
191. white sage (/eaf)	/kayakit/	etymology? prob. disting of Sp.*cariaculto ? flu, fever, jaundice.	hot	Verbenaceae, Lantana camara L.
192. wild coffee (bush, root, flower)	/kafe zeb pyant/	etymology of /pyant/ ? postpartum, abortion, dysmen- orrhea, happitation, coeding	hot	Leguminosae, Cassia occidentalis L.
193. wild margaret	/šive nagwes/	Fr. chevous, "hair", and negresse. dysmonorrhea, fever.	cold	Rubiaceae, Borreria verticillata (L.) Mayer ³
l%. whitehead broom	/balys tet bla/	Fr. tête, "head". diabetes.	7	
195. wild mint	/fimal lamat/	Fr. la menthe, "mint". diarriea, dysentery, infantile dyspnoea.	hot	
195. wild mint	/mal lamat/	dysentery, diarrhea, indiges- tion, infantile dyspnoea.	hot	Delicacess Clause meters dand,
197. wild okro, gumbo miss (seed, leaf)	/gobom mis/	via Fr. from Umbundu ocin- gombo or Kimbundu kingombo. flu, worms, snake bite.	hot	Walvaceae, Hibiscus bifurcalis
198. wild senna (leaf)	/talanta/	etymology? cold in chest, /lota/, as purge	cold	
199. wild tobacco (leaf)	/tabak waray/	etymology of /waray/ ? migraine, mumps, fever.	cold	Solanaceae, Achistus arborescens ?5
200. wonder-of-the- world (leaf)	/fay pavo/ /kawaktalazom/	Fr. caractère des hommes, refers to the orchid tree, Bauhinia variegata. Fr. pavot, "poppy" ? ear gache, sprain, badeyes, protective charm, flu.	hot	Crassulaceae, Kalanchoe spp.
201. worm grass; semen-contra	/sime kontwa/	Fr. semen-contra, 17 c., from L. semence contre (les vers), "worm-seed"; refers to Europ. Artemisia pauciflora, an anthel-	hot or cold?	Chenopodiaceae, Chenopodium ambrosioides L.
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202. marmee apple (leaf, bark,		Fr. abricot, "apricot". hypertension, cough, lice.	hot	Cuttiferae, Mammea americana L.
(Leose	/ech a fam/	Fr. femme. postpartum, dysmenorrhea, menorrhagia, abortion, flu.	cold?	Compositae, Ageratum conyzoides L.
20h.	/zab a pik/	Fr. pic, "pick". malaria fever, dysmenorrhea.	very hot	
205.	/zeb biš/ (leaf)	/bië/, like hemorrhoids. hemorrhoids, indigestion, fever	no agrat.	
205.	/zab kinin/ (leaf, root)	Fr. quinine from Sp. quina- quina from Quechuan. Prob. refers to bitterness of hero. dysentery, fever.		
207.	/zsb lesofi/ "ground itch bush" (leaf)	Fr. 1º6ehauffure, "red rash". "ground itch".	cold	
208.	/zeb Eat/ "cat bush" (leaf)	Fr. chatte. postpartum, dysmenorrhea, abortion, stoppage of water.	hot?	Eupatorium macrophyllum
209•	/zeb z%jwi/ "needle bush"	Fr. aiguille, "needle, pointer" ear ache, fever.	agrmt.	Compositae, Bidens pilosa L.
210.	/šyš dā/, /zeb zžÿmi/	Fr. chien and dent, "tooth". venereal disease, cutting teeth	cold	
211.	/zizye pul/ "fowl gizzard"	Fr. gésier. stoppage of water, thrush.		
212.	/Zobnen/ (leaf)	etymology? diarrhea, "bad eyes".	no agrmt.	Compositae, Pseudo elephantopus
213. red stinging	/zoti wuž/	Fr. ortie, "nettle". venereal dis., hypertension.	cold?	Urticaceae, Fleurya asstuans Cuad.
21h. white sting- ing nettle	/zoti bla/	diabetes, venereal dis.	cold	F. aestuans Guad.

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Appendix C

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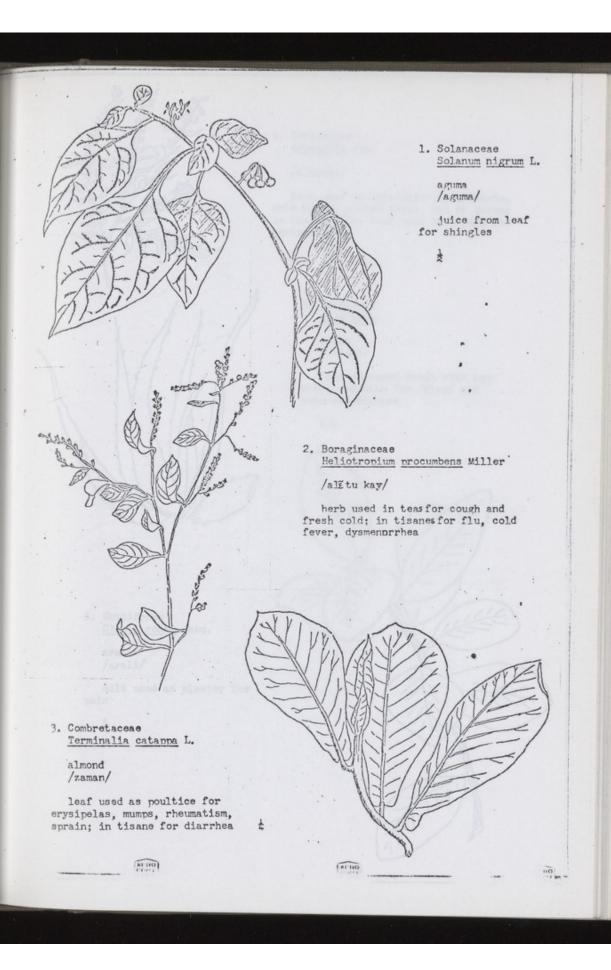
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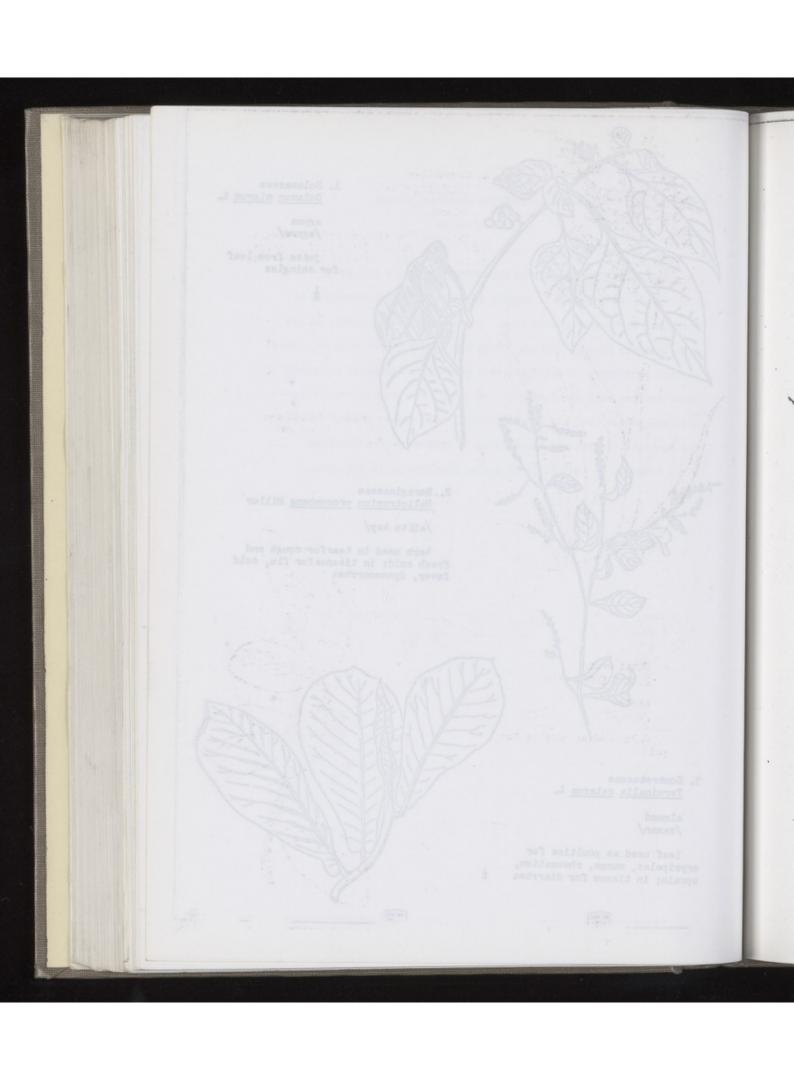
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4. Compositae Artemisia spp.

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herb used in tisanes for menorrhagia, cold fever, yellow fever, and as purge; in tea for flu; root used in tisane for postpartum

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5. Liliaceae Aloe vera

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leaf consumed fresh with egg white and milk for blas and venereal disease

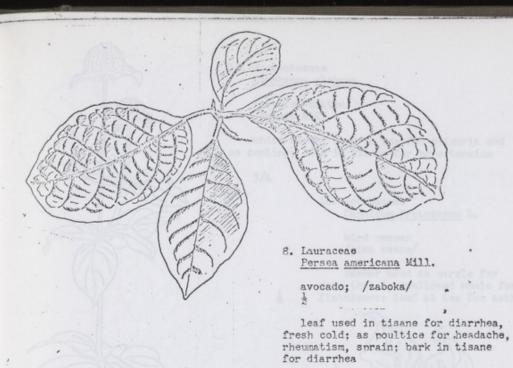
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6. Guttiferae Clusia rosea Jacq.

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milk used as plaster for pain



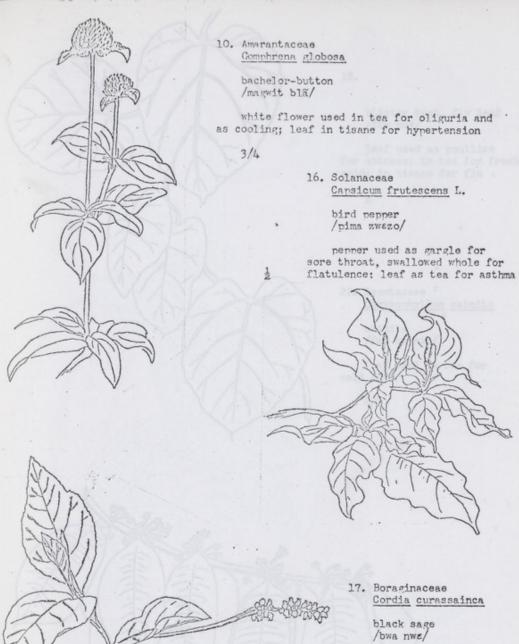


9. Leguminosae Andira inermis

> angelin /lazle/

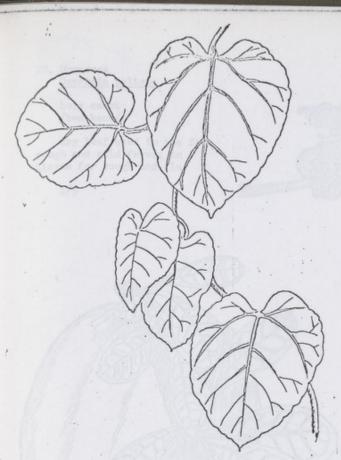
bark used in tea for worms

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yellow leaf used in tisanesfor cough, fresh cold, flu, cold fever; green leaf in tisanesfor diabetes, insommia, mal-aria

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blister bush, fly leaf /fey muš/

leaf used as poultice for abscess; in tea for fresh cold; in tisane for flu

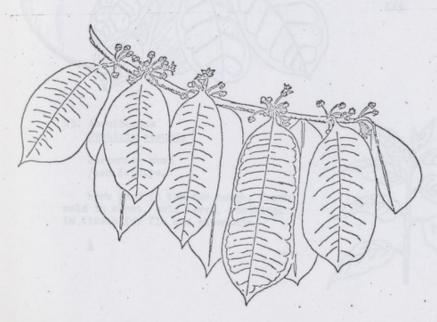
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22. Sapotaceae Chrysophyllum cainito

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leaf used in tea for cold fever .

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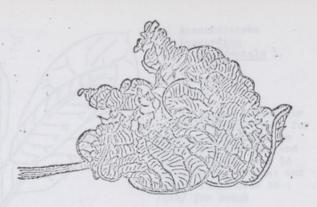
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20. Moraceae Cecropia peltata

> bois canot /bwa kano/

dry leaf used in tea for cough and cold fever; in tisane for cough and flu

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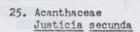
23. Bignoniaceae Crescentia cujete L.

> round calabash /fey kalbas/

leaf used in tea for palpitation and hyperten-sion; in tisane and bath for flu and pneumonia /boli/ used as con-tainer for infusions and

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carpenter bush /zeb šepātye/

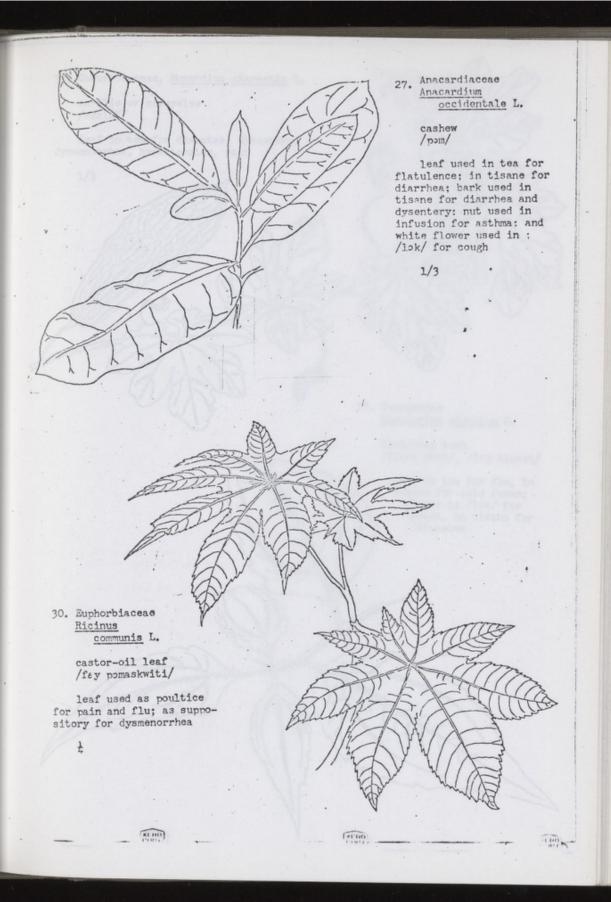
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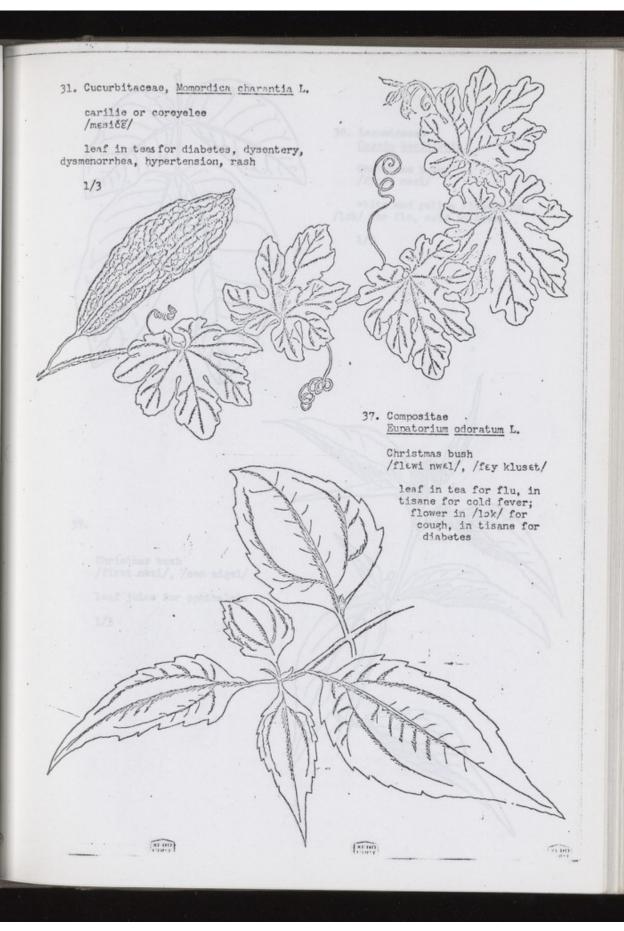
herb used in teasfor cough, fresh cold in chest, cold fever, vomiting; in tisane for flu and pneumonia

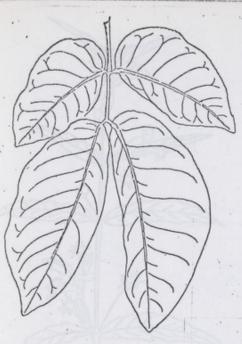




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38. Leguminosae Cassia bacillaris

Christmas bush /flewi nwel/

white and yellow flowers in /lok/ for flu, cold in chest

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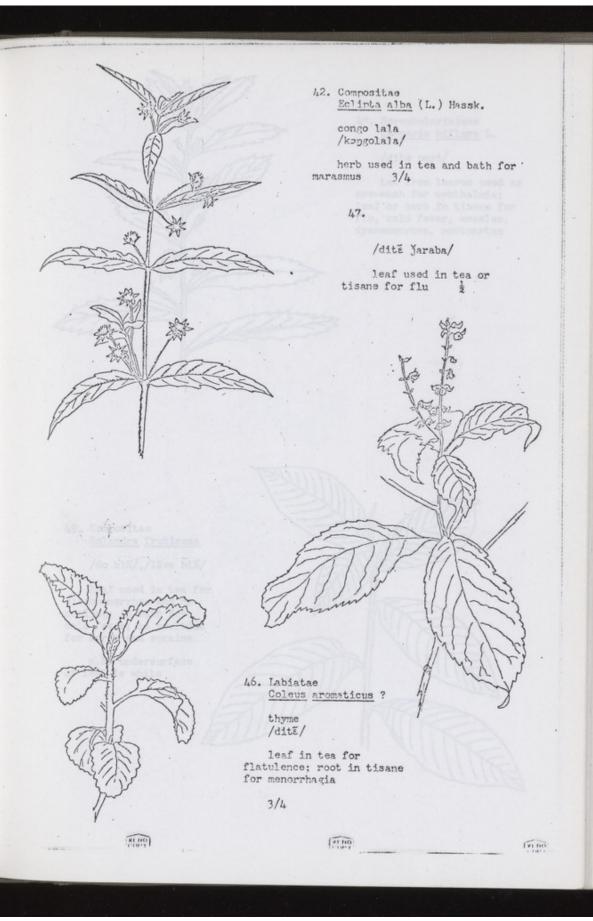
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Christmas bush /flawi nwal/, /san migel/ leaf juice for ophthalmia

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48. Scrophulariaceae Capraria biflora L.

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tea from leaves used as eye-wash for orhthalmia; leaf or herb in tisane for flu, cold fever, measles, dysmenorrhea, postpartum

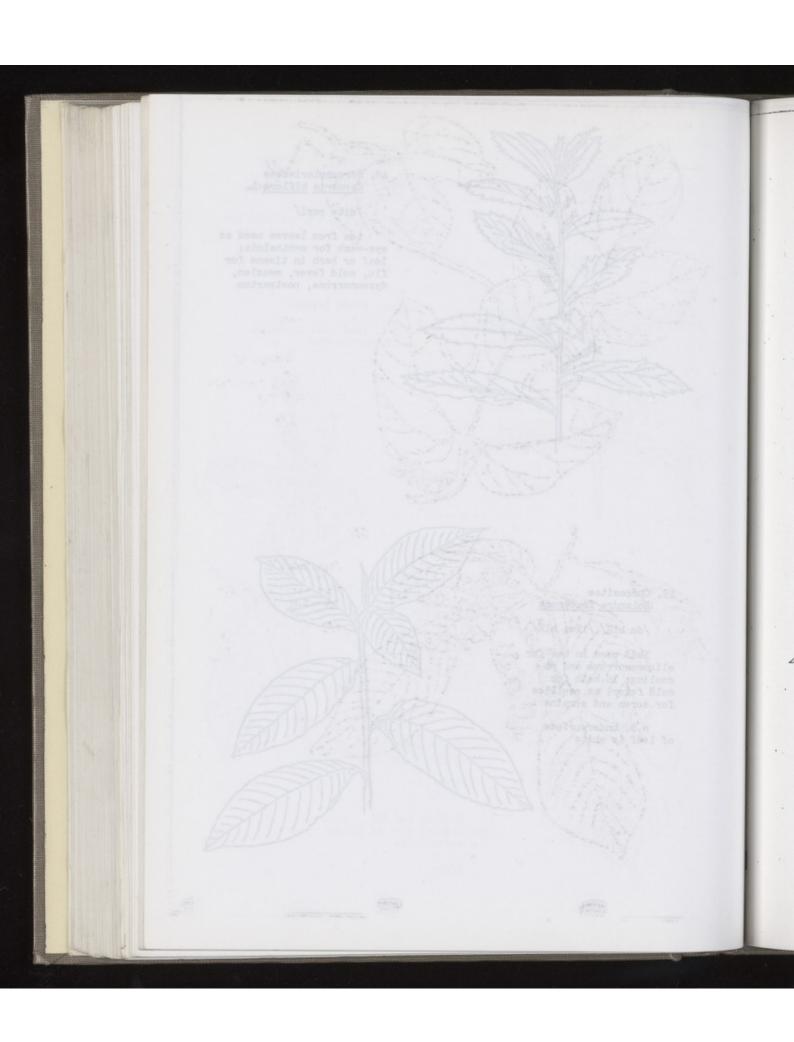
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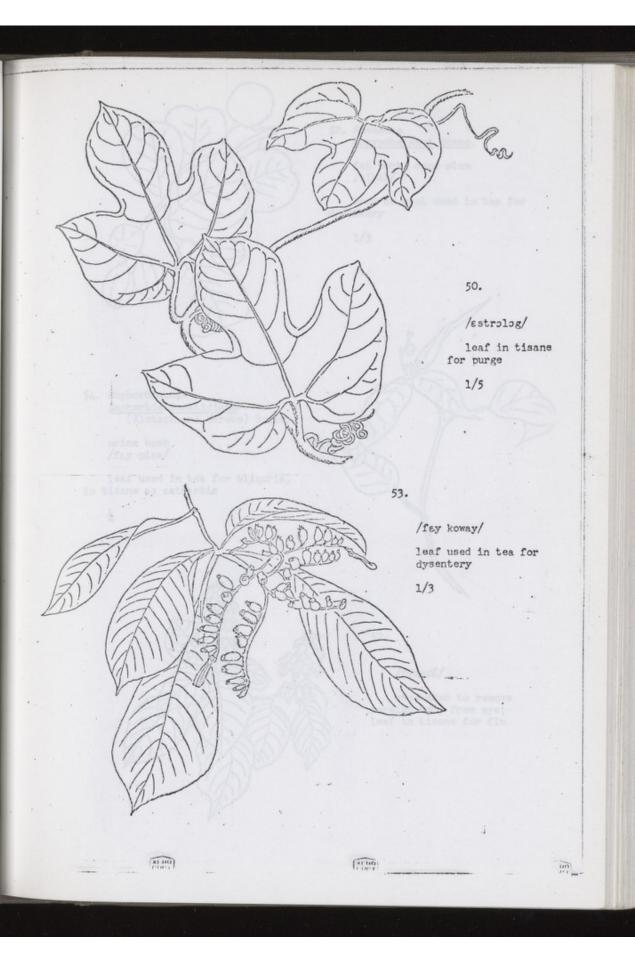
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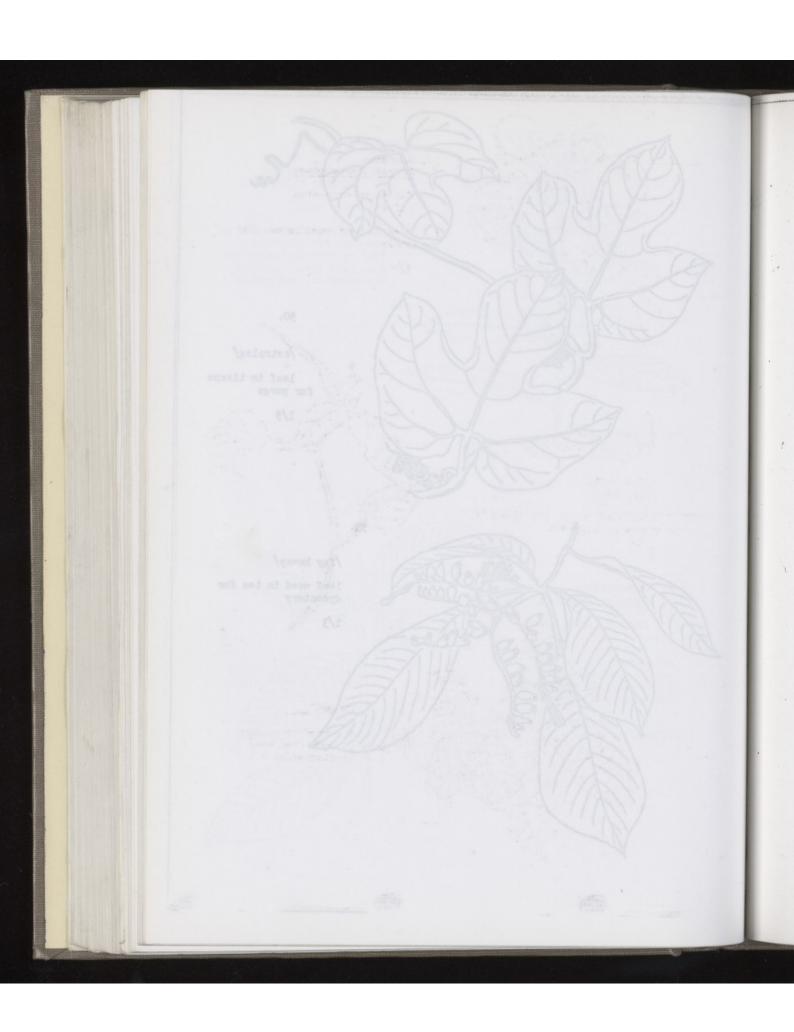
leaf used in tea for oligomenorrhea and as cooling; in bath for cold fever; as poultice for sores and sprains.

n.B. undersurface of leaf is white









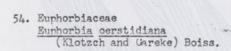


52. Rosaceae Chrysobalanus icaco

fat pork, coco plum /zikak/

bark or root used in tea for dysentery

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urine bush /fey pisa/

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leaf used in tea for oliguria, in tisane as cathartic

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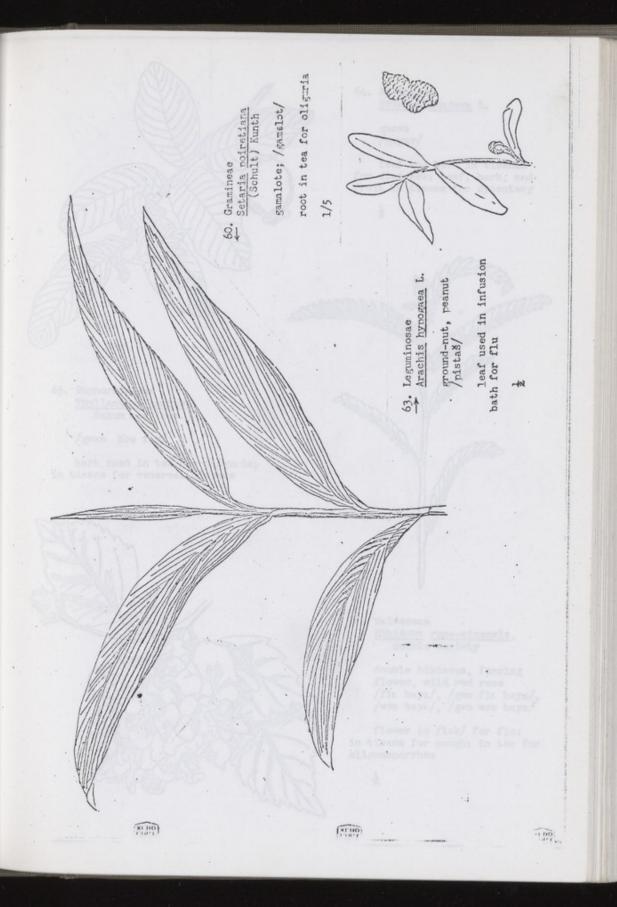


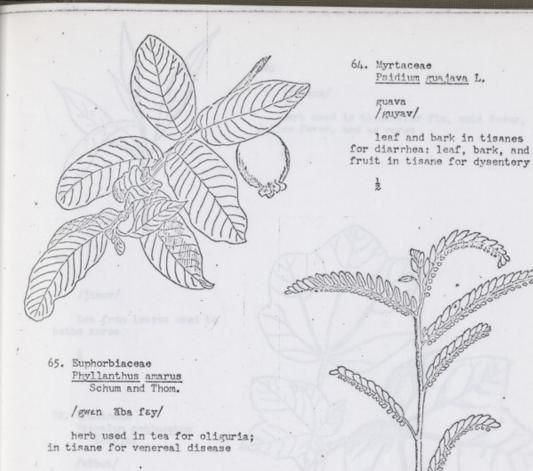
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seed used to remove foreign body from eye; leaf in tisane for flu





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66. Malvaceae Hibiscus rosa-sinensis, double variety

double hibiscus, fencing flower, wild red rose /fla baya/, /gwo fla baya/, /woz baya/, /gwo woz baya/

flower in /lok/ for flu: in tisane for cough; in tea for oligomenorrhea

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herb used in tisanes for flu, cold fever, yellow fever, and as purge

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tea from leaves used to bathe sores

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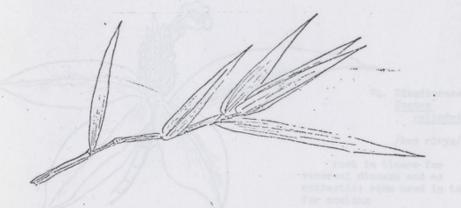
72. Gramineae
Pasnalum conjugatum
Bergius

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grass used in tisanes for flu, cold fever, pneumonia, pleurisy

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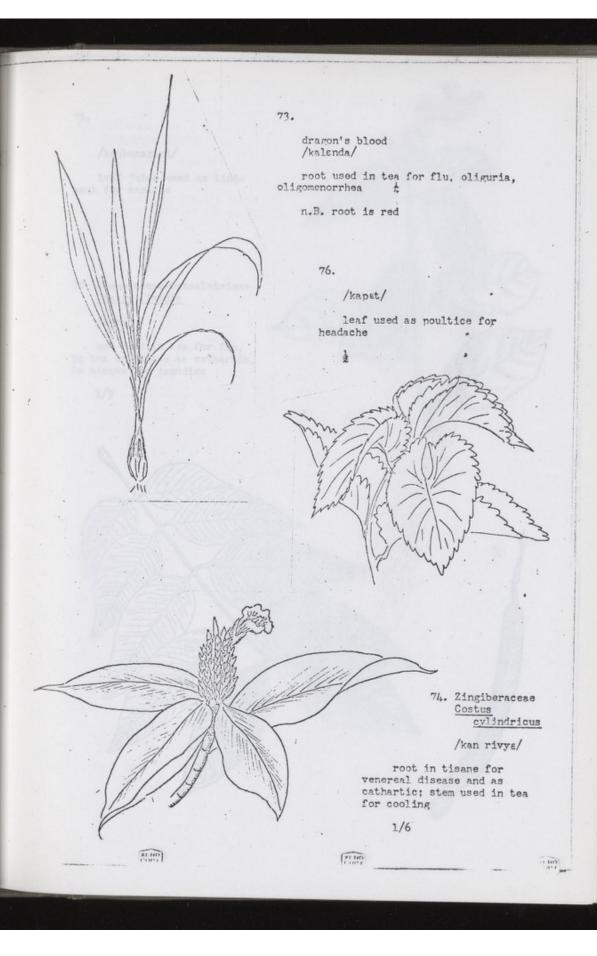




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leaf juice used as liniment for earache

77. Leguminosae-Caesalninieae Cassia fistula

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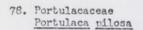
nod used in tea for flu, in tea or tisane as cathartic, in tisane for jaundice

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jump-up-and-kiss-me/kupye/, /l3bwisel/

herb used in tea for worms and empacho; as poultice for carbuncle



79. Portulacaceae

Portulaca oleracea L.

pussley /kupye/

herb used in tea for worms, in tisane for palpitation

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root used in tea for oliguria

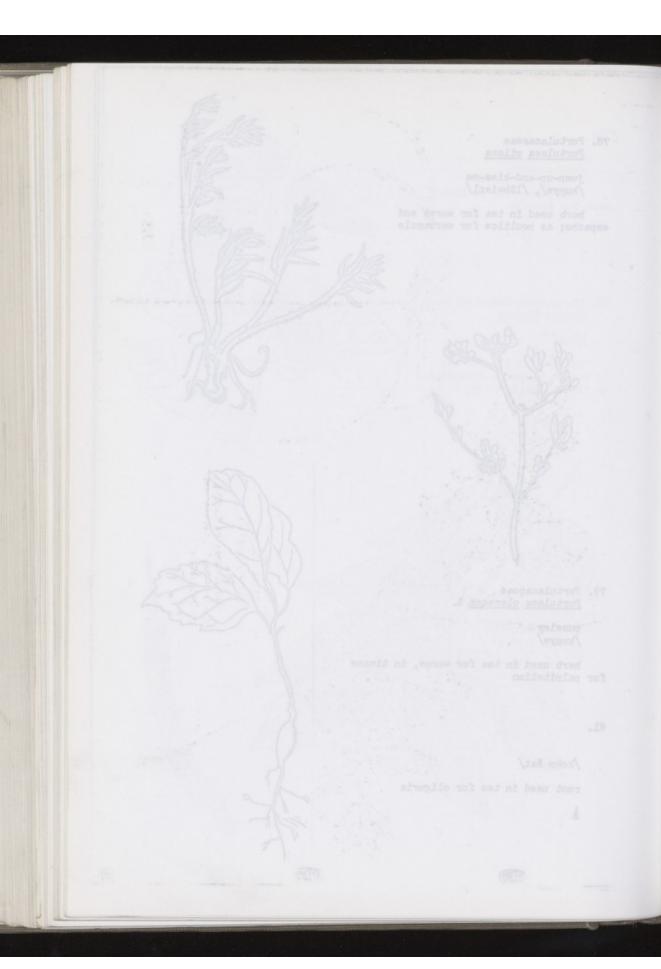
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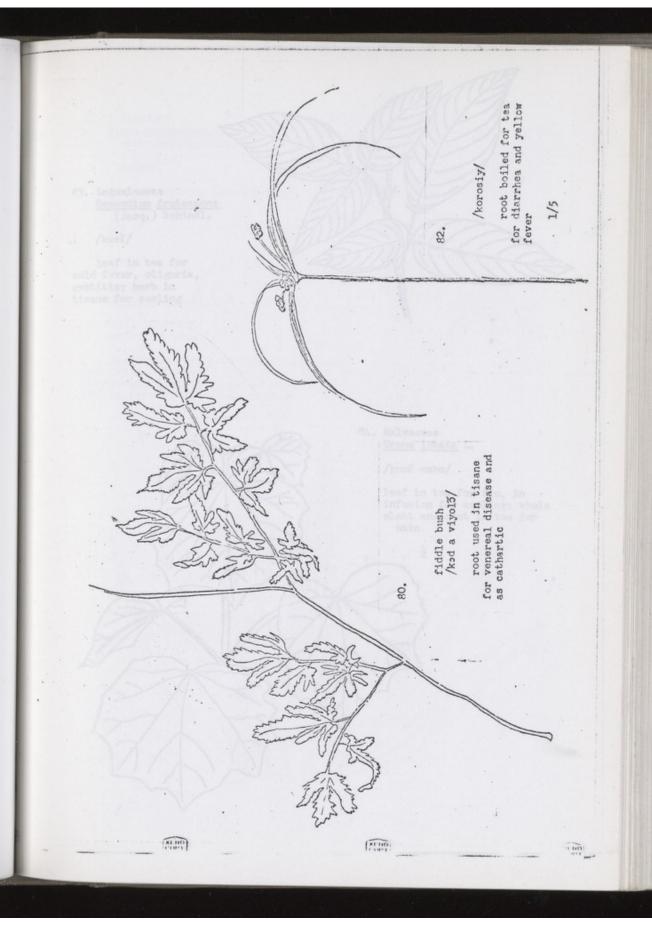


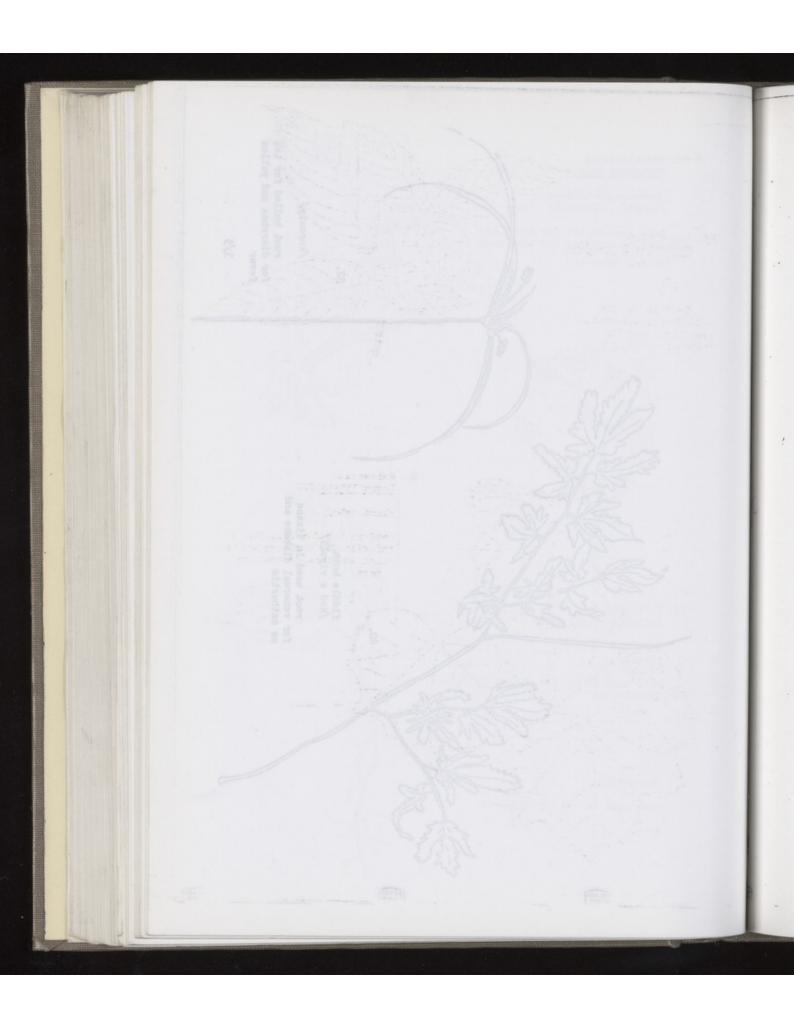
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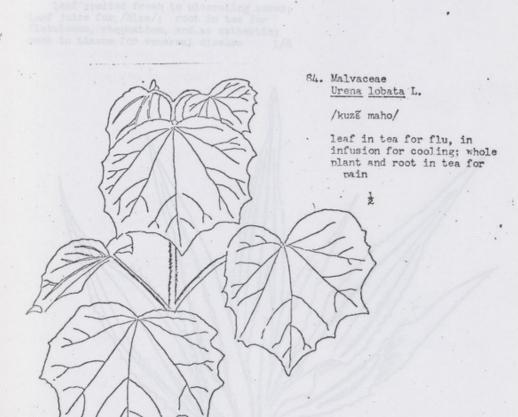


83. Leguminosae

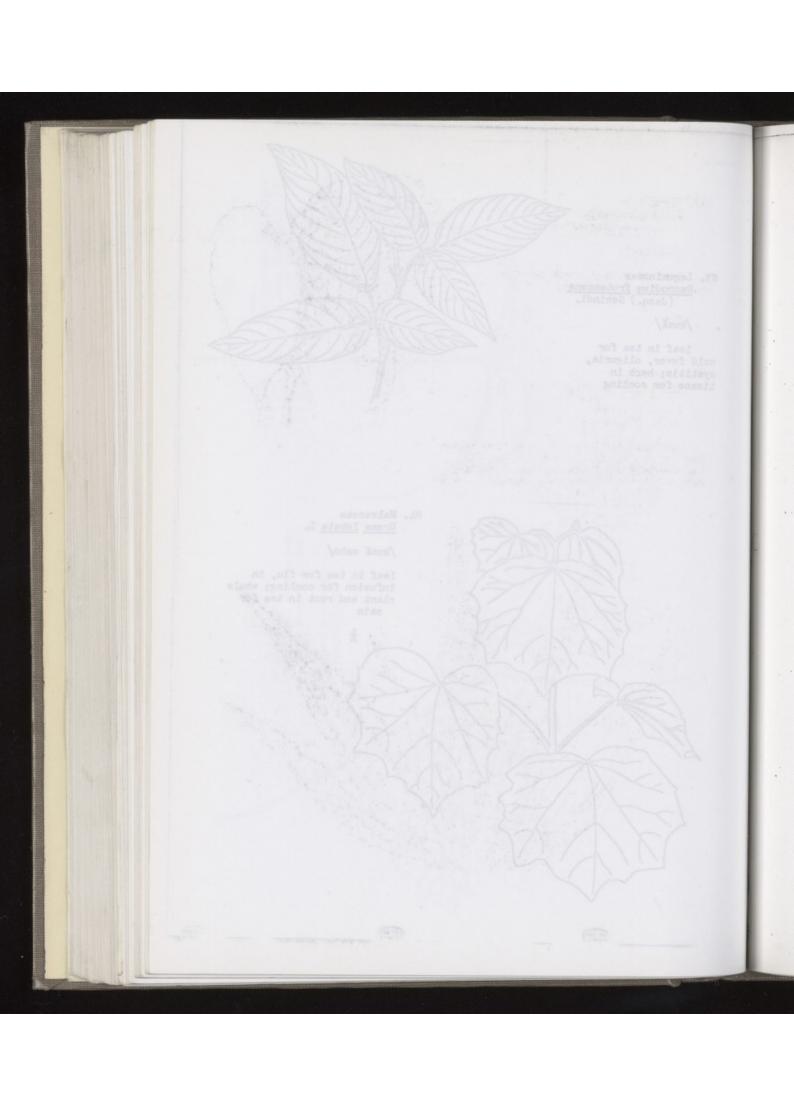
Desmodium frutescens
(Jacq.) Schindl.

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leaf in tea for cold fever, oliguria, cystitis; herb in tisane for cooling



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85. Piperaceae
Piper marginatum,
var. catalpaefolium

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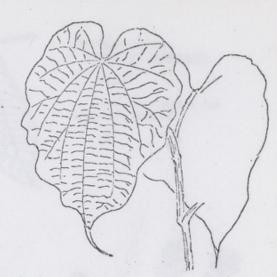
leaf in infusion bath for flu; root in tea as cathartic

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86. Smilaceae Smilax salsaparilla ?

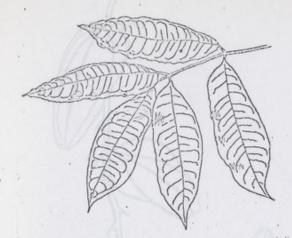
leaf: /lam baf/ root: /saspaway/

leaf applied fresh to ulcerating sores; leaf juice for /bles/; root in tea for flatulence, rheumatism, and as cathartic; root in tisane for venereal disease 1/6





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90. Burseraceae Protium guianensis

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bark used in tea for venereal disease

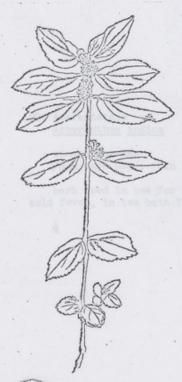
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96. Euphorbiaceae
Euphorbia thymifolia L.

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herb used in tea for flu, cold fever, and as cooling; in tisanesfor venereal disease, postpartum, and abortion

n.B. lies flat on ground



97. Euphorbiaceae
Euphorbia hirta L.

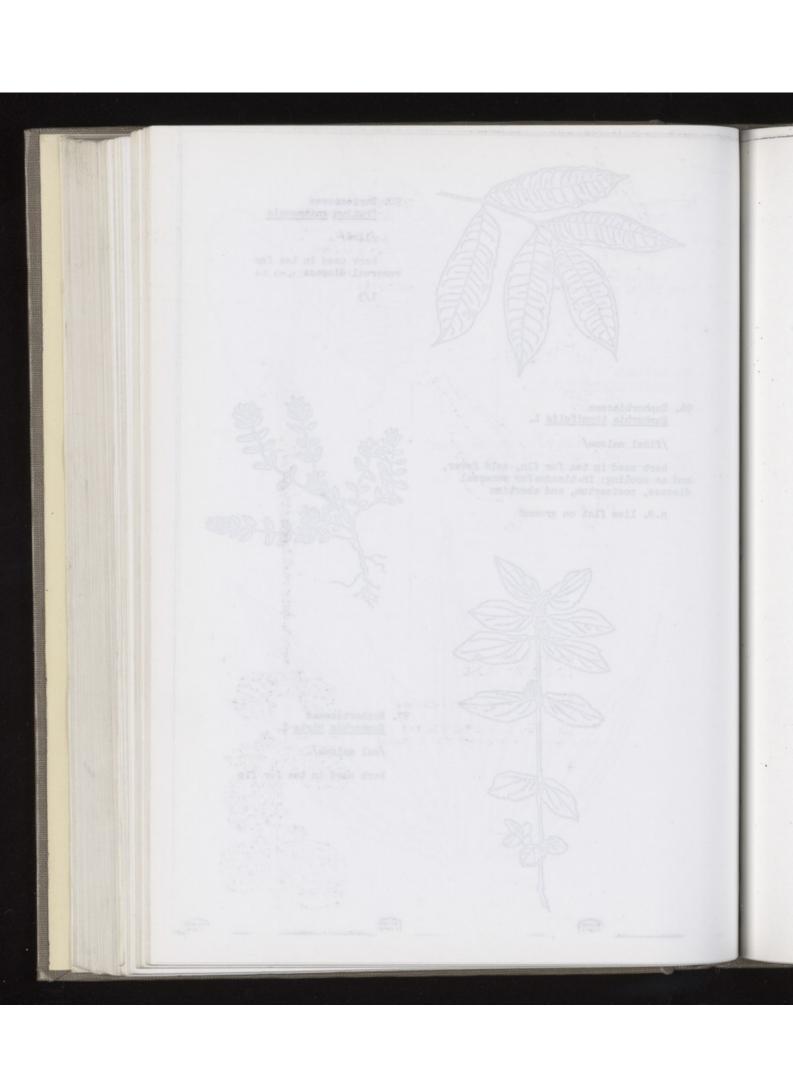
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herb used in tea for flu

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93. Smilaceae Smilax cubensis

> devil vine /lyan zewss/

root used in tisane as cathartic

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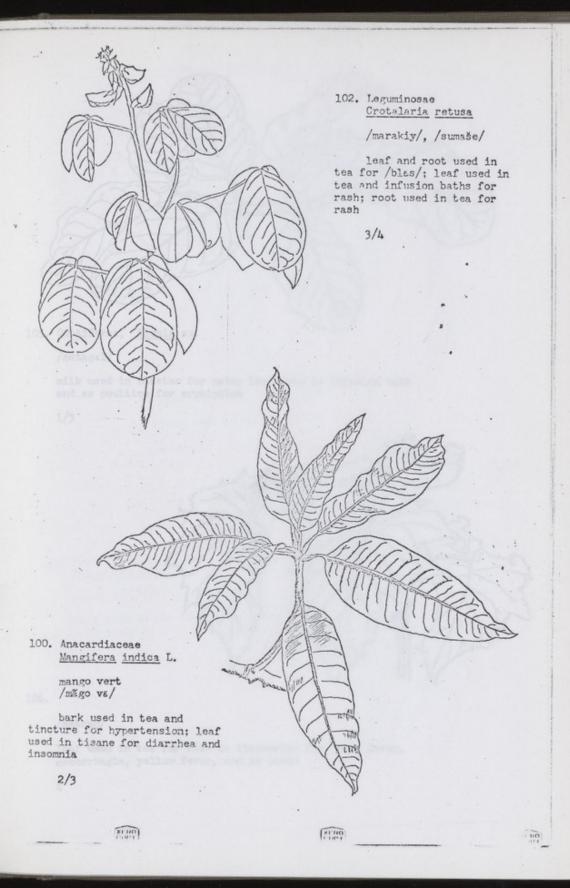
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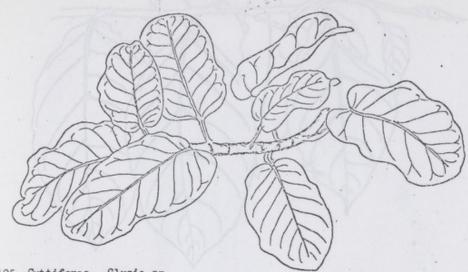
man-better-man /nom maye nom/, /wan dala kay/

herb used in tea for flu and cold fever, in tea bath for marasmus

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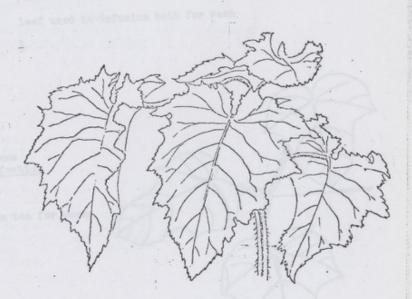


105. Guttiferae, Clusia sp.

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milk used in plaster for pain; leaf used in infusion bath and as poultice for erysipelas

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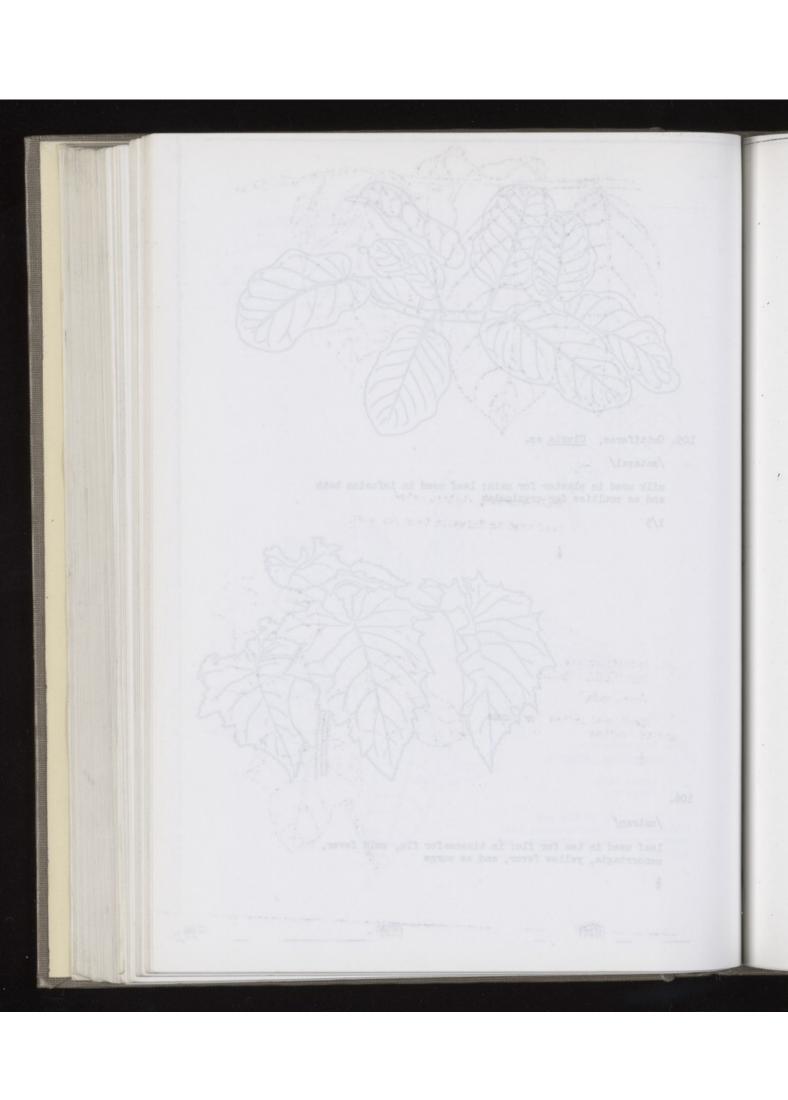
leaf used in tea.for flu; in tisanesfor flu, cold fever, menorrhagia, yellow fever, and as purge

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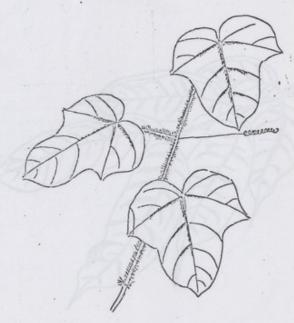
/maxe kabwit/, /kalalu maxe/
leaf used in infusion bath for rash

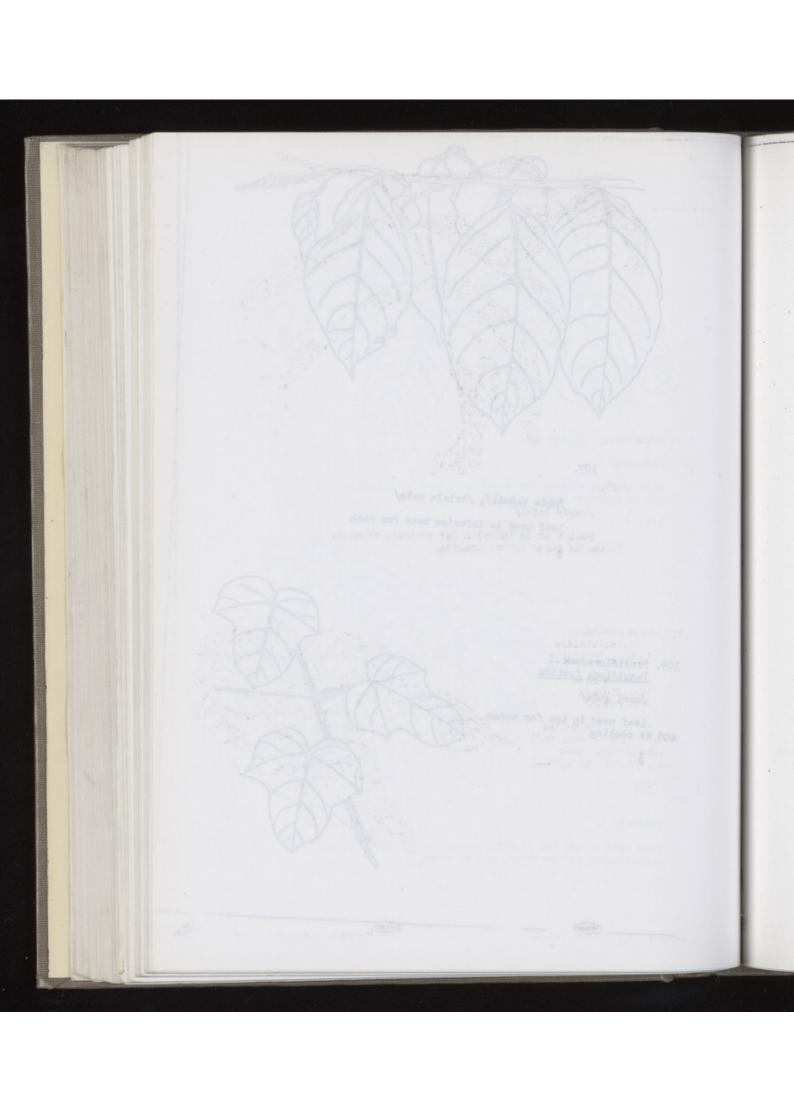
109. Passifloraceae
Passiflora foetida

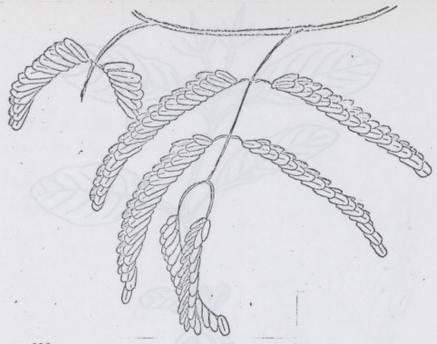
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leaf used in tea for worms and as cooling

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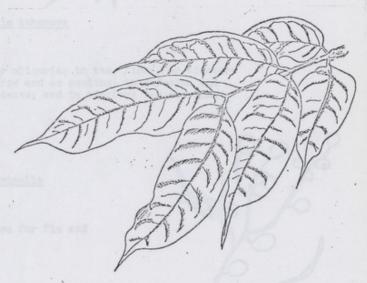
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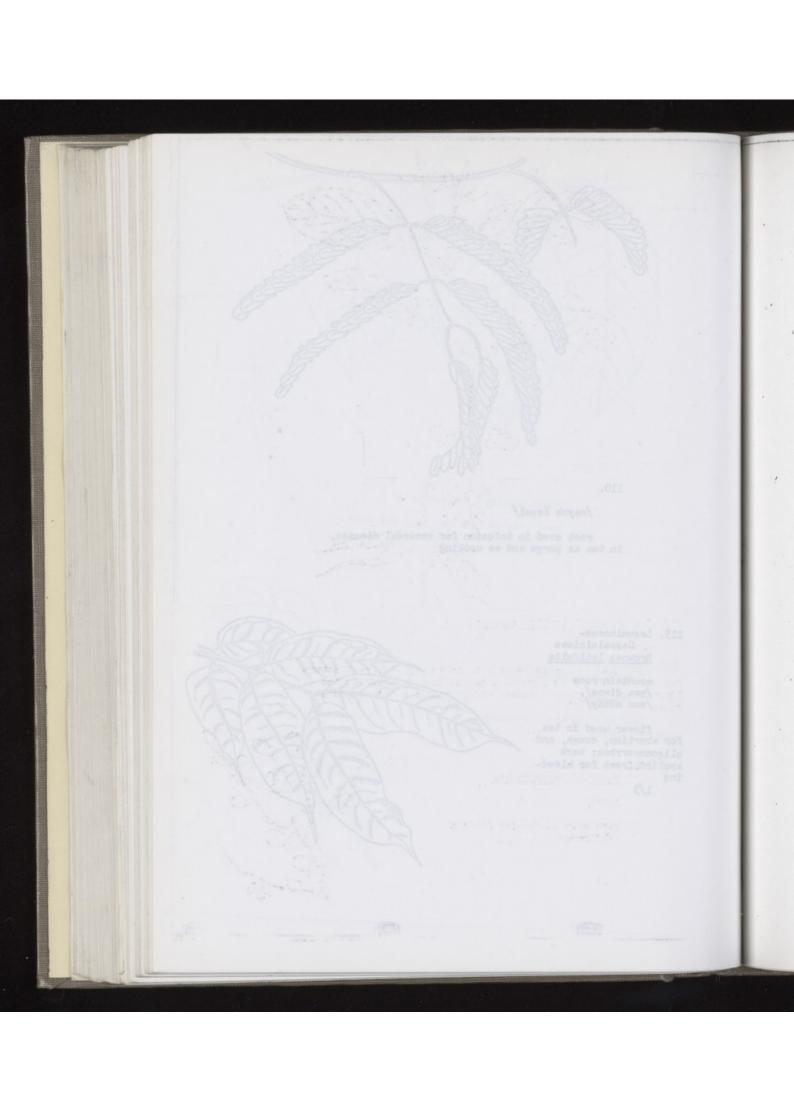
root used in infusion for venereal disease, in tea as purge and as cooling

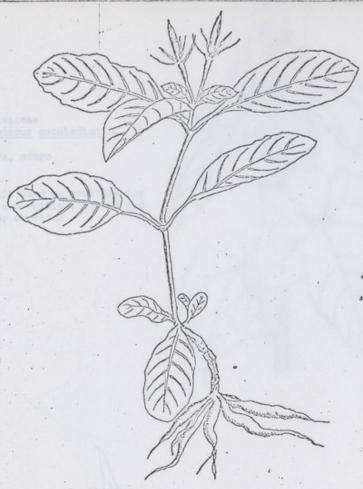
115. Leguminosae-Caesalpinicae Brownea latifolia

mountain rose /bwa diwoz/, /woz motay/

flower used in tea for abortion, cough, and oligomenorrhea; bark applied fresh for bleed-ing







113. Acanthaceae, Ruellia tuberosa

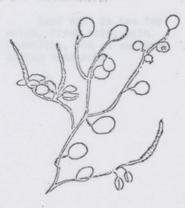
minnie root

root used in tea for oliguria; in tea, /lok/, or tincture for flu; in tisane as purge and as cooling; in infusion and tincture for venereal disease; and in tincture for scorpion sting 2/3

116. Piperaceae
Peperomia emarginella

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herb used in tea for flu and cold fever



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119. Malvaceae
Hibiscus esculentus L.

okra, ochro

fruit used as poultice for abscess and whitlow; cooked and eaten for abortion

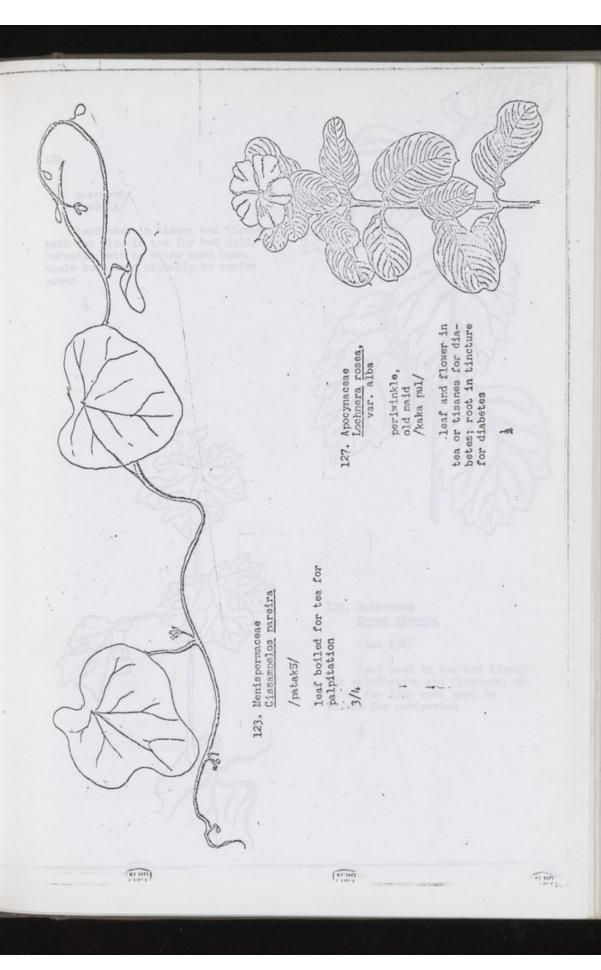
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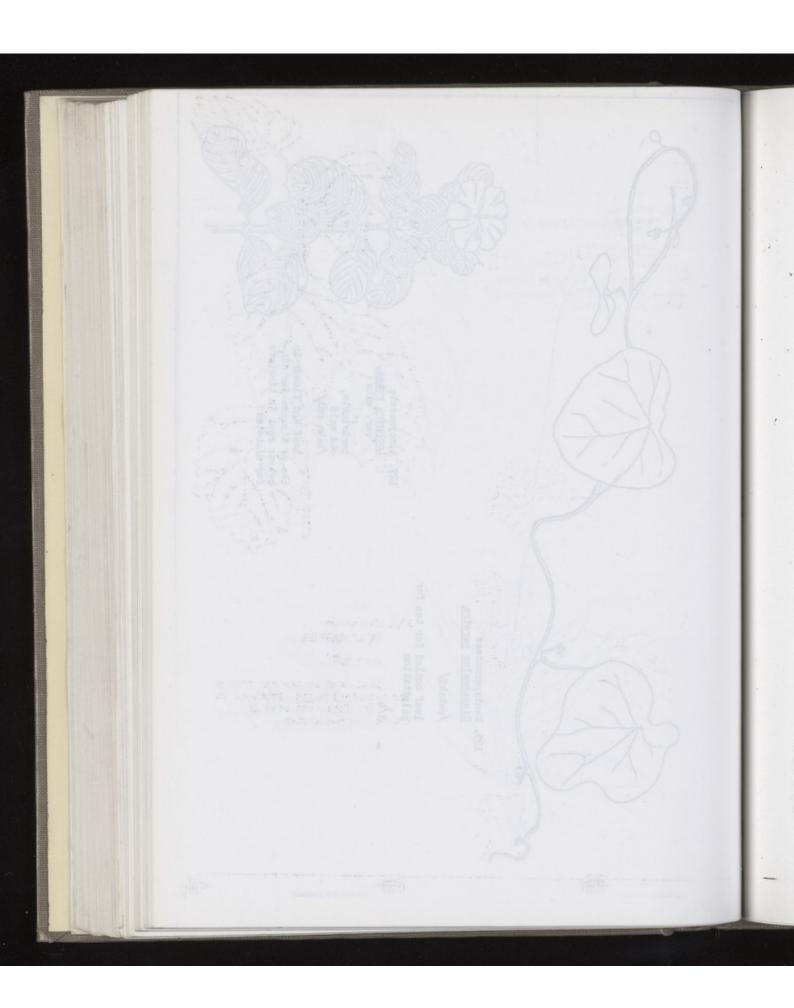


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olive bush, kidney bush /zoliv/

leaf used in tea for cough, fresh cold, pain, nephritis, and as cooling during pregnancy

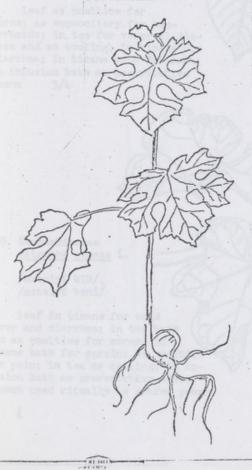




patchouly /pačuli/

leaf used in tisane and tisane bath for flu, in tea for bad cold, in infusion bath to bring good luck; whole bush used ritually to confer power

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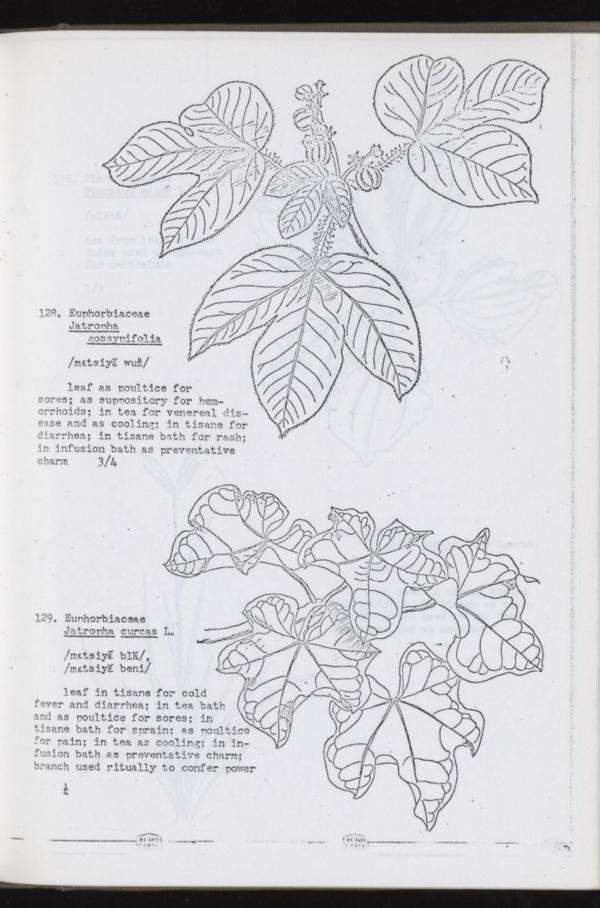
125. Malvaceae Urena sinuata

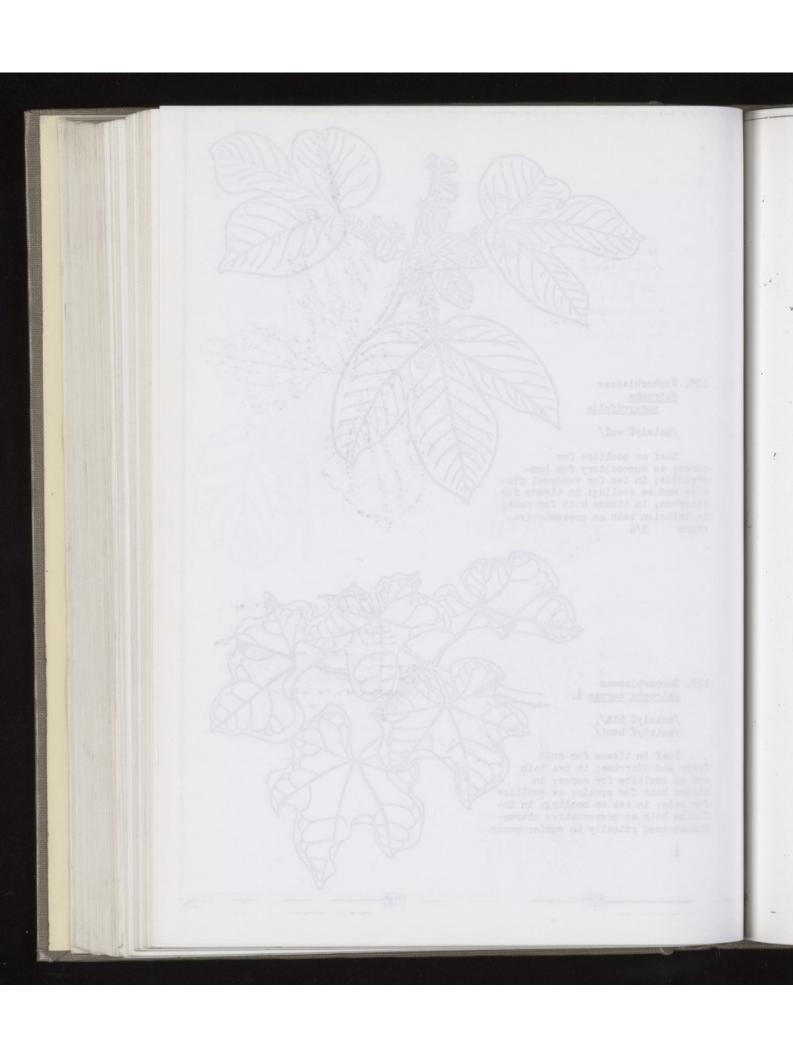
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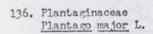
leaf used in tea and tisane for palpitation and dyspnoea, in /lok/ for flu; root used in tisane for postpartum

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tea from leaf or leaf juice used as eye-wash for onhthalmia

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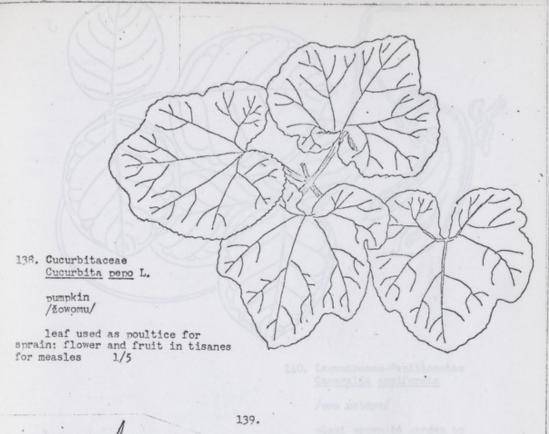
142. Chlorideae
Eleusine indica (L.) Gaertn.

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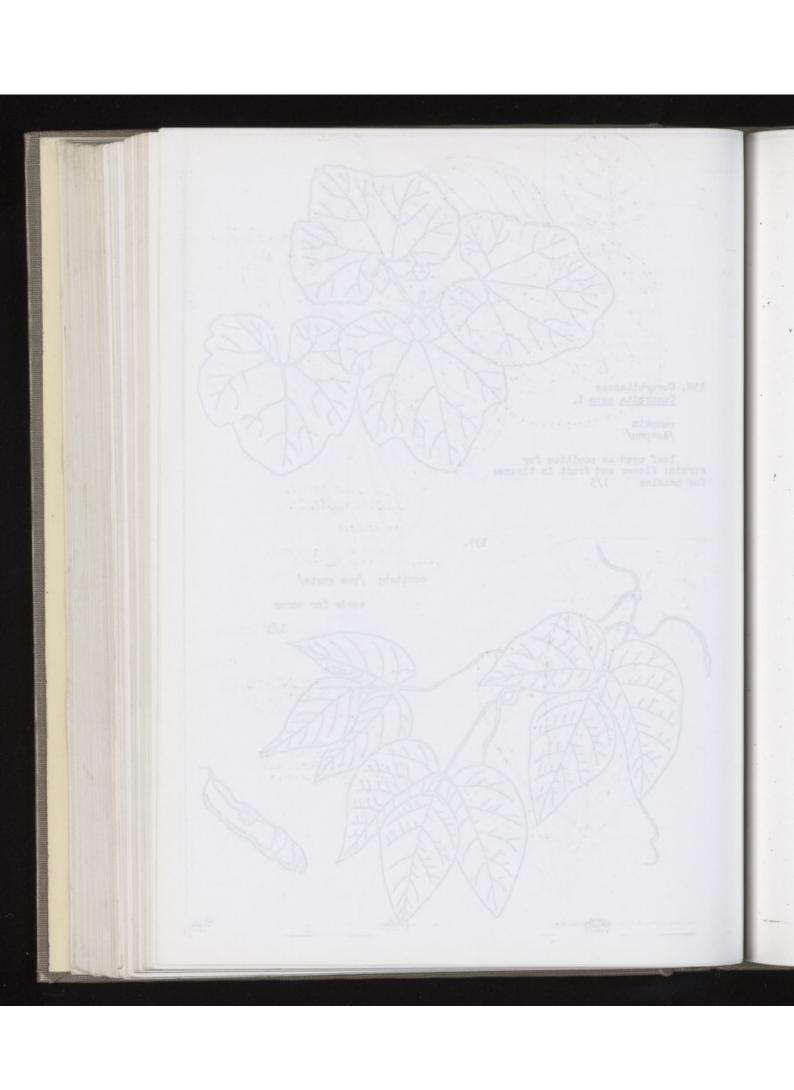
root used in tea or tisane for cystitis, in tisane as cathargtic; grass used in tea for pneumonia and as cooling

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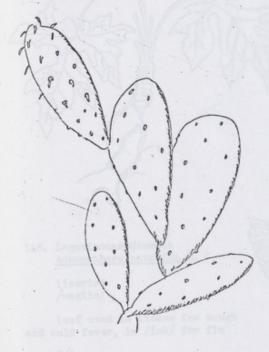


140. Leguminosae-Papilionatae Canavalia ensiformis

/pwa maldyo/

plant grown in garden to protect it from /maldyo/

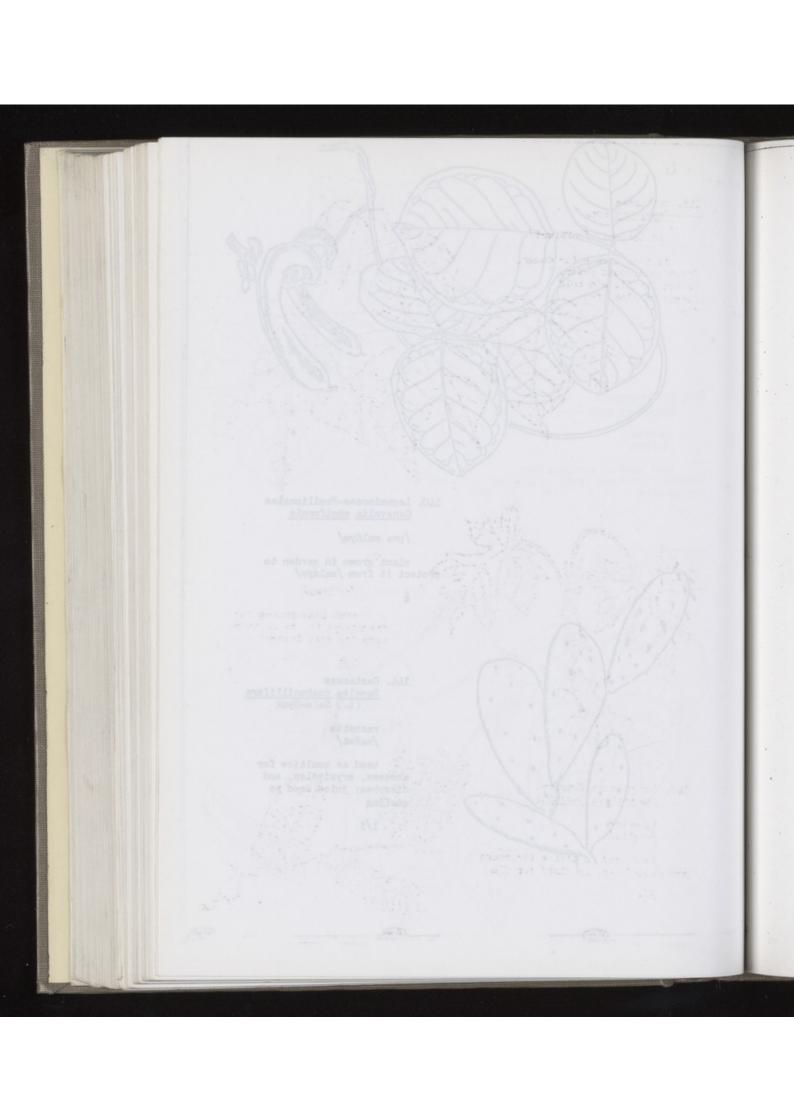
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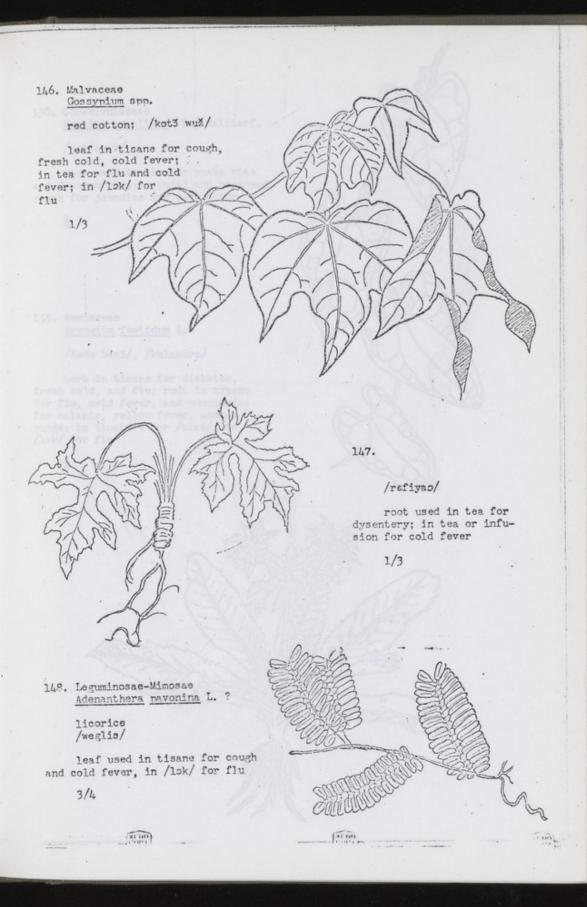


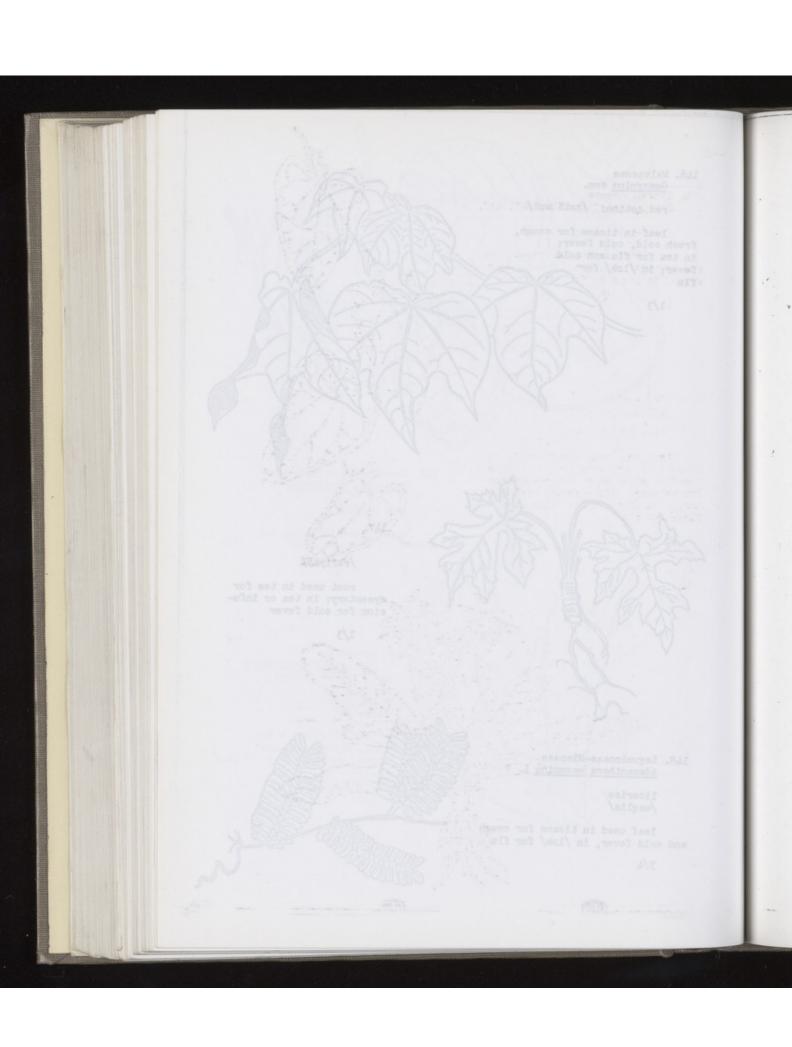
144. Cactaceae Noralea cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck

rachette /wačst/

used as poultice for abscess, erysipelas, and diarrhea; juice used as cooling







150. Convolvulaceae

Merrima umbellata (L.) Hallierf.

/reydemat/

root used in tea for snake bite and dysmenorrhea; pounded and consumed fresh for jaundice and postpartum

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155. Ammiaceae

Eryngium foetidum L.

/šado beni/, /kulančro/

herb in tisane for diabetes, fresh cold, and flu; root in tisane for flu, cold fever, and pneumonia; for malaria, yellow fever, and as purge; in tincture for /blas/, in /lok/ for flu

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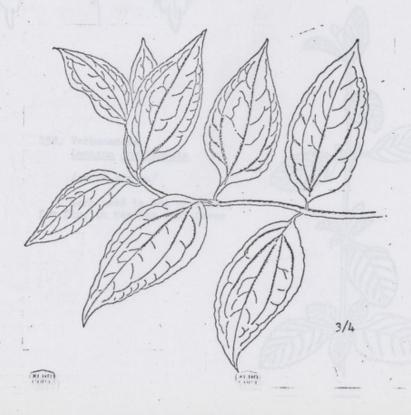


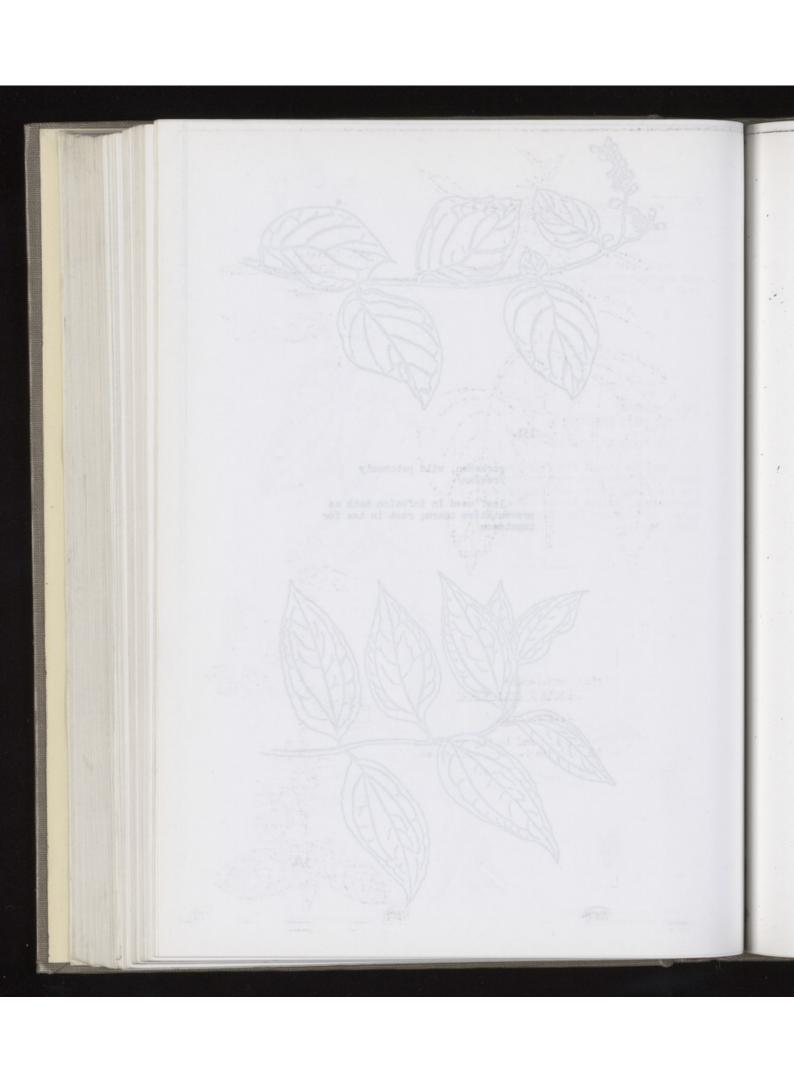


151.

rockshen, wild patchouly /rokšan/

leaf used in infusion bath as preventative charm; root in tea for impotence







157. Labintae Leonotis nepetifolia

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leaf used in tea for cold fever; flower in tincture for cold fever

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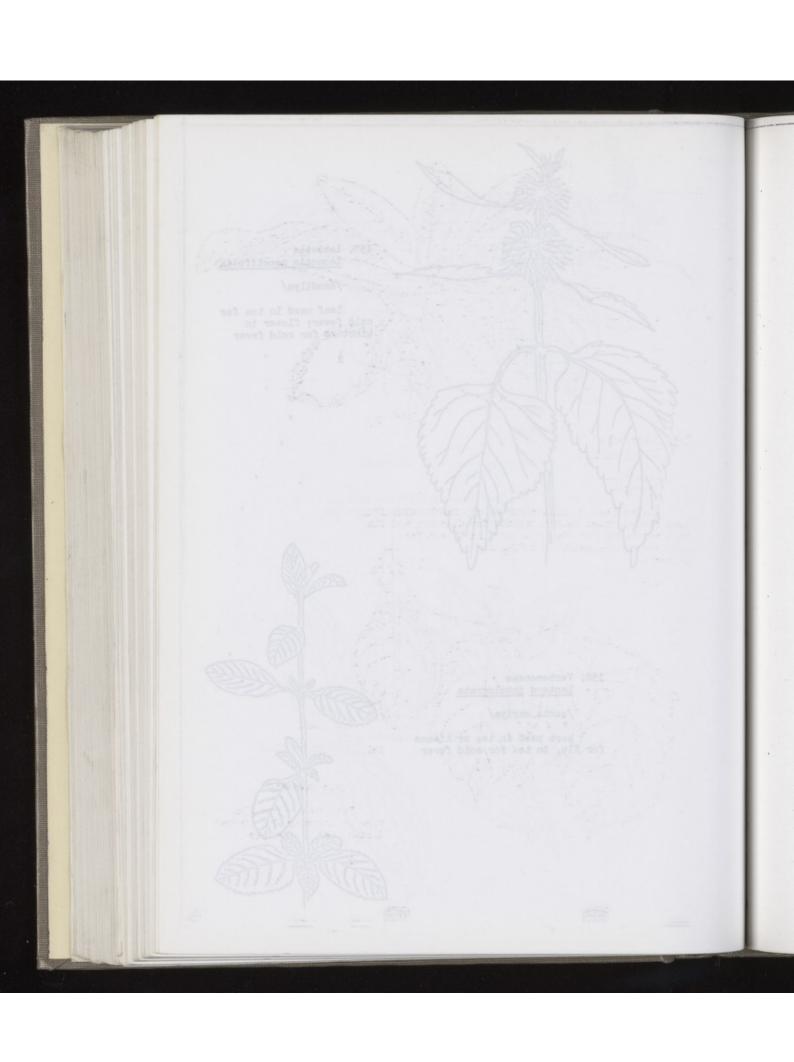
158. Verbenaceae Lantana involucrata

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herb used in tea or tisane for flu, in tea for cold fever



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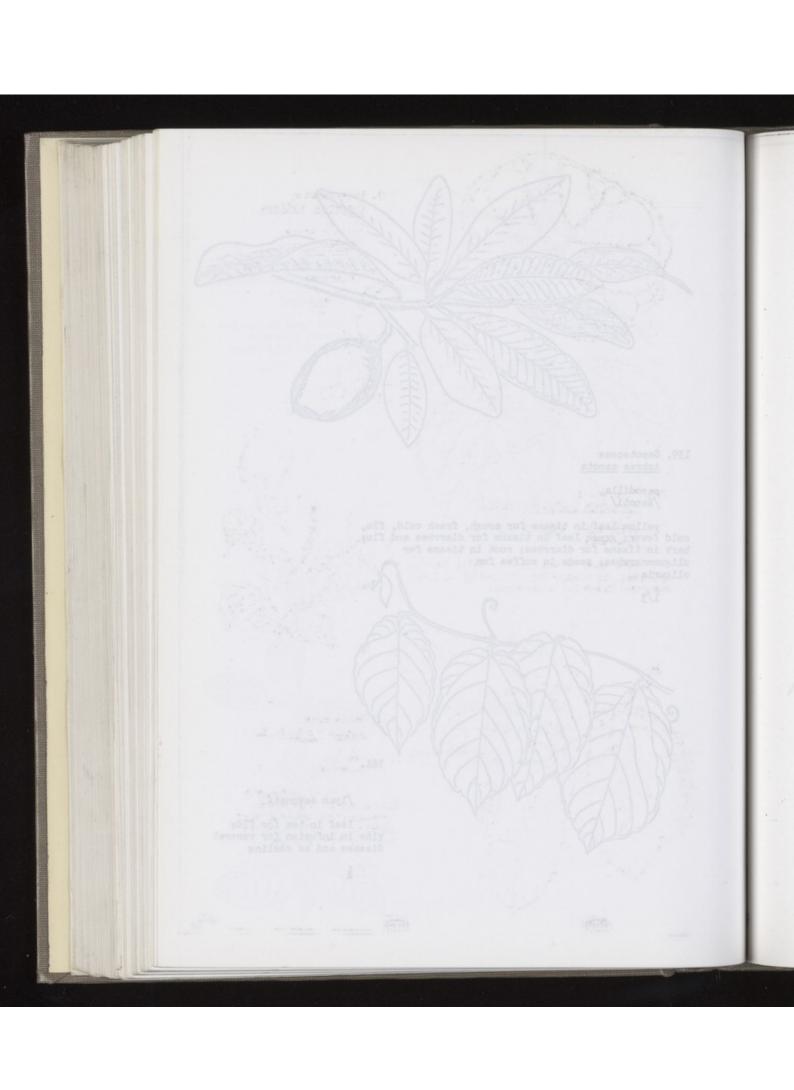
sapodilla /šapoti/

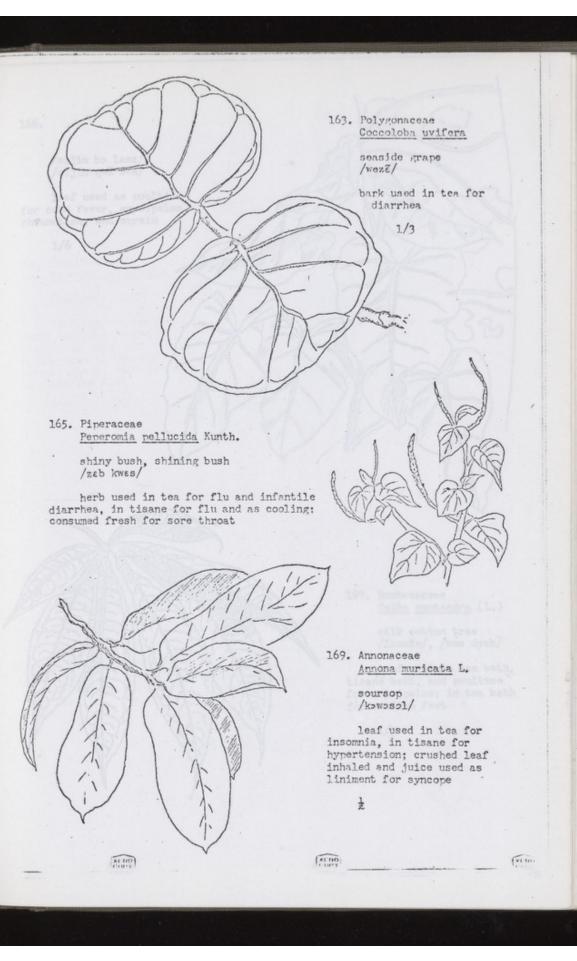
yellow leaf in tisane for cough, fresh cold, flu, cold fever; green leaf in tisane for diarrhea and flu; bark in tisane for diarrhea; root in tisane for cligomenorrhea; seeds in coffee for oliguria

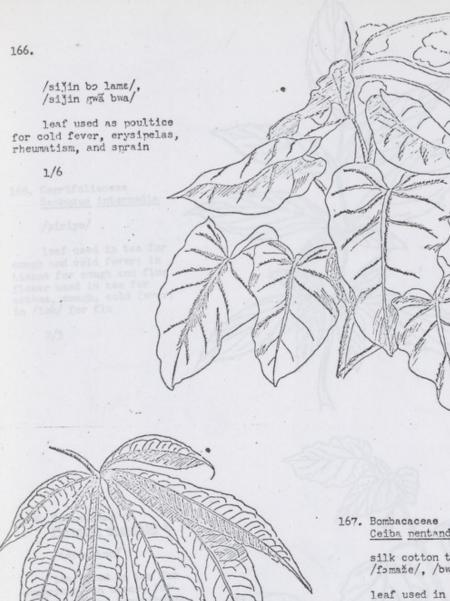


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leaf in tea for flu; vine in infusion for veneral disease and as cooling



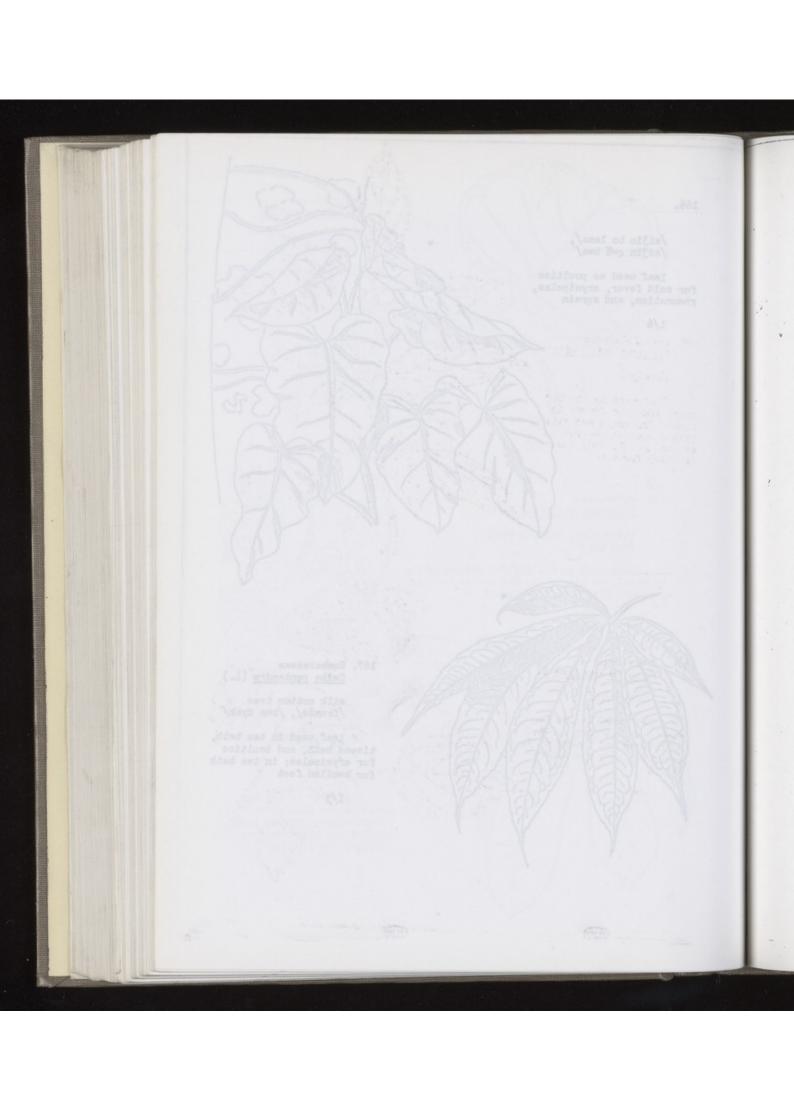


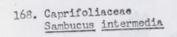


167. Bombacaceae ... Ceiba pentandra (L.)

silk cotton tree /fomaže/, /bwa dyab/

leaf used in tea bath, tisane bath, and poultice for erysipelas; in tea bath for swollen feet





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leaf used in tea for cough and cold fever; in tisane for cough and flu; flower used in tea for asthma, cough, cold fever; in /lok/ for flu

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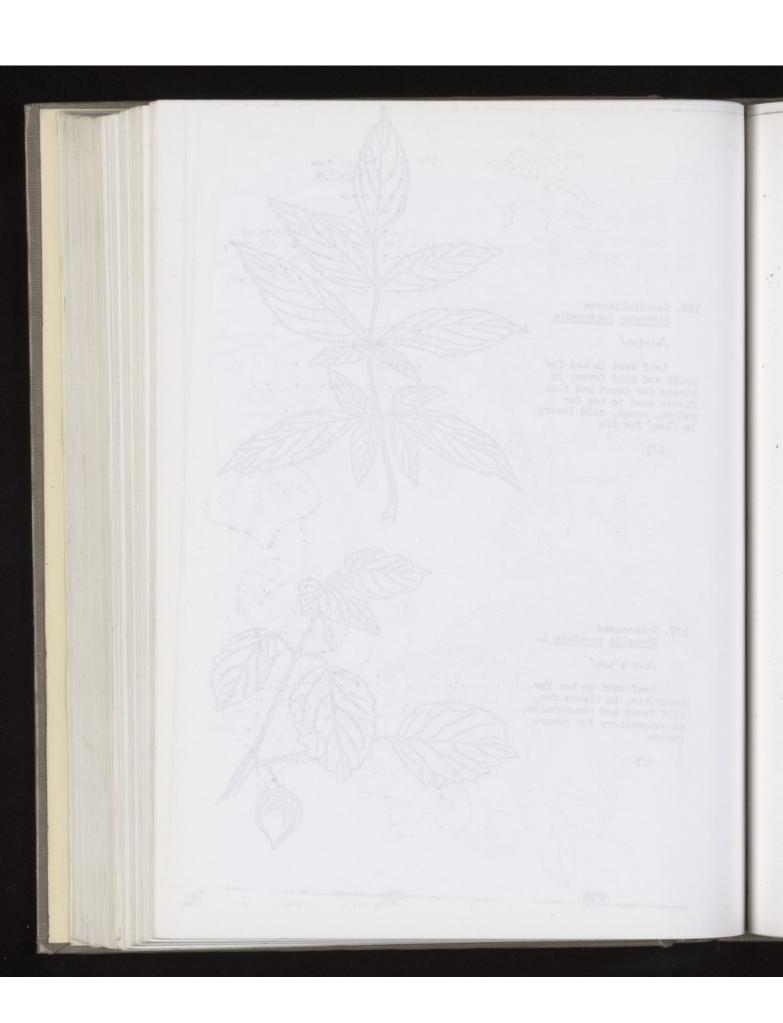
179. Solanaceae <u>Physalis angulata</u> L.

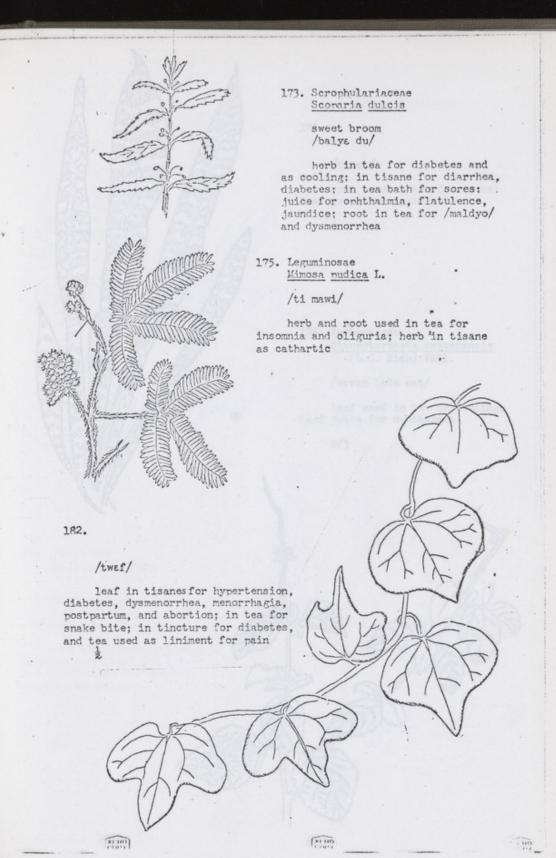
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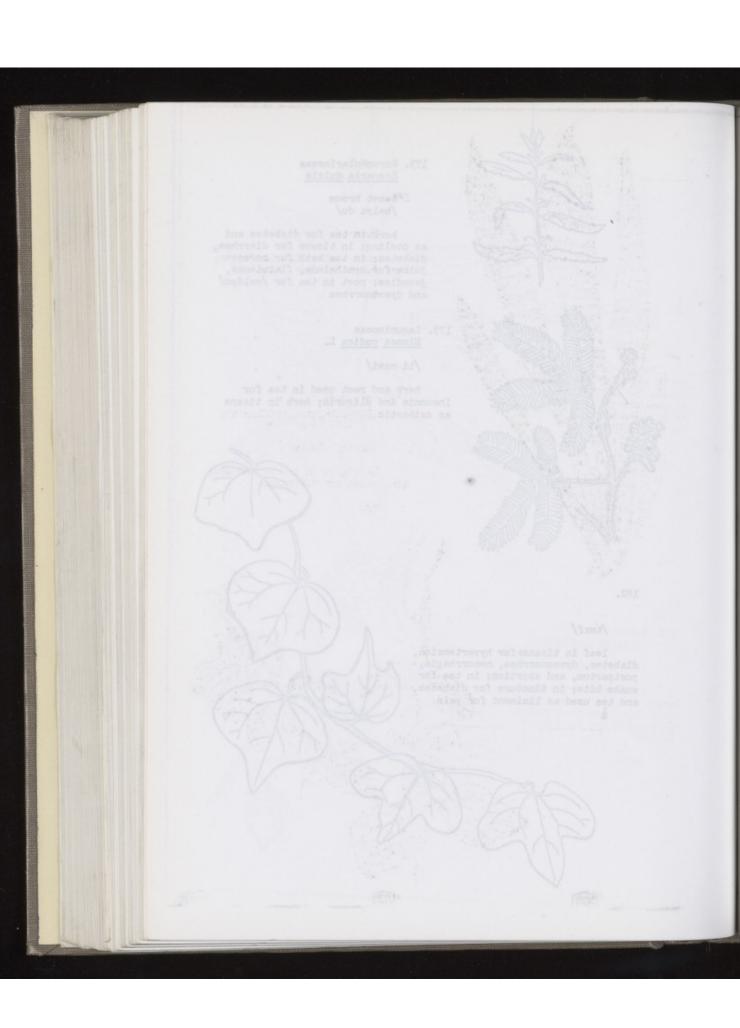
leaf used in tea for nephritis, in tisane for cold fever and hemorrhoids, as suppository for hemorrhoids

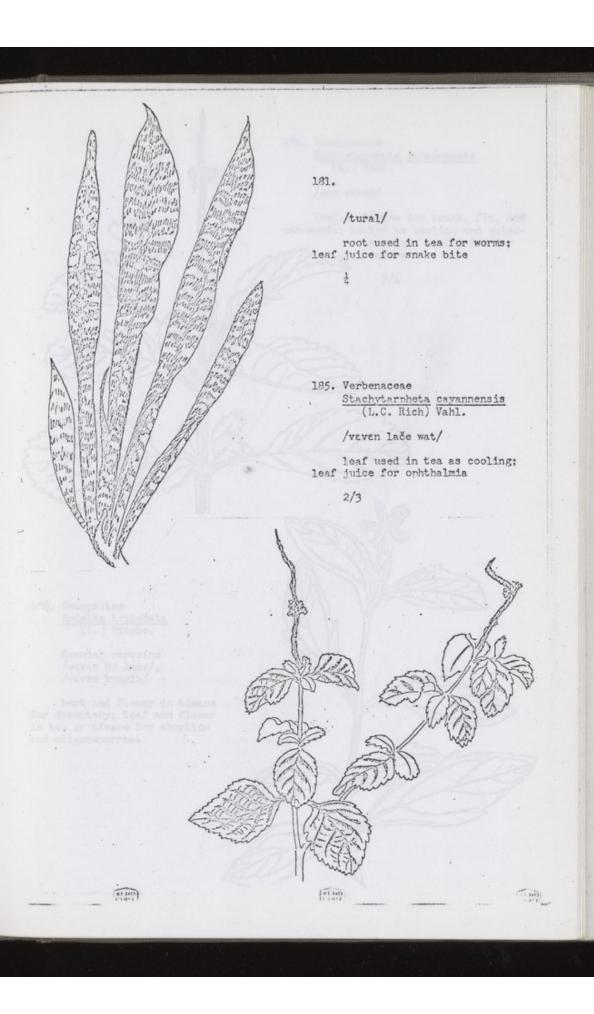
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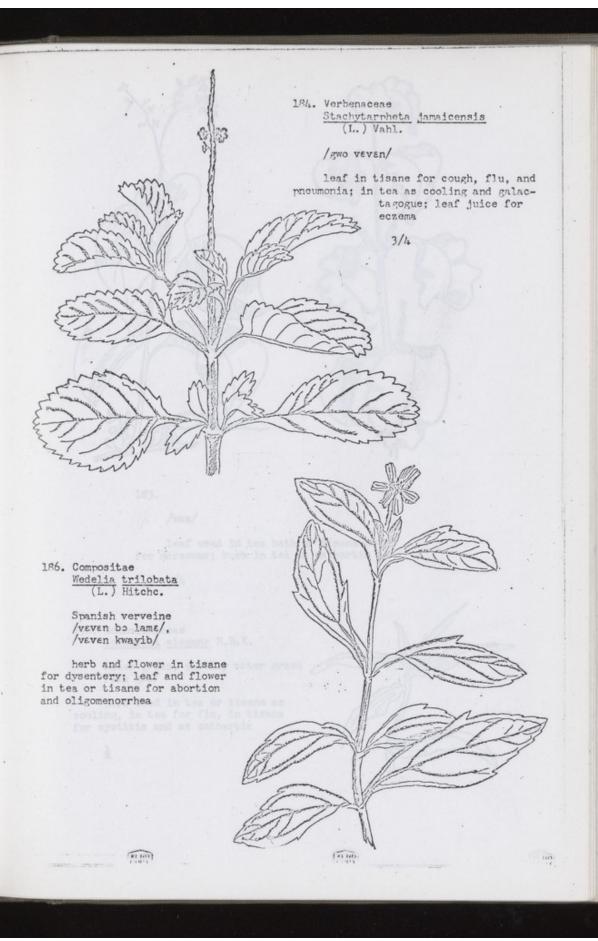




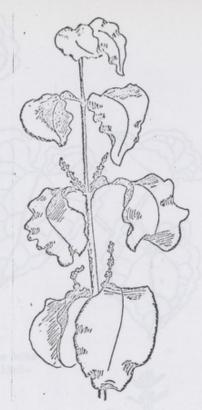












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leaf used in tea bath or tisane bath for marasmus; bush in tea as cathartic

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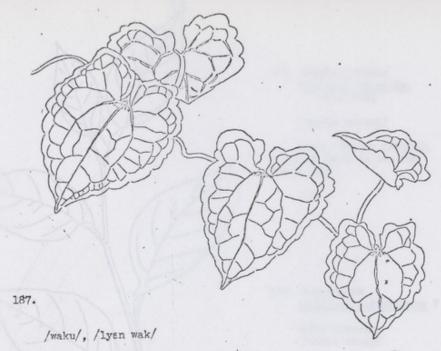
190. Commelinaceae
Commelina elegans H.B.K.

water grass, pussley water grass/zeb gwa/

herb used in tea or tisane as cooling, in tea for flu, in tisane for cystitis and as cathartic

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vine used as bandage for snake bite and scorpion sting; leaf juice as liniment for ground itch

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201. Chenopodiaceae
Chenopodium ambrosioides L.

worm grass, semen-contra /sime kontwa/

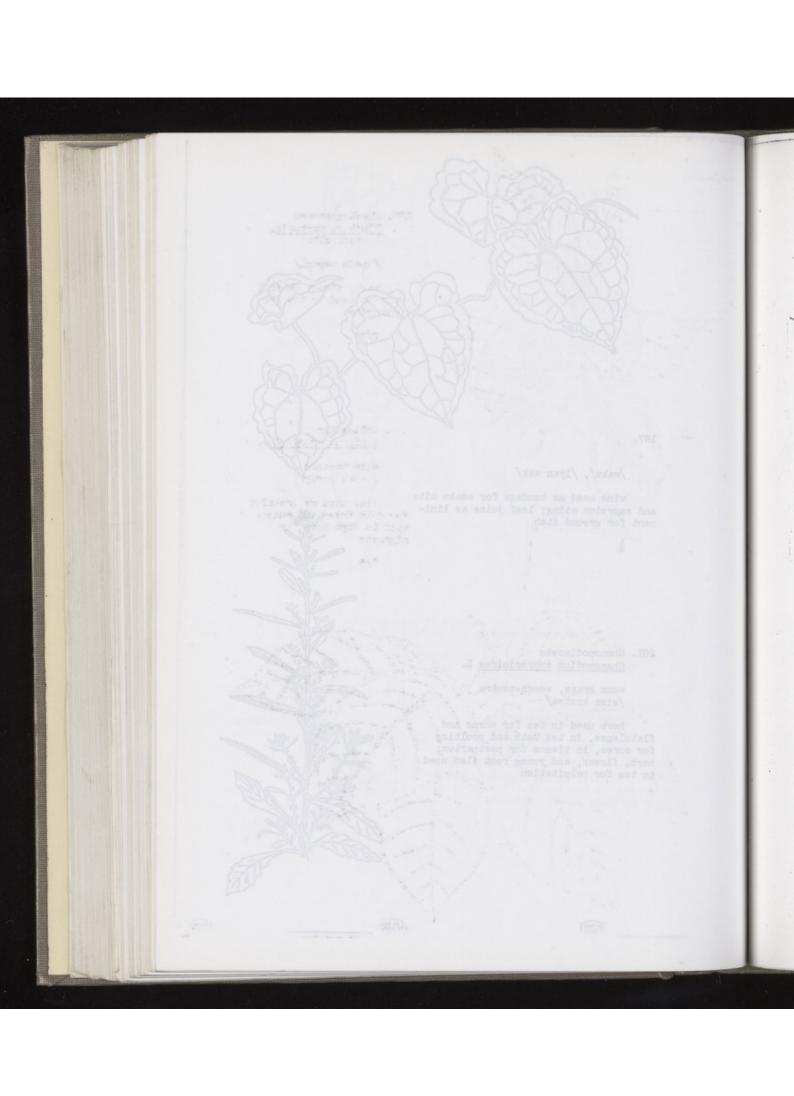
herb used in tea for worms and flatulence, in tea bath and poultice for sores, in tisans for postpartum; herb, flower, and young root also used in tea for palpitation

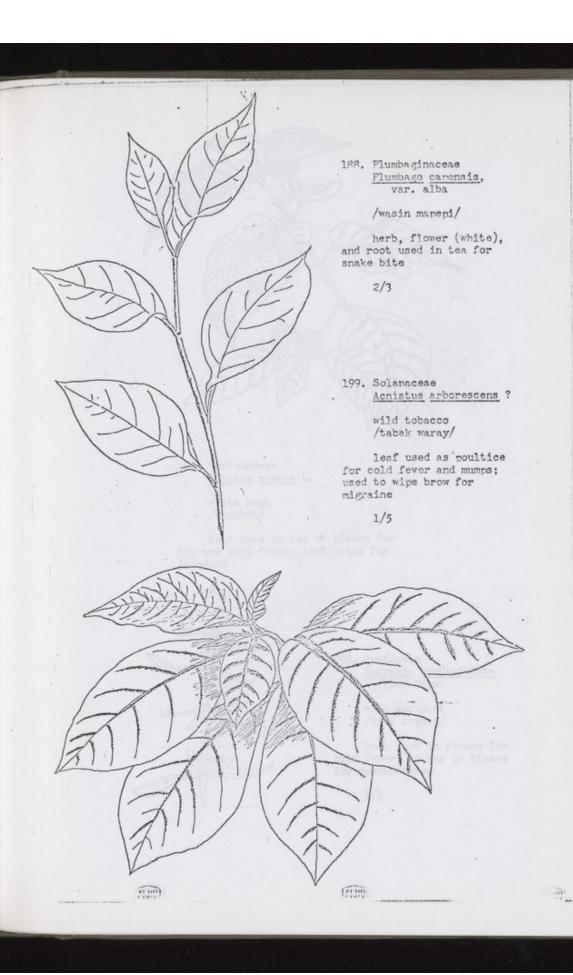


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191. Verbenaceae Lantana camara L.

> white sage /kayakit/

leaf used in tea or tisane for flu and cold fever; leaf juice for jaundice

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193. Rubiaceae
Borreria verticillata
(L.) Meyer

wild margaret /sive nagwas/

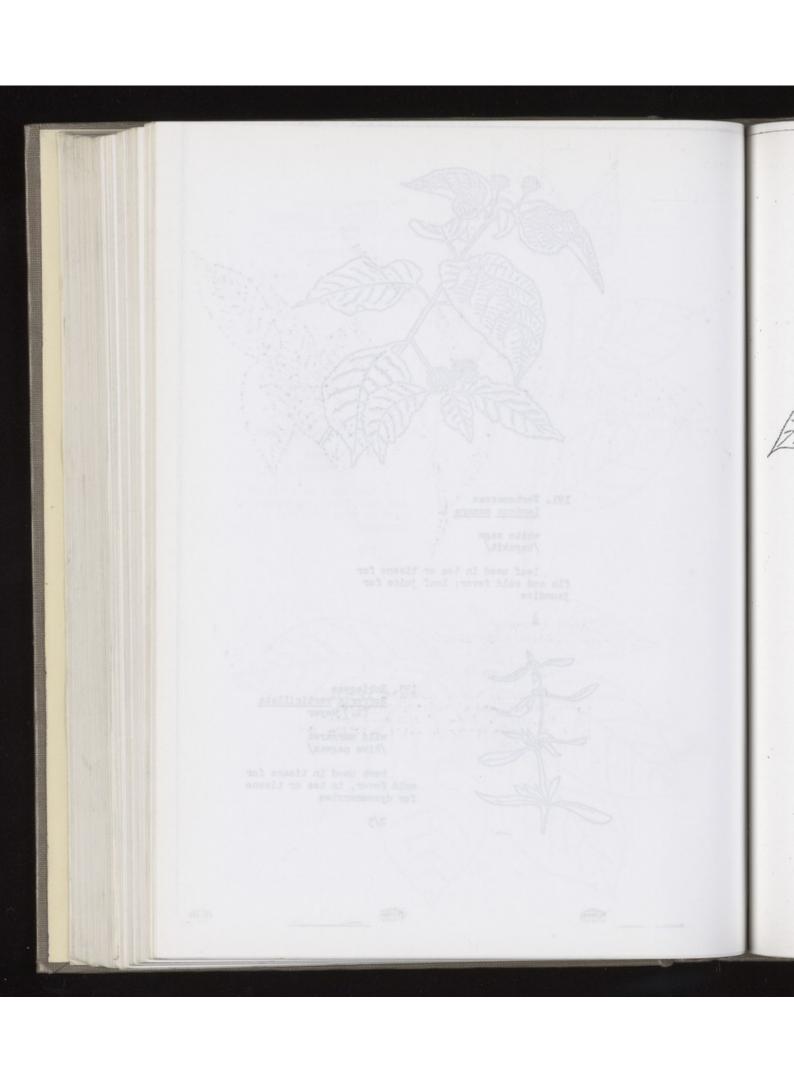
herb used in tisane for cold fever, in tea or tisane for dysmenorrhea

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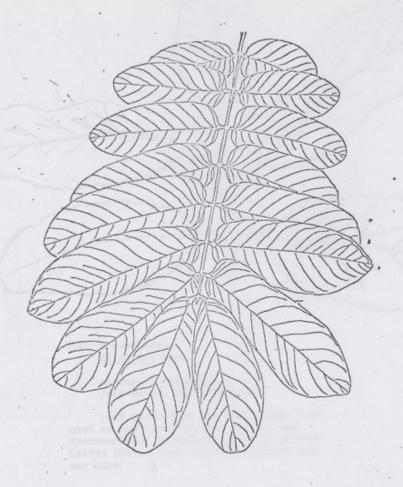
<u>Cassia occidentalis</u> L.

wild coffee /kafe zeb pyant/

root used in teas or tisanes for abortion and postpartum, and as cooling, cathartic, and purge; bush in tisane for dysmenorrhea; flower in tisane for cough; seeds in coffee for palpitation

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wild senna /talanta/

leaf and young flower used in tea as purge; leaf in /lok/ for flu or cold in chest; leaf tea for vitiligo, and leaf juice as liniment for vitiligo

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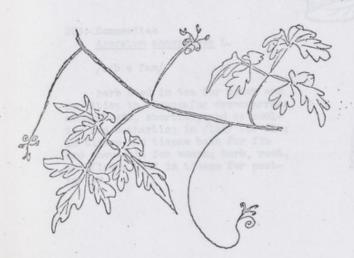
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200. Crassulaceae Kalanchoe spp.

> wonder-of-the-world /fsy pavo/, /kawaktslszom/

leaf juice used for orhthalmia; leaf used as poultice for flu, sprain, and dysmenorrhea; in infusion bath as preventative charm; leaf juice as liniment for ear ache



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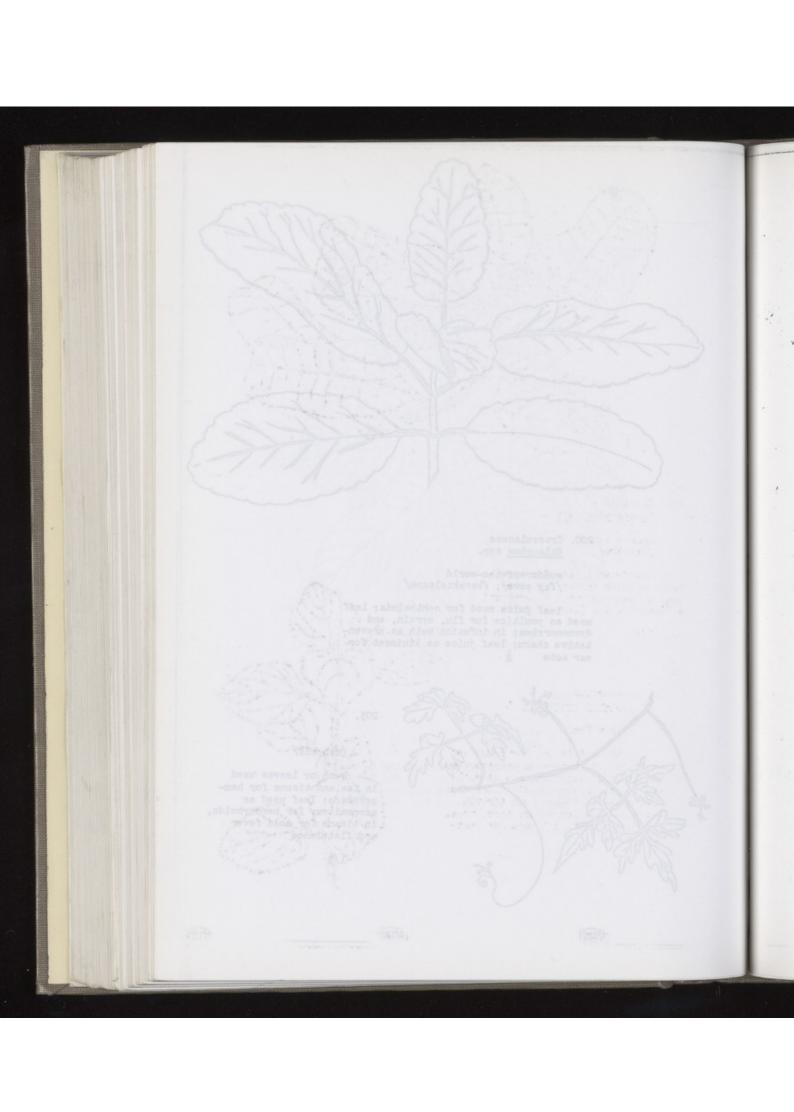
bush or leaves used in tea and tisane for hemorrhoids; leaf used as suppository for hemorrhoids, in tisane for cold fever and flatulence

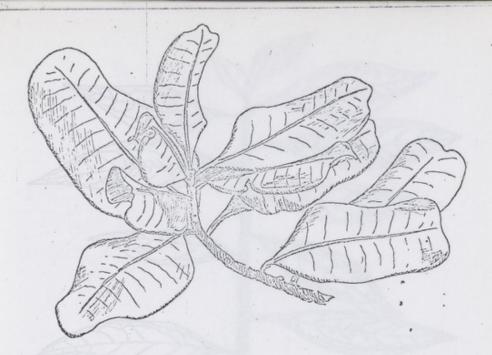
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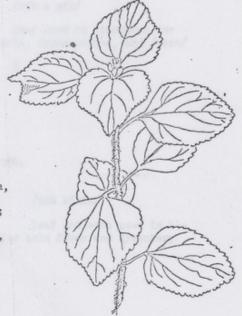
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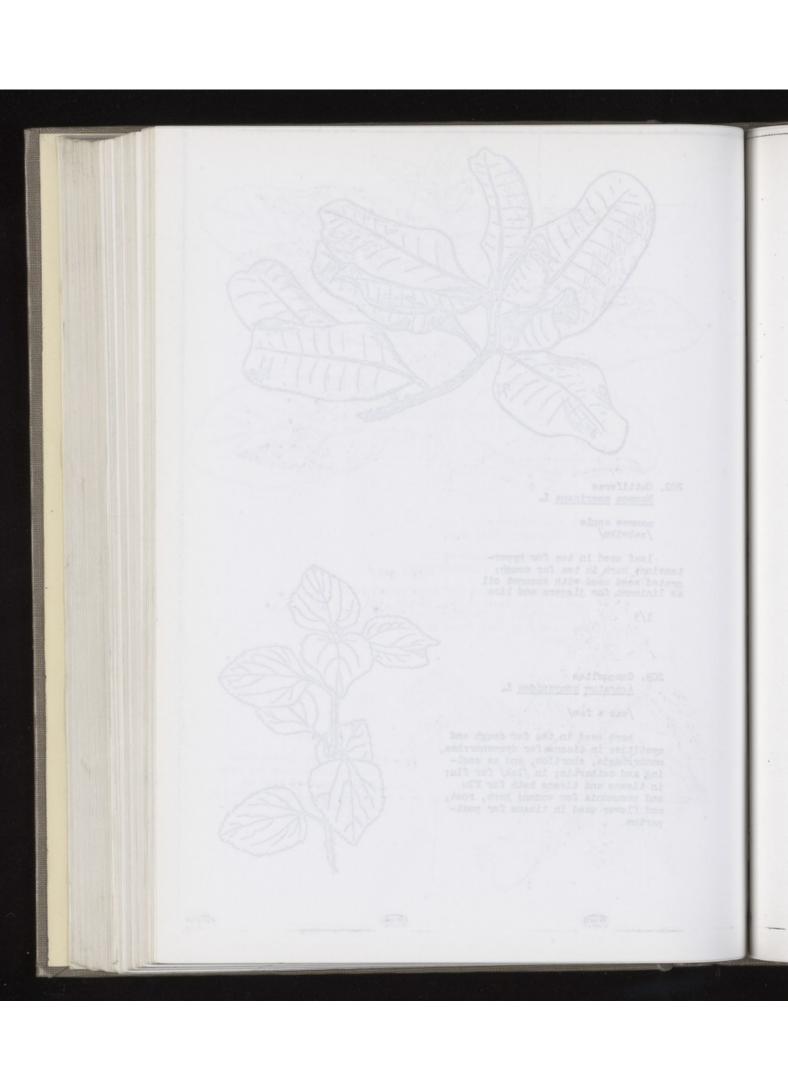
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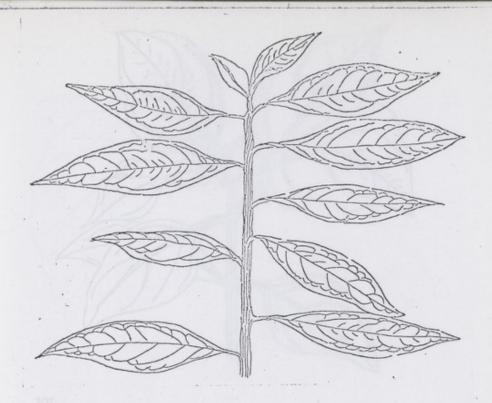
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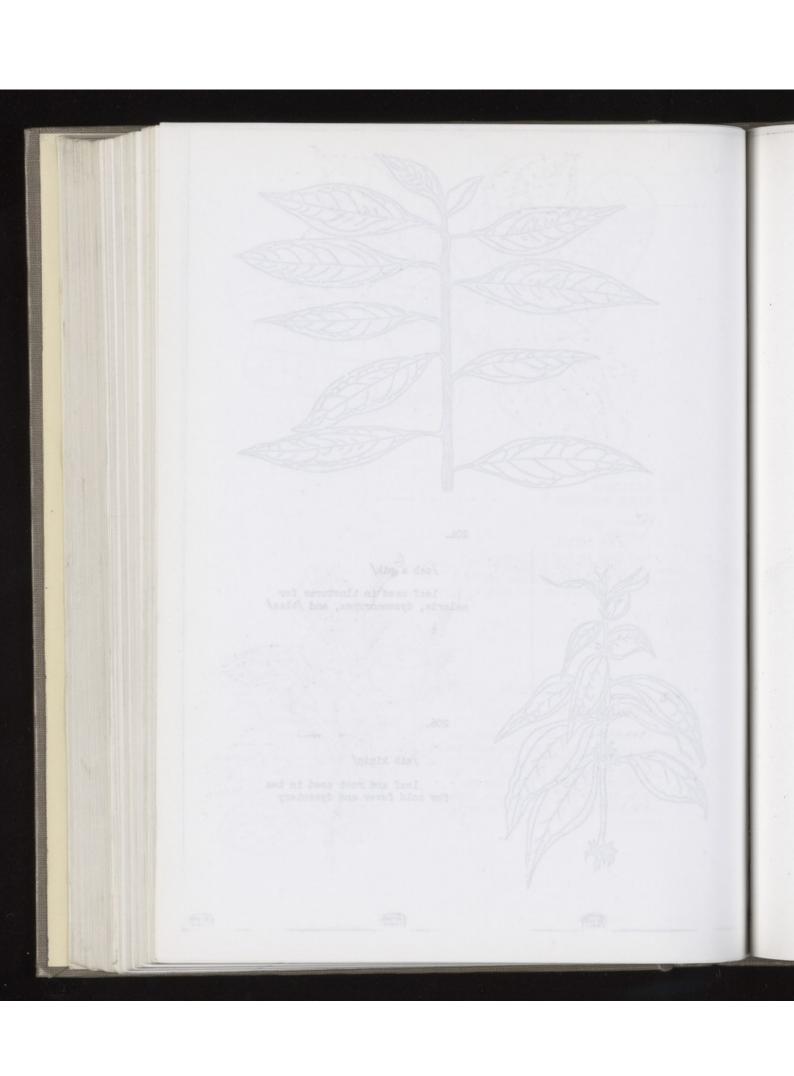
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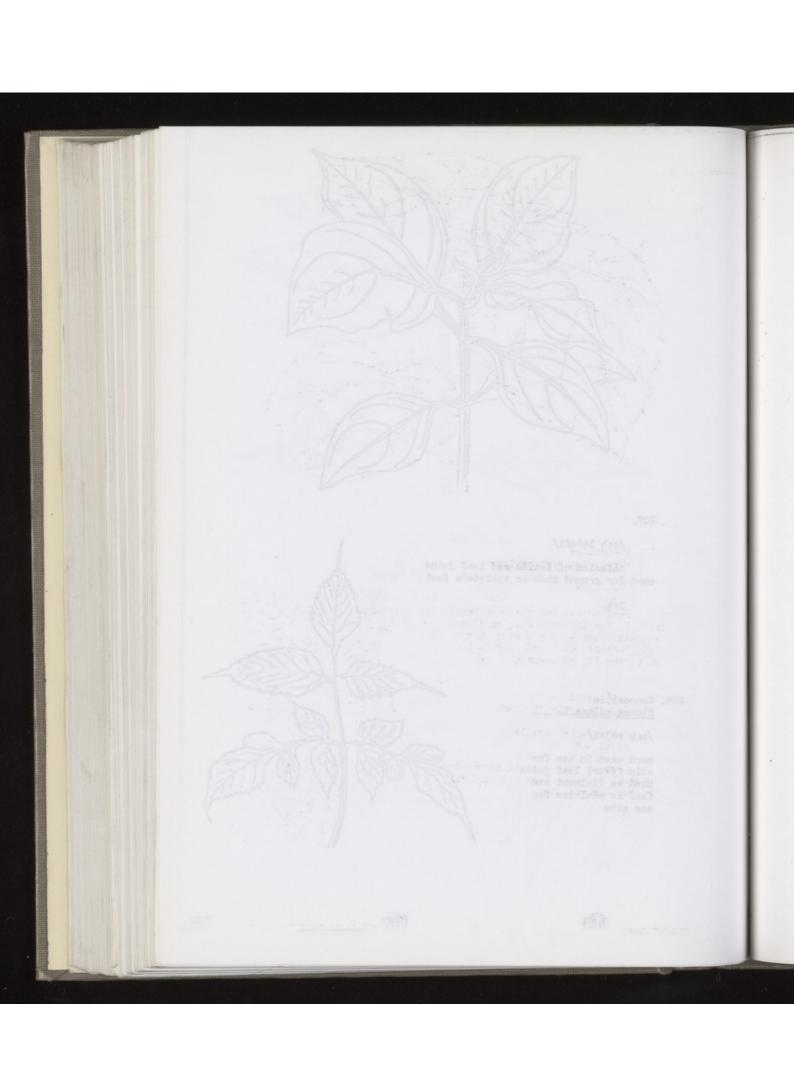
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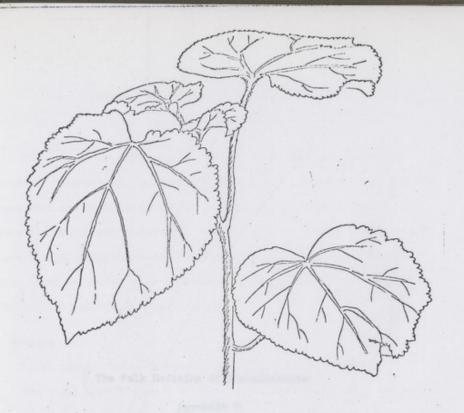


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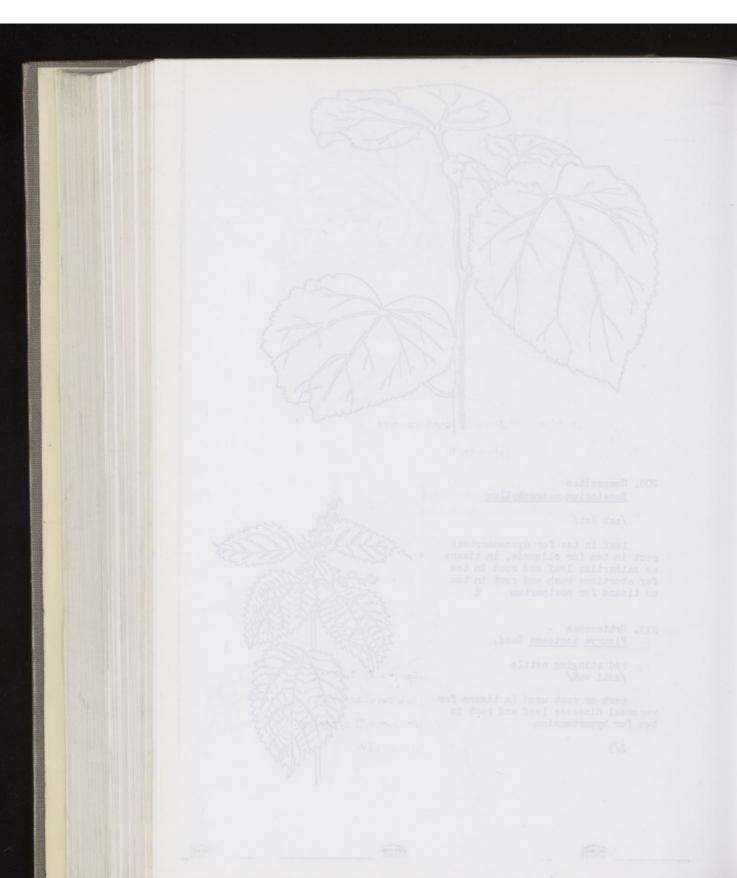
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Disease Categories of Blanchisseuse and Their Remedies

The disease entities are listed here with their corresponding remedies. The majority of these native disease categories have English names that are familiar to us and are recognized currently by Western medicine. Such nomenclature has been retained as headings in this list. Where the local English names are imprecise and unwieldy to use, the Latin label is preferred as a heading. Local names for the diseases in both English and French Creole follow.

I. Abscess

Local names: boil, carbuncle, abscess; button; /lapse/

The local term "abscess" is certainly a vague one, and I was unable to establish certainty as to its pathology. What is evident is that it has two categories. One category is manifested by boils or furuncles, pimples, and carbuncles. Depending on the relative profusion of the lesions, either internal or external remedies are used for therapy. Profuse boils and skin eruptions are said to be due to "dirty blood", so internal remedies such as teas and tisanes are used for cooling, purging, and "cleaning the blood". These particular remedies are listed under the separate heading of Cooling. The external, nonsystemic approach is directed at one or a few isolated boils, and involves breaking the ripe head of the lesion. Hence, these recipes call for topical application of a poultice or other medicament for accomplishing this.

Such recipes are listed here under the heading Abscess.

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to the body. The lesion is internal, and consists of clotted blood, according to some informants, and pus as well, according to others.

Remedies for this type of "abscess" are directed toward "busting" or "melting" the internal lesion, so that the "clot blood" can pass out of the body.

There is no definite data on the classification of this condition in the local "hot-cold" system, but examination of the bushes used for treatment reveal that the condition is most likely a "hot" one. Five of the seven bushes are "cold", while the remaining two are questionable in quality of "hot" or "cold", i.e., /fey muš/ and okra, respectively. Moreover, the generalized condition of pustules over the body necessitates cooling, implying a "hot" illness is being treated.

1. soap sugar brown paper

Mix some sugar with soap flakes. Place the mixture on a piece of brown paper, and apply this over the abscess to "ripen it."

- 2. moco fig leaf soft candle, or sweet oil Pass a young leaf over a flame until it is soft. Then rub it with soft candle or sweet oil. Tie the leaf over the lesion.
 - 3. farine rachette resin

This is a poultice for an unripe boil. Wet about two teaspoons farine and allow it to soak. Grate half a rachette, and mix it with the farine. Then take a small piece of resin, grind it to a powder, and add it to the mixture. Place this over a fire to warm, and mix it.

Remove the mixture from the fire, spread it on a cloth, and place it warm over the boil. Any mixture that remains can be used again to apply over the boil. This will "burst the boil."

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4. jump-up-and-kiss-me lard

This is for a carbuncle. Pound some bush with a little water, and cook it with some lard in a pot or pan. Wash the affected area with warm water, dry, and apply the cooked bush on the carbuncle. This "brings the head to ripen and bust in two days."

5. /fay muš/ soft candle

This is for a boil or carbuncle. Pass one leaf over a flame, pound the central rib flat, and rub either surface with soft candle.

Place against the affected spot. When the leaf dries, replace with a new one prepared in the same manner. This "will draw out inflammation."

- 6. /loyɔ̃ dil/ root lard, or shark oil

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 - 7. okra sweet oil

Fry some okra in olive oil, and apply it to the boil as a poultice.

8. sweet cassava root soap sack cloth

Grate the root, mix with some soap, and place the mixture on a . piece of sack cloth. Apply this to the abscess.

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II. Amenorrhea and Oligomenorrhea

Informants refer to this condition as "women who lose menstruation". The remedies are for loss of periods as well as irregular periods. There is no definite data on the classification of this disease as "hot" or "cold", and no assumption can be made from the types of bush recommended. One informant suggests that this condition results in "women who catch cold and block the passage. Ovaries get inflammed and prevent the flow of blood. This (/do bla/) cools down the inflammation and brings back the flow of blood." /do bla/ is a "cold" bush. However, other recipes call for "hot" bushes alone for treatment.

1. /do bla/

Root up a "tree" (an entire plant), and boil the whole thing for two cups of tea. Drink one cup in the morning, the other in the evening.

2. coconut root (/koko kwayib/) sapodilla root

The coconut root prescribed here is the "red root" of /koko kwayib/ which is "hot", in contrast to the "white root" which is "cold". Tie the coconut roots into nine equal parcels. Take one parcel, pound it, and boil it with six or seven pieces of sapodilla root in one large dup water until one-half cup remains. Drink before bedtime. Repeat daily for the next eight days with the remaining parcels.

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Boil some bush for tea.

4. white-back fern

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5. rayo leaf

Draw one leaf for one dose of tea. This can also be boiled with /veven bo lame/ bush.

6. /kalanda/ root

Boil one root to one cup water. Drink one cup of the tea every day for nine days.

7. /veven bo lame/ flowers (handful) brown paper /do bla/ leaves (3) (palm-size) coconut root (green) puncheon rum

Pound a four-inch long piece of coconut root. Add this with the leaves, flowers, and brown paper to three Cups water in a pot. Boil well to one-half Cup liquid. Allow to cool. Add a little puncheon rum, and take one tablespoon three times a day.

8. double hibiscus

Draw one flower for one dose of tea, and drink every morning.

9. · mountain rose

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III. Asthma

Local names: asthma; /lopwssy5/

There is no agreement on the classification of asthma in the local hot-cold system. One informant explains the condition as "cold takes you inside the pipe. You cannot take your breath. Cold must leave the person." Yet, this same individual recites a recipe and says it works "to cool down the heat." Another informant recommends using both "hot" and "cold" bushes for treatment.

1. papaw fruit

Dry the ripe fruit, grind a piece of it very fine, and place in a cupful of water to drink.

2. cashew nut coffee

Roast the nut until it blazes, then throw it into a cup of hot coffee. Allow to cool, then drink. Do this once a day.

3. Steel Drop puncheon rum

Add three drops of Steel Drop into a flask of puncheon rum, preferably 40 proof. Drink one teaspoon, for a child, or a whiskeyglassful, for an adult, every day.

4. lamp oil honey puncheon rum

Mix these fluids in equal quantities. Drink one tablespoon every morning.

5. cod-liver oil

No specific measurements are given for this medication.

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6. /siriyo/ flower

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- 7. a) /loyɔ̃ dil/ root shark oil
 - b) coffee molasses nutmeg soft candle rum, or puncheon rum round calabash or /boli/
 - c) Saint-John bush

Cut the root in quarters. Take one quarter and boil it in one pint water until one-half the amount remains. Let it sit overnight. In the morning, strain the tea, and add a spoonful of shark oil. Drink.

Repeat daily for two more days. This "throws up the cold."

If asthma continues in severity, take & pound coffee, & bottle molasses, a grated nutmeg, & bottle rum or 1/8 bottle puncheon rum.

Mix all together, and add two soft candles. Pour the mixture into a /boli/ and place it in a hot place, e.g., near an oven or stove, and allow the heat to melt the contents. Take one tablespoon of this mixture every morning and night. If one feels too hot inside, take a bath. If one feels too hot at night, take some leaves of Saint-John bush, squeeze them in a large cupful of water, and drink to cool down the heat. This heat is manifested by "hot buttons" on the back and by itchiness. "Cold must leave" the patient.

- 8. /loyɔ̃ dil/ root shark oil, or olive oil, or sugar
 This is a variant of a) in the above remedy. Boil the root for
 tea. Sweeten well or add a spoonful of shark oil or sweet oil. Take
 either twice a day, three times a day, or "according to how you sick."
 - 9. egg white lamp oil sugar

 Beat well together the whites of three eggs and one-half pound sugar.

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Add 5 ¢ worth of lamp oil, and beat again to a paste. Take one teaspoon three times a day before meals and before retiring.

10. bird pepper leaf

Boil some leaves for tea, and drink morning and evening. This can be administered together with # 9 above.

11. merle corbeau

This is for a child with asthma. Kill the bird on Good Friday, deplume and skin it, and roast it. Give this without salt to the child for him to eat.

12. merle corbeau blood

A more dramatic variation of the above remedy requires shooting the bird (not necessarily on Good Friday), slitting its throat, and drinking one teaspoon of the warm, fresh blood. This should be done every other day.

13. coffee milk

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This is also for a child with asthma. Wild coffee may be substituted for commercial coffee.

The diet should consist of lots of cheese and greens, and avoidance of too much grease in the food. This is "good for young children who have chance for cure."

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IV. Athlete's foot

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There is no data on the classification of this disease entity. Cedar bark and tanya stem are "hot", /fsy wak/ is hot (?), but /zeb le%ofi/ is "cold".

1. /zeb lešofi/ leaf

Take some leaves and pass them over a fire. Rub and mash them in the hands, and then squeeze the juice over the affected areas.

2. /zeb lesofi/ leaf disinfectant feather

Crush some leaves in a pan of water, and wash the affected foot in it. Then apply liquid disinfectant over the affected areas, using a feather as an applicator. Repeat daily until cured.

3. /waku/ leaf (/fsy wak/)

Warm some leaves over a fire. Then roll them into a ball in the hands, and squeeze juice onto the affected area.

4. dasheen stem, or tanya stem

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Warm a piece of the stem over a flame, and squeeze juice over the affected area.

5. cedar bark ashes disinfectant

Take a handful of wood ashes and a four-inch piece of bark, and boil together in a pot of water. Add two drops of disinfectant. Cool the decoction to lukewarm, and then soak the feet. After 25 to 60 minutes of soaking, a slime will form on the feet -- this is the "ground itch". Cure will be effected in two to three days with daily soaking.

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V. Bewitchment

bewitchment, black spell, blight, crookedness, humbug; maldición; /biwič/

This disease category centers around the concept of personal power or "occult force of nature". An informant says that everyone has this force, but in some individuals it is "more developed". Certain individuals may not be conscious of this inner force, and hence cannot or do not use it to their advantage. This power his also equivalent to thope, "confidence," will, lands faither. It is something that flows from the individual source to the object to which the individual is attracted, or which he wants, desires, covets, and wishes to master. As it is used to the individual's advantage, the intentions underlying the use may be good or evil and thus harmful to the object. This power can also act without the conscious intentions of that individual, as in some cases of /maldyo/, but nevertheless the effect on the object is one of domination and harm.

A few examples serve to illustrate local thoughts on this concept.

A person covets a valued possession of another individual and steals it.

As the possession is vital to the well-being or livelihood of that individual, he grieves over its loss. The thief is hence "blighted". The victim, in his grief, essentially wills back the stolen object, and this will or power affects the thief such that ill luck will follow him and he will be forever compelled to steal. If the stolen item were of no value to the victim, however, and he did not grieve over its theft, no blight would stain the thief. This blight or crookedness passes on from generation to generation, as when a blight affects one part of a vine, the whole plant is considered diseased. Both thief and victim have

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their proper rituals and medications to take as a consequence. The thief may take a bath, e.g., a lime bath, to wash away this blight; while the victim takes a bath of patchouly, to bring luck and avoid further misfortune. Another example of this power comes from an informant's personal experience. Once as a boy, he pelted a bunch of mangoes hanging high on a tree for a long time until he was exhausted. He said to himself that the mangoes had to come down. He finally quit pelting, and started to walk away. As he did so, the bunch of mangoes fell to the ground. The stem had a neat slice where it had broken off.

The concept of /maldyo/ or "evil-eye" is discussed separately under its own heading, as there are remedies specifically for it alone. The remedies for bewitchment are here divided into three types, which are based on data from sources from other areas of the Caribbean. We refer to all of these remedies as "charms". They include the various amulets, rituals, baths, and medicaments which

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- b) confer good luck on the individual. They are called chances among the Caribs of Dominica (Taylor).
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/rokšan/ leaf 1.

Bathe in the leaves. This is "to cover you when someone put blight on you. Make you straight."

/rokšan/ leaf Seven Spirits of Vinegar rock salt Red Lavender turpentine

This is an elaboration of the above recipe and is good "if anybody humbug you in a good job." Make a bath of the leaves, and add some rock salt and three drops each of the solutions. Bathe in it. One informant says that the bath should be taken on Good Friday; another says any time is equally effective.

These other bushes may be used by themselves. Bathe in the leaves and rub leaves on the skin.

- 3. pigeon pea leaf
- 5. white physic nut leaf

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- 4. red physic nut leaf
- 6. wonder-of-the-world leaf
- 7. patchouly leaf limes

Cut two limes in half, and use three of the halves. Rub the body with the juice. Then bathe in nine patchouly leaves. "Lime cuts the blight, patchouly brings luck."

Another informant suggests cutting three limes in half. Bathe in the juice of three halves, then face east and throw the remaining halves over one's shoulders toward the west.

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8. prayer fast

In the morning of the day of the fast, eat a ripe fig (banana) and drink water. At 4 p. m. break the fast with a cup of tea. The fast may last one day or three days, according to "how Spirit support you for for fast." The fig gives support to the body, it is pure. No oil is to be consumed.

9. red physic nut leaf (3) white vinegar, or white physic nut leaf (3) Seven Spirits of Vinegar garlic (3 grains)

Add all the ingredients into a bucket of water. Go outdoors early in the morning and bathe. Dry yourself with the hands.

10. rayo bush

This plant is used in the home as decoration, and it "embarrases those who do gymnastics", i.e., those who change their form and shape, such as /sukuyan/, /lajables/, /lugawu/, and /dwen/. These beings are bothered by the presence of the plant in the house. They may ask the host, "Why you keep this here? Get rid of it." They never return.

11. young lime or garlic grain

This is to prevent pick-pocketing. Place this in the pocket with the money one is carrying. This "cuts will-power of pick-pockets. They cannot draw money away at all."

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This last recipe is a "charm" to confer heightened power on the individual:

13. white physic nut branch

At 12 noon on Good Friday, select a branch of white physic nut.

Recite, "I want a stick for any evil that attack me." Chop the branch at two ends to give the desired length of stick. The cut ends of the stick will "bleed" red fluid. The stick will also sprout leaves and flowers without being implanted in the ground. You can "fight any devil with the stick, attack any evil with that. You put stick on them, and you dominate them."

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VI. Bleeding

hemorrhage; fresh cut; external lash

The first three remedies are for minor cuts and lashes and are supposed to stop bleeding completely. The last two are meant for more extensive bleeding. Note that the fifth recipe recommends going to the doctor.

cobweb

Place the cobweb on the cut. It will burn and the bleeding will stop.

2. soot

Place some soot on the cut.

3. aloes

For an external lash, as on the foot, take a leaf and tie over the lesion.

4. · coconut tree bark (/lapo koko/)

Scrape off some coconut tree bark, remove the slime, and place on the cut.

5. mountain rose bark

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The bark has a /maho/ or fiber inside. Remove this and tie it over the cut until one reaches the doctor. Or, hold a piece of the bark in the hand, and the bleeding will stop. "This is God medicine, not man medicine."

VII. /blss/

internal lash, abscess; /bles/

This is the other condition that is called "abscess", but which is ddifferent fin sits setiology from the disease on the disease entity described before (see Abscess). This condition is probably best called here by its local patois name of /bles/. The most commonly mentioned cause of this ailment is a sudden blow to the body resulting from a fall: The lash is internal, and when the blood clots it forms an "abscess". Remedies are intended to "break", "melt", or "cut" the abscess or clot, so that it will pass out of the body via the bowels. One informant explains: that if the inflammation is not cut, a "cancer" forms.

1. aloes egg white white sugar

This is a well-confirmed remedy "to break abscess inside". Wash the aloes leaf, peel it, and scrape the insides into a cup. Add the raw white of an egg and a lump of white sugar. Swizzle properly. Drink the mixture every morning for nine days.

One variation of this is to mix the insides of the aloes with only . milk, and then drink.

According to one informant, this remedy is also good for sore foot, internal pain of any sort, and venereal disease.

2. male papaw root

Pound the root and boil it, or throw boiling water over it to draw. Cool, and place the tea in a bottle. Cork the bottle, tie a string around it, and hang it outside to collect dew. Drink a wineglassful of the tea every morning.

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3. young green papaw young bamboo root salt
Grate a large green papaw and the bamboo root. Mash together and
squeeze out the juice in a cloth. Add salt, and drink.

4. young green papaw white sugar

A modification of the above recipe calls for using only the green fruit. Grate the papaw, add a little water, and strain with a cloth into a glass. Add some sugar, and drink every day for nine days.

One informant specifies adding hot water before straining. Another recommends adding olive oil and rum to the juice before drinking.

5. bamboo root

Wash the root or "stool", and pound it in a mortar with one-half pint water. Strain in a cloth, and drink one-half Cup of the juice.

Take twice a day for nine days. After each drink, one should bathe because the remedy makes one feel "giddy". After the nine days, a purge may be taken, although bamboo root juice is already a purge.

6. /marakiy/ leaf and root

Boil four or five leaves and the root in three-fourths of a large can of water until one-quarter of the amount remains. Strain, and drink a teacupful every morning.

7. /lan baf/ leaf white sugar

Cut a leaf in half, and bury it under some hot ashes to roast.

Remove and place outside overnight to collect dew. Pound the leaf and squeeze out the juice in a cloth. Add some sugar, and drink the juice.

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This is a device that can be obtained in stores in town, but apparently nowadays is not very popular. It is placed in a glass of water, and the infusion is drunk to "melt clot inside, and make you pass it".

9. /mapurit/ root vermouth

Mash the root and place in vermouth to soak. Drink a whiskeyglassful of the tincture as required.

To the above may also be added /sado beni/ root and a piece of /zeb a pik/ leaf.

VIII. Burns

The first two remedies are for contact burns, the third for sunburn.

1. moco fig leaf sweet oil

Pass a young leaf over a flame, and rub sweet oil over the "wrong" side and apply over the burn.

2. balisier fig leaf soft candle, or sweet oil

Do the same as above, and rub leaf with soft candle or sweet oil before applying to burn "to cool it".

3. starch (bitter cassava or arrowroot)

This is for sunburn. Rub the affected areas with the starch.

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IX. Cooling

cooling; /fwe/

These remedies are cathartics. They are probably the most often taken, because they are not only prescribed for specific ailments, as the ones mentioned below, but are also meant to be taken regularly, whether it be daily or weekly. They are also to be drunk before any special occasion. These teas and tisanes "clean the blood" and purify the body. Impurities normally accumulate within the body, and the condition is a "hot" one. Therefore, even if one is not feeling unwell, periodic cooling is looked upon as a good thing, "to make body feel good".

On the other hand, a cooling remedy is good for an ailment which is the result of "bad blood". Among these ailments are venereal disease, yaws, measles, and a variety of skin diseases. The latter include the condition described as "buttons on skin", which is the generealized condition already discussed under "Abscess". "Heated blood" causes boils and abscesses, or "buttons", to appear all over the skin, and so a cooling is intended to purify the blood, "to cool down inflammation, heat, and rush of blood." One informant warns that cooling should not be taken after 6 p. m. (sunset) or at night, except as a tisane.

1. /mayok šapel/ root

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The data provide for two ways for making this cooling tea. One method is to cut off a finger's length of root, and use a knife to string it into shreds. The shreds are placed in a cup, boiling water i is poured into it, and the infusion is permitted to cool. This is to be made fresh everyday, and drunk as water three to four times a day.

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The second method is to chop a one-inch long piece of root into three smaller pieces. Boil them in two bottlefuls of water, cool, and bottle. Drink one tablespoonful in a wineglass twice a day. An informant warns that "too much causes cough".

2. /kas/ pod

Break the pod into six pieces, and boil two in a bottleful of water until one-half bottle remains. Take one teaspoon three times a day. It is "very bitter".

3. . wild coffee root.

Take two separate roots one-inch long, and wash and bound them.

Boil in three-fourths of a large can of water until one-half remains.

Drink one tablespoon three times per day.

4. bamboo root

Dig out the "stool", wash and pound it. Add one-half pint of water, and strain in a cloth to "draw out bitter water". Drink water for nine days, taking one-half Cup daily.

5. /lanibwa/ root

Boil three or four roots in two bottlefuls of water until one bottleful remains. Take one tablespoon three times a day.

/lyen taso/ root

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Take a piece of root about eight inches long -- which should last nine days. Peel off the skin, and chip the root "wood" into two-inch long pieces. Place one in a teapot, pour boiling water into it, and let stand to draw one-half hour. Drink lukewarm as tea, and cooled as water throughout the day. After nine days, take a purge.

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7. /lan bef/ root

Wash the root and cut it into parcels. Put them to boil, and pour the tea into a bottle. Cover, and keep outdoors in the dew until tea is finished. Take a wineglassful every day.

8. /vaz bla/

Boil a whole "tree" in ten bottlefuls of water until half that amount remains. Take two teaspoons twice a day anytime before or after meals.

9. shiny bush

Wash a small bunch of the herb, place in a cup, and pour in boiling water. Cover, and draw for 15 to 20 minutes. Sweeten with sugar.

Drink as water throughout the day.

10. /gwo vsvsn/ bush or leaf

Boil or draw a whole bush or 8 leaves for a dose of tea. Drink cooled for 9 or 15 days.

11. rachette

Grate the cactus, strain in a cloth, and add juice to water to drink.

12. /fimal malome/

Wash a handful of the herb, and drop into a pot filled halfway with boiling water. Boil at least 5 minutes, at most 10. Cool a little, then strain. Drink warm as a tea with milk and sugar, or drink cool as water without sweetening.

13. /kan rivys/ stem

Cut the stem up like cane, and boil for tea. Take a glassful two or three times a day.

14. bachelor-button flower (white)

This cooling is for babies and children. Make an infusion of the white flowers by drawing, and give the tea to drink.

/lyen savonet/ 15.

Take two or three vines measuring about one hand-length. Pound them, place in a cup, add cold water, and drink. Repeat throughout the day.

16. /pye pul/

Take four or five "trees", and strip the bush down to the stem. Wash well, and put to boil in a large rice-pot of water. Reduce to onehalf the amount of water. Or, put to boil with three bottlefuls of water, and reduce to two bottlefuls of tea. Cool, and take two teaspoons twice a day.

17. /kuzž maho/ leaf

This is particularly recommended for cooling after a night of heavy drinking when one is "feeling bad inside". Crush some leaves, and put in cold water to drink. This "cools inside", i.e., the liver is cooled down, after having been "inflammed" from so much alcohol.

Teas made from the following bushes are also good as cooling:

18. Saint-John bush

22. white physic nut leaf

19. sweet broom

23. /mawi guža/ vine

20. wild ground nut bush

24. /veven lace wat/

21. red physic nut leaf 25. /do bl%/ leaf

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26. coconut root /lan bsf/ root

Take four or five pieces of each root and boil in two bottlefuls of water until one-half that amount remains. Drink one teaspoon twice a day.

27. urine bush water grass /ti mawi/

Boil together three leaves of urine bush and a handful of the others in three-fourths of a large can of water until one-half remains, or until two spoonfuls remain. Take this everyday before bedtime.

28. sweet broom root /zsb a fam/ leaf

Boil together one or two sweet broom roots with one leaf of /2&b a fam/ in one or two tups of water. Drink as tea, sweetened with milk or sugar, and warm; or as water, cool and unsweetened.

- 29. wild ground nut bush /kuzɛ̃/ bush
 Boil bushes together for tea.
- 30. minnie root shiny bush water grass

Boil bushes and root together for one whole cup of tea, and drink two or three times a day.

31. /kan rivys/ root wild coffee bush and root
/lag bsf/ root /zsb a fam/ bush and root
/lysn zew5s/ root /lysn taso/ vine
/madi gwa/ root /kas/ pod (small piece)
/pye pul/ root olivier bark (piece)
/zsb šat/ root sassafras (3¢ or 5¢ worth)
fiddle bush root senna (a "dip")
male papaw root epsom salts; glover salts

This formidable recipe is "good for many things...it cleans blood of impurity, cleans the bladder entirely, and roots out venereal disease." It can also be used for yaws, measles, and impetigo.

Boil together all of the above ingredients in enough water to make one or two bottles of tisane. Cool, strain, and bottle. This will "remain months without spoiling". Drink a wineglassful every morning on an empty stomach.

X. Consumption

consumption; /pomonik/

In the present data, only one remedy exists for this disease entity. One informant was surprised to learn that any remedy in the village did exist for consumption, and said that it was presumptuous to think that there would be one for such a disease.

white-back fern salt butter milk

Crush three or four ferns and place in a pot. Pour boiling water over them, and let draw for a few minutes. Take a cup of the tea and sweeten with milk (but no sugar) and one tablespoon of salt butter.

Drink this twice a day, morning and night. The tea "cleans the lungs."

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XI. Cold

Local names for the three stages:

- A. fresh cold; /lawim/
- B. cold, flu; /fwedi/
- C. cold fever; /gwoswim/, /fwedi lafyev/

Under the rubric "Cold" are listed three stages of a disease process which lacks an all-encompassing local term. One makes the diagnosis of any one of the stages according to the signs and symptoms of the ill individual. "Fresh cold" is the first stage in the disease process, and for this diagnosis to be made, the patient must present certain signs and symptoms. "Cold" as a native category refers specifically to the second stage of the process, which itself is characterized by definite symptomatic criteria. The etiological conditions giving rise to this disease process and a native explanation for the existence of both "hot" and "cold" remedies and combinations of these for therapy for each stage of this process are presented in the Discussion section of this paper. Here we list the remedies for each one of the stages.

- A. Remedies for fresh cold or /lawim/
 - 1. /aletu kay/ soft candle

Drink this tea in the evening. Boil a bunch of the herb in a cupful of water, and boil it "strong" until the water turns green. Strain, add a little soft candle rolled into a ball to the tea, and drink lukewarm. This is also good for a cough.

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2. black cotton red cotton black sage avocado hog plum sapodilla

Take three yellow leaves of each, and boil together for one dose of tea. Drink the tea as long as the cold lasts, but his remedy "cuts it in two or three days."

- carpenter bush milk butter soft candle 3. Boil some of the bush for tea, and add a little of the other ingredients after straining.
 - 4. black sage (3 yellow leaves) /sado beni/ bush (one) sapodilla (3 leaves) lemon grass root (pounded)

Draw together the above ingredients in the late afternoon for one cup. Around 5 p. m. when the dew is beginning to settle, go outdoors barefoot and bareheaded, and drink the infusion hot. Then get into bed and cover up; one will "sweat and wet twenty sheets". Do this with any kind of feeling of approaching cold.

Tea from the leaves of other bushes are used for fresh cold: 5. blister bush or /fey muš/ 6. olive bush

B. Remedies for flu or /fwedi/

Tea can be boiled or drawn using the following herbs and leaves:

1. red cotton leaf

6. minnie root

2. /kuz̃ maho/ leaf

7. /mapurit/ leaf

3. water grass

8. / yewi tut/ lesf

4. /mal malome/, or

9. /santa mariya/ bush

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10. white-back fern (1 or 2 for

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13. lemon grass root (5 leaves for one dose)

14. /altamis/ bush 19. /savonet/ leaf

15. sapodilla (2 yellow leaf for 20. /piti dite/ bush

one dose of tea) 21. /kalanda/ root

16. bamboo (one yellow leaf 22. sugar cane trash or straw

for one dose) 23. /dit jaraba/ leaf

17. man-better-man (5 leaves for one dose)

24. black sage leaf white sage leaf

Boil leaves of both together for tea.

25. dry coconut sugar (one pound)

Take a dry coconut, and open the "eye" which is one of the three that will grow. Let the coconut water out, and drain well. Fill the empty coconut with one pound of sugar, and cork the eye. Bury the coconut two feet underground, and let it remain there 21 days. During that time, the sugar will dissolve into a thick syrup, which is "good to drink for cold." Take one teaspoon two or three times a day.

26. /mow3/ milk sugar

Draw a handful of the bush after washing it. Sweeten with pure milk or granulated sugar. This "tastes very nice" and "makes you sweat". The tea can be drunk hot to cool down, or cool for "congested heat".

27. /matray/ leaf

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Boil three or four leaves in a cupful of water until three-fourths is left. Drink the tea in the evening.

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28. wild okro puncheon rum

Patch the okro in the following manner: in a pot over a fire, rub the okro against the bottom with a spoon until the fruit is brown and crispy. Remove it and grind to a powder on a piece of paper. Then put the powder in a bottle with some puncheon rum, and let it soak for one to two days. Then take one drink three times a day before meals -- "as much as you can take, for it's very strong."

29. corn (one ear)

Burn a whole ear of corn until it is coal-black, or patch the corn as described above for wild okro, until it turns black. This is called /mi gwiye/. Grind the corn into a powder on a piece of paper using the bottom of a bottle. Then boil one teaspoonful of the powder. Cool the decoction to lukewarm, strain, and drink one cupful or one to two teaspoons, as desired.

30. limes (two) white rum white sugar

Squeeze the two limes, and to the juice add one teaspoon of rum and a lump of sugar. Take this as one dose of medication. This is for also good, cystitis, the gums and teeth, and pain.

31. pigeon pea leaf salt

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Pound some leaves well and squeeze out the juice with a clean cloth. Add a little salt to the juice, and take one tablespoon every other day over a period of six days.

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32. /lanibwa/ leaf

Crush some leaves in a tubful of water, and bathe. This makes one perspire.

33. /watamal/ seed soft candle puncheon rum

Pound three seeds well, put in a container with 14 oz. of water, add a little soft candle, and boil. After boiling, add a little puncheon rum, and annoint the whole body from head to toe with the decoction. This should cause profuse sweating.

34. castor-oil leaf soft candle

Warm a few of the large leaves over a flame, rub them with soft candle, place them against the skin and cover as much of the body as possible with the leaves. Then wrap a large cloth or sheet around the leaves, thereby enclosing the body, and go to bed. The person should sweat.

35. ground-nut leaf

Crush many leaves in a tubful of water, and bathe.

36. bamboo leaf
bay leaf
black sage leaf
carpenter bush
/gwo vsvsn/ leaf

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Boil plenty of these leaves and bushes in a gallon of water.

Remove one cupful, and put the balance in a tub. Add some warm water

to fill the tub. First, wet the head with cold water, then bathe the

whole body in the decoction. Wipe dry after bathing, and drink warm the

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Combine the above ingredients, and set the mixture afire. While the ashes are still warm, rub them all over the body, especially the joints. Get into bed and cover up. Perspiration will be so copious that two or three garment changes will be needed throughout the night. Keep out of the draft, and do all of this only once.

Afterwards, take a purge -- senna or epsom and glover salts -- and remain indoors for one or two days. After that, do not go out beyond the yard for the following four or five days, or according to how one feels.

37. bamboo leaf

A more simplified version of the above recipe calls for using only leaves of the bamboo. Boil in large quantities enough for a hot bath. Set aside one cup for tea. Bathe as directed above, and drink the tea warm.

38. sweet cassava leaf black sage leaf lemon grass root
This is for an infant. Crush the leaves and root in a small tubful
of cold water, and place the water in the sun until it becomes tepid.
Bathe the baby in this water. Do this for nine mornings, using a fresh
infusion each time.

.We continue our list of remedies for flu by resuming the series of internal remedies, made up mostly of tisanes.

39. carpenter bush /dite peyi/ leaf / yapana/ leaf

white sage seed and leaf lemon grass root /šado beni/ leaf

Boil all together in a pot of water, and drink warm.

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40. sapodilla leaf (yellow) /metrive/ root

Boil the root with two yellow leaves in one-half large can of water until two tablespoonfuls remain. Take this dose twice a day.

41. /yapana/ leaf /santa mariya/ leaf /sado beni/ root sapodilla leaf

Boil together the root and three leaves each of the other plants for tisane.

/dite peyi/ leaf (3) /mstrivs/ root
/dite peyi/ leaf (5-6) rabbit meat (fingerlength)
/f5baz [/ leaf (5) /santa mariya/ (piece of branch)
/japana/ leaf (3) white sage leaf (3-4)

Boil all of these together, and drink warm.

43. /alītu kay/ (small branch) dry /bwa kano/ leaf (piece) blister bush leaf (3-4)

Boil together for one dose. The Drink hot or cooled until the cold passes.

44. bamboo leaf savannah grass
/japana/ leaf sugar cane leaf
/matrap/ leaf tomato leaf

Boil together, and drink warm. One may also prepare enough of this decoction for a bath.

45. black sage leaf (dry) young green papaw (grated)
double hibiscus (6) asafoetida (½ Tsp.)
marigold (6 leaves and flowers) eucalyptus oil (5 drops)
minnie root sugar (½ pound, anykind)

Boil together the plant ingredients and sugar in two pints of water until it thickens. Then add the remaining liquid ingredients. The syrup should be thick, dark, and sweet. For cold, take one tablespoon three times per day (infants one tsp. three times a day) over a three-day period.

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46. hops bread corn cloves

This recipe is specifically for a flu caused by "congested heat". For cooling, mash half a loaf of burned hops bread, add nine grains of corn, and pour boiling water over them, Let draw, cool, and drink the infusion as water throughout the day. When you feel the body becoming cooler, proceed with the following.

Boil nine cloves. Cool, and drink the tea outside in the dew. This is the hot aspect of the therapy.

47. black sage leaf sapodilla leaf lemon grass root

Boil together and drink warm. This is a "hot" medication, and
for flu caused by "congested heat", it should be taken about 8 days
after having taken initial cooling. "Inflammation" must have "cooled
down" before one takes a "hot" medicine. For cooling, this informant
recommends # 30 listed under Cooling.

48. carpenter bush eucalyptus oil licorice leaf honey sugar

Put all of the ingredients to boil in some water. Take as a syrup one teaspoon everyday.

- 49. /mstrivs/ root /kabut/ oats
 Boil together, and drink warm. This is also good for pleurisy.
 - 50. /japana/ leaf /matrag/ leaf (3-4) shiny bush Boil together for one dose. Drink in the evening.
- 51. /siriyo/ leaf (3) double hibiscus (one)

Draw together for one dose. "Comes red as wine." Drink lukewarm, or cooled as water, for 9 days. "Keeps heat down...keeps scratching in throat cool."

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Put one of each of the above ingredients into a wine bottle, add rum to fill, and let sit "to draw strength of roots". Take a wine-glassful twice a day or according to how you feel. When the liquid runs out, add more rum. This "lasts for years". The tincture is also reputed to be good for cough, venereal disease, and as a liniment for scorpion stings and insect bites.

The next few remedies for flu do not call for bushes.

53. puncheon rum

Take one tablespoon morning and evening.

54. brandy pure honey cod-liver oil

Mix together ½ bottle of brandy, ½ bottle of honey, and ½ bottle of cod-liver oil. Drink one teaspoon twice a day. This is also a tonic.

55. carap seed oil

Take one teaspoon per day. It is bitter.

This is a home-made oil and is prepared in the following manner. The seeds are boiled until they are soft. Then they are covered with leaves and left to rot for about three weeks. They are peeled, the contents are removed, ground, and kneaded into a mass. This is placed in the sun on a corrugated metal sheet arranged at a slant, such that the oil dripping from the seeds can flow down in the grooves and be collected. A basketful of seeds can yield two cups of oil in four days.

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56. shark oil

Take one or two tablespoons a day, for an adult. One informant recommends this as good for "all sorts" of illnesses.

The following remedies are especially for "cold in head", characterized by the condition of "flu" and /kata/, or catarrh, which is nasal congestion and mucous secretion that "makes nose smell bad". The remedies are mainly of the external type and are intended to "bring down cold". One informant says that "after smell stops from nose, drink medicine to wash it out", i.e., take a purge to "clean stomach".

57. wonder-of-the-world leaf soft candle

Pass a leaf over a flame until it softens. Rub over with soft candle, and tie over forehead overnight.

58. / yewi tut/ leaf soft candle

Rub two leaves with soft candle, and place on the forehead, one on right, the other on left. This causes perspiration.

59. chive sweet oil

Clean the center of the head of the ill individual. Then fry some chive in pure olive oil, and place this in the center of the head as hot as one can bear it. Then wrap a towel or cloth around the head. Do this every evening for nine days.

60. young tobacco leaves human urine ginger root young /boli/

Dig out the insides of the /boli/, and place the medicinal ingredients inside. Let soak for 7 to 9 days, while inhaling the aroma every day. Then take a purge.

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Soak the spices and the camphor in the rum. Then apply the solution to the center of the head. "Rum used to keep medicine cool. Too many hot things not too good."

62. coconut oil brandy, or rum

Mix together, and pour in the center of the head. Massage the entire head with it. This strengthens the hair roots, and "brings down cold" when the nose is stuffy or stopped up.

The following recipes are for "cold in chest" and are mainly syrups or /lok/. One informant says that a /lok/ is for the lungs, for "building up the lungs".

63. shark oil milk soft candle honey butter

Mix together $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle shark oil, $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle honey, one small tin of milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound butter, and one soft candle. Take by the tablespoonful as desired.

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Boil together 2 or 3 flowers, 1 or 2 sweet orange leaves, a small bush of the others, and a little piece (about l_Z^1 inches long) of spice bark to flavor, in a bottleful of water. Boil until about a pint of liquid remains. Strain, and to the syrup add some sugar and/or a "wee bit" of soft candle or sweet oil. Bottle. Take one teaspoon two or three times per day "as long as you like".

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65. /Yapana/ licorice leaf /santa mariya/ /šado beni/

sapodilla leaf /siriyo/ flower wild senna leaf sugar

Take a handful of each bush and some leaves and flowers, and boil together. Strain, and add enough sugar to the decoction to make a /lok/. Drink by the tablespoonful as desired.

66. Christmas bush flower spice (yellow, <u>C. bacillaris</u>) sugar soft candle, or sweet oil

Boil a handful of flowers of each. After boiling, add enough sugar to make a sweet syrup, then boil again. Add one quarter of a soft candle, or some sweet oil, mix, and then add spice to flavor. Drink by the teaspoonful three times a day, or morning and evening.

67. wild okro leaf sweet oil white sugar

Pound some leaves and draw. Strain, and add one teaspoon sweet oil and some white sugar. Take by the teaspoonful as desired.

68. shiny bush

This is for an infant with "cold in chest". Boil some bush for tea.

69. bay leaf salt

Boil some bay leaves. The tea will be red as wine. Soak a kerchief in cold water, and tie around the head. Add some salt to the tea, and sit down and place the feet in it. This is to "bring down cold".

70. shark oil coffee

Add one teaspoon oil to one cup strong coffee. Mix, and drink. Do this every day for nine days.

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71. double hibiscus sugar

Boil two flowers in a small pot of water. Then add lots of sugar, as much as to make a syrup. Drink one teaspoon as desired.

72. /aletu kay/ /siriyo/ blossoms
double hibiscus sugar
licorice leaves soft candle, or sweet oil
red cotton leaf (one)

Boil all together in a pot of water. Strain, then boil again in another pot of water. Add a little sweet oil or soft candle and lots of sugar of any type to the combined potfuls of the decoction. Take one teaspoon three times a day.

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- Christmas bush, /kluset/ leaf sugar, or salt
 Pound some leaves in a clean cloth, and squeeze to strain out the juice. Add sugar or salt. Drink three times per day.
 - 2. dry /bwa kano/ leaf

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Boil a few dried leaves. Add sugar to the tea, and drink hot.

This "makes one sweat". A few informants recommend that dried leaves that have recently fallen from the tree be used instead of those leaves that have lain in the sun and become shriveled and tightly curled.

The dried leaves should thus be flexible and not brittle.

lemon grass root Cafenol tablets

Boil a root, and drink the tea hot with two Cafenol tablets in a closed room. Get into bed and cover up. There will be profuse sweating. The informant recommends that this be used in conjunction with recipe number 24.

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4. red cotton leaf

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Boil two leaves in one pint of water, and drink hot with two Cafenol tablets. This gives "double strength". Drink one cup in the morning and another in the afternoon. If fever persists the next day, repeat the remedy. If it persists still another day, "you know you have cold...Take something else."

5. /dite peyi/

This is for infants. Boil some leaves, and give to drink as tea. This tea "draws out water".

6. /fimal malome/

Boil a handful of this bush in one-half potful of water. Throw the bush into the boiling water and let boil 5 minutes, at most 10. Then let cool, strain, and drink as water throughout the day. Or, drink warm as tea, and sweeten with milk and sugar.

7. black sage leaf

Boil 3 or 5 leaves for one dose. Take one cup of tea every day for five days.

8. /Sandilye/ leaf

Boil a few leaves for tea.

9. /šandilye/ flower puncheon rum

Take one-half of the prickly flower, and soak it in the rum for one day. Drink one tablespoon of the tincture three times a day.

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10. white sage leaf

Boil some leaves for tea. According to a few informants, this is a "master" tea for fever, for it "give relief altogether in shortest length time".

- ll. /siriyo/ flower and/or leaf
 Boil separately or together for tea.
 - 12. /zeb zeywi/Boil some of the bush for tea.
 - 13. white-back fern

Boil two or three fronds in $\frac{1}{2}$ large canful of water until two tablespoonfuls are left. Take this daily.

14. /santa mariya/

Put some bush in a pot, and throw boiling water over it. Let draw for a few minutes. Strain and drink.

15. man-better-man

Take a bunch of this bush and pour boiling water over it into a cup. Let steep for a few minutes. Drink.

16. /mstrivs/ root

Boil a root for one dose of tea. Do this daily for nine days.

17. caimite leaf

Boil some leaves for tea.

18. /do bla/ leaf

Bathe in the leaves for fever.

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19. / yewi tut/ leaf

Boil 2 or 3 leaves per cup of water for one dose of tea. Drink twice a day.

20. /mow5/

Boil a handful of this bush, and drink $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful of tea every morning. "Nice bush, it sweet."

21. /refiyap/ root

Wash, scrape, and pound the root. Put it in water to drink, or boil it for tea.

22. /zeb kinin/ leaf and root

Boil 4 or 5 leaves and a piece of root in water for one dose of tea.

23. carpenter bush prayer

Boil a handful of bush for tea, and drink while praying

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail, Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope,
To Thee do we cry, poor banished childrens of Eve,
To Thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning, and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn them, most Gracious Advocate, Thing weep of Mercy towards us,
And after this, our exile,
Show unto us the blessed fruit of Thy womb Jesus.

O [p-sa'-lp-ment], Dear Jesus,
Let we shall be with You,
With Your blessing [p-sa'-lp-ment] [ment]
With Your blessing, peace.
O My Dear Sweet Jesus,
Let we shall be with You,
With Your blessings, unity.
O My Dear Sweet Jesus,
Sweet Blessed Virgin Mary,
Let we shall be with You,
With Your blessing, virginity, glory,
For Jesus Christ sake.

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Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made wholeworthy Of these promises of Christ.

24. nutmeg (one) soft candle (one) bay rum

Grate the nutmeg, and mix it with the soft candle. Add about two teaspoons of bay rum, and place on a plate. Light the mixture with a match, and let it burn. When the flame dies, rub the ashes on the forehead, neck, shoulders, chest, and soles of the feet. Place the remaining ash on brown paper and apply it to the forehead and soles. Put on socks, and get into bed immediately and cover up. There should be profuse sweating.

25. black sage (yellow leaf) sapodilla (yellow leaf) bay leaf

Boil some leaves together for one dose.

- 26. wild tobacco leaf, or /sijin bo lame/ leaf
 Warm a leaf over a fire, and place it over the forehead.
- 27. bay rum coffee

Take together as one dose one tablespoon rum with slightly less than one tablespoon of coffee. Coffee can be instant, like Nescafé.

28. /kabut/ rayo flower

Boil plenty of the grass with one flower in a large canful of water until about one teaspoonful remains. Take this twice a day.

29. / Japana/ leaf / Jewi tut/

Boil together 2 or 3 / Japana/ leaves and / Jewi tut/ bush. Drink the decoction cooled and brackish.

30. /altu kay/ white sage leaf sugar, or salt licorice soft candle

Boil together 4 white sage leaves, 2 or 3 stems of licorice, and a large bush of /alɛ̃tu kay/. Add a small piece of soft candle rolled in a ball to the hot decoction, and serve with sugar or salt.

31. /top a top/ leaf /zeb bič/ leaf
Boil leaves together for tea.

32. lemon grass root /šado beni/ root sugar

Wash the roots, pound them, and boil with a little sugar for one cup of tea. Drink lukewarm in the evening, barehead in the open air.
"Make you sweat." Repeat daily for nine days.

33. /altamis/ /matram/ /japana/ /sado beni/ root

Take 3 or 4 bushes of /altamis/ and a handful of the others.

Boil together with the root in 2 bottlefuls of water until one bottleful remains. Take one tablespoon three times a day. This is also good for yellow fever and as a purge.

34. lime (½) white physic nut leaf (one)
/dite peyi/ red cotton leaves (one young, one
/kuzɛ̃/ leaves (5) mature green, one yellow)
wild margaret sugar

Boil the lime, leaves, and other bush together in enough water for 20 minutes or until one cupful of tisane remains. Add very little and sugar, and drink lukewarm.

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Boil some leaves for tea morning and evening, and drink two or three tablespoons each time.

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cloves (3 grains) white sage leaves (5)
lemon grass root (piece) rum
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Draw together, strain, and add a little salt and two drops of rum.

Drink outdoors, e.g., in the porch and exposed to air, then get into
bed and cover up. "Person wet already."

37. guinea pepper grains coffee black pepper grains shark oil

Boil nine grains of guinea pepper and nine grains of black pepper together in coffee. After boiling, let stand to allow the grains to settle. Then add one teaspoon shark oil. Drink, and get into bed and cover up. "Makes you vomit out blood. Gets rid of blood that has clotted after one is hot and then become chilled. Vomiting brings out the blood...wakes it up."

XII. Constipation

The villagers refer to the remedies listed here as "purges".

Examining the data on their use, we notice that the category "purge" embraces two subcategories, laxative and cathartic. As a laxative, a purge works to relieve constipation. One informant advises taking a purge twice a week at most, or according to how one is constipated.

As a cathartic, however, a purge is to be taken following a nine-week therapy of tisane for any illness. The most popular of this type are the salts and senna leaves and pods, all of which are obtainable at any store. The other purges presented here are used as laxatives.

1. sea water sour lemons

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Fill a bottle with sea water. Then squeeze two or three sour lemons, and add the juice to the bottled water. Leave the bottle out

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in the dew. Take one tablespoon of this every morning for nine days.

2. /sstrolog/ leaf (1) male papaw root wild coffee root minnie root

Boil the above ingredients together in two bottlefuls of water until one-half bottle remains. Take one teaspoon three times a day.

The informant cautions that /ɛstrɔlɔg/ is a "powerful bush", and drinking too much or too concentrated a tisane causes vomiting.

3. /altamis/(3-4 bushes) /matram/leaf(handful) /yapana/(handful) /sado beni/root

Boil the ingredients together in two bottlefuls of water until one bottleful remains. Take one tablespoon three times a day.

4. mauby bark epsom salts

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Boil the bark. Put the tea in a bottle with some salts, and let sit from four to seven days. Then take one-half wineglassful as desired. This is also good as a "restorative" for women (see Impotence).

- 5. wild senna leaf and young flower

 Boil some leaves separately for tea, or the leaves and flowers
 together.
- 6. senna leaves and pods

 These are obtainable commercially dried, and are made into tea
 in amounts as desired.
- 7. epsom salts and glover salts

 These are very popular purges, and can be used alone or in combination with teas and tisanes.

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XIII. Cough

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An informant describes this condition as "inflammation in throat" and "cold coming out". Therefore, "use something hot to pull out cold." Indeed, the bushes that are good for cough and for which there is agreement as to classification are all "hot". However, there is an equal number of bushes for cough for which there is disagreement as to classification. At any rate, none of the recommended bushes are unequivocally "cold". The remedies are intended for the "ordinary cough", whether it be dry and unproductive, or with wheezing and sputum. There are also two remedies for other types of cough, whooping cough and "cough from smoking".

1. /alžtu kay/

Take a handful of this bush and a small tinful of water. Boil the bush in the evening for tea, and drink one cup lukewarm. This is good of or both "ordinary cough" with wheezing and phlegm and for whooping cough.

2. /siriyo/ flower and leaf

This is for children. Boil some flowers and/or leaves for tea.

3. mountain rose flower

Boil one flower in three-fourths of a large canful of water until one-half canful remains. Take two tablespoons twice a day.

4. mammee apple bark

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Boil a two-inch piece of bark in three-fourths of a large canful of water until one-half canful is left. Take one tablespoon twice a day.

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The following leaves and bushes are also good for cough: as teas:

5. dry /bwa kano/ leaf

7. /zeb a fam/

6. carpenter bush

8. licorice bush /siriyo/ leaf as

/gwo veven/ leaf

Boil the leaves and bush together for cough.

9. licorice bush

red cotton leaf

For one dose, boil together three red cotton leaves and a handful of licorice bush. The water will turn black. Cool, and sweeten with a little sugar. Drink one dose per day. If cough is "strong", drink twice a day. This "cuts away cough".

10. black sage leaf (yellow) dry/bwa kano/ leaf (piece)

sapodilla leaf (yellow)

Boil together three leaves of each kind and the piece of dry /bwa kano/ leaf for one dose. Drink as long as one has the cough.

11. Christmas bush or /kluset/ flower sugar double hibiscus flower cashew flower (white)

Boil some flowers together. The water will turn red. Add sugar to make a syrup, and drink as a /lok/.

12. Christmas bush or /kluset/ flower coconut flower double hibiscus flower

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wild coffee flower dark brown sugar

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Boil "as many flowers as you can take" in three bottlefuls of water until two bottlefuls are left. Remove flowers and strain. Then add l_Z^1 pounds of dark brown sugar and boil again to a syrup. Bottle. Take one-half tablespoon two or three times a day.

13. brandy pure honey cod-liver oil

Mix together $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle of brandy, $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle pure honey, and $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle cod-liver oil. Drink one teaspoon twice a day. This is also good for the flu and as a tonic.

There is one recipe for "cough from smoking":

14. /alatu kay/

Boil some bush for tea, and drink one cup before bedtime. The informant says that "heat from cigarette causes illness, and you use cooling for that." Although all other informants agree that /alɛ̃tu kay/is a "hot" bush, this particular informant says it is both "hot" and "cold".

Along with recipe #1, this is recommended for whooping cough:

15. obi seed Red Lavender sugar lamp oil soft candle

Grate one seed, and boil in water with some sugar. When the syrup? is nearly done, over a slow fire add to it one-half of a soft-candle, 5 ¢ worth of lamp oil, and a little Red Lavender. Take by the spoonful as desired.

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XIV. Cystitis

inflammation of bladder; /eflamasy5 a blag/

This condition is such as to necessitate "cooling" and "cleaning". A sign of this ailment is "dregs in urine". The bladder "needs cleaning", and the remedies are aimed at washing the bladder. However, the focus of action is not the target-organ, but the blood. One informant says that a particular tea "is to clean your blood, wash the bladder." Hence, inflammation of bladder is another one of those conditions that comes from "dirty blood,", and cooling medicines or "blood purifiers" and cathartics are the basis of therapy. These particular remedies, however, are given primarily for cystitis, rather than for "cooling".

Teas made from the following are good to be taken by the cupful each morning:

- 1. /kuzš/ leaves
- 3. /zeb a fam/ bush
- 2. /pye pul/ root
- 4. /ti mawi/ root

Boil three or four roots strong for tea. This is "very bitter, has bad taste, it stink." Take one teaspoon every morning or evening.

5. /kuz³/ leaf /pye pul/ root /ti mawi/ root water grass

Boil together the roots, some leaves, and the bush for one dose, and drink one cup four times per day.

6. limes (2)

white rum

white sugar

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Squeeze the two limes in a glass, and to the juice add one teaspoon rum and a lump of sugar. Drink for one dose. This is also good for flu, the teeth and gums, and for pain.

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XV. Debility

The remedies for this condition are tonics. A tonic is taken when one feels "weak and run-down". It is to "build you up".

1. egg white milk butter cod-liver oil brandy

To the white of one egg, add one teaspoon each of pure olive oil, pure butter, cod-liver oil, milk, and two teaspoons brandy. Mix. Take by the spoonful every morning for nine days.

2. brandy pure honey cod-liver oil

Mix together 2 bottle of brandy, 2 bottle pure honey, and 2 bottle cod-liver oil. Drink one teaspoon twice a day. This is also good for the flu and cough.

XVI. Dog bite

dog bite; /modi šỹe/

1. lime

Find a lime tree. Slice a lime (green or ripe) in half, leave one half on the tree, and use the other half to rub the bite.

2. dog hair

There is a local saying: /pwsl šyš pu jewi modi šyš/. Catch the dog that bit you, cut some hair from its coat, burn it, and apply it on the bite, tying it down with a bandage.

XVII. Diabetes

diabetes; /pisa du/

This is the first ailment we have come across so far in which taste is significant in remedial treatment. Two very popular bushes for this condition are carilie and /twsf/, which are very bitter as teas; even the carilie fruit is bitter. "Anything bitter is good for blood, like diabetes," says one informant; "carilie purifies the blood." Another informant, in reference to a tincture of /twsf/, says that the remedy is to "cool it down", not to cure the illness. Still another informant says that diabetes is from a cold, so that one should use both "hot" and "cold" bushes for treatment. The data indicate that both qualities of bush are indeed used in the remedies for diabetes. Traditional diagnosis depended on tasting the urine of the ill individual for sweetness. and observing an his abnormal increase in appetite and thirst.

Another sign of diabetes was the appearance of ants around the urine or urine stains.

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1. periwinkle leaf and flower (white)

The leaves and flowers of the white variety of periwinkle are prescribed. One recipe calls for boiling seven leaves in a pot of water for one dose of tea.

A second recipe calls for drawing a piece of bush, about "three joints" long, and three white flowers together. Drink day or night for nine days.

2. carilie vine

Boil a handful of this bush, or an arm's length of vine, in a cup of water for one dose of tea. "This very bitter, so do not use too much."

10. periwinkle root whiskey

Use the root of the white flower variety. Mash and pound it, and place it in a wide-mouth bottle. Add bottle of whiskey, and let soak from 3 to 5 days, upwards to 9 days. Sip half a wineglassful of the solution twice a day before breakfast and supper.

11. earth

Dig six inches into the ground, and at that depth, take one tablespoon of dirt. Tie in a piece of cloth, and put to boil. Cool, and pour the water in a bottle. Drink anytime when thirsty. "We came from the dirt."

12. /šado beni/ sweet broom

Boil together three bushes of each, and drink the tea before breakfast in the sunlight. Repeat for nine days.

13. periwinkle leaf and flower /twef/ leaf

Boil together seven white flowers and 21 leaves of periwinkle with one /twef/ leaf. Make a strong tea, and do this every day for nine days. One may also drink this as water throughout the day by taking it cool and diluted with water.

A note on the diabetic diet: Avoid excess starches, as rice, cassava, etc. When hungry, boil a whole green fig (banana) with its skin, peel, and eat. With this, one may also eat the large carilie fruit fried in oil, and served with a little rice.

14. carilie fruit

Rather than eat the fruit, one may make a tea with it. Grate a large, green fruit. Add to it a little water and salt, and let the

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3. sweet broom

Take nine branches of very young sweet broom, before it has flowered. Draw them for one dose of tea every day for nine days.

4. barbadine leaf

Boil some leaves for tea.

5. white stinging nettle root

Boil three roots in three-fourths of a large can of water. Drink two spoonfuls morning and night.

To gather the root, hold the bush with a double thick wire with one hand, and uproot with a cutlass. Place the bush in a thick cloth to hold it, and scrape off the /pik/ or hairs with a piece of wood. The bush itself is now ready for use. Chop off the root for the tea.

6. ruku root

Draw a piece of root, and drink tea "for a long time".

7. olivier bark puncheon rum

Cut two pieces of bark about six inches long, and place green in puncheon rum. Take a spoonful of the tincture twice a day.

8. /twef/ leaf puncheon rum

Roll three leaves in the hands, and place in a bottle of puncheon rum. Take a whiskey-glassful every day in the morning or at bedtime. This is very bitter.

9. carilie leaf white head broom leaf
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fruit saturate for a length of time. Squeeze in a gauze, and drink the juice. Do this every morning. "It bitter, gives you an appetite."

Also, it "keeps bowel free."

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15. black sage leaf
carilie leaf
Christmas bush or /klusst/ flower

Put a large quantity of leaves and flowers in a large pot with enough water to boil strong. Make one to two wine bottlefuls of decoction. Take one tablespoon twice a day, morning and evening.

XVIII. Diarrhea

diarrhea; /wilašma/

Informants describe this condition as "heat in belly", "belly sickness", "belly overworking", "belly operating you", and the remedies are "to cut this, make it stop." They must be "binding and tightening to the bowel" and "must be soothing to bowels, and therefore not too hot." "Hot" and "cold" bushes in nearly equal numbers are given for this ailment.

- 1. /korosiy/ root
- Boil root for tea.
- 2. rachette

Roast a cactus over the fire, split in two, and tie over the affected area.

/ž5bwsn/ bush and root
 Boil the whole bush and root for tea.

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4. seaside grape bark

Take two pieces of bark from the west and east faces of the trunk. Boil in one-half of a large can of water. The tea will be red. Take two tablespoons twice a day.

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5. hog plum leaf

Boil some leaves for tea.

6. flour

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Mix a spoonful of flour with a cupful of water. Swizzle and drink.

7. cashew bark guava leaf sweet broom

Boil a few leaves, a small piece of bark, and a small branch of sweet broom together, and drink.

guava leaf (young) sapodilla leaf (young)
mango leaf (young)

Boil the young leaves together, strain, and add a little sugar. Drink when cool.

9. cashew leaf guava leaf

Boil two leaves of each kind for one dose.

- 10. avocado bark cashew bark guava bark

 Boil together one-inch long pieces of bark with the "skin", and
 - ll. guava leaf (young, 3-4) wild mint shining bush milk

This is for babies with diarrhea. Boil enough for two ounces for one feeding, and add a little milk. Give this according to the baby's diet in place of milk.

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12. almond leaf (one) red physic nut leaves avocado leaves (dried) white physic nut leaves

Boil together, add a little sugar, and drink about one-half cup lukewarm anytime of the day. Also, drink this cooled as water.

13. guava bark sapodilla bark

Boil one-inch long pieces of each kind to one cup water. Drink one or two times per day, or according to "how it work".

XIX. Dysentery

dysentery, pronounced [sen-čri] ; /desatwi/

An informant describes this condition as manifested by a watery, yellow or brown stools with a little blood. The passage of blood in the stool is recognized by all informants. "Medicines to cut this, make it stop," says one informant. Another says that a proper remedy "bind you inside and make you normal." Moreover, he deems it wise to contact a doctor. Four of the bushes recommended for this condition are "hot"; the remainder lack an agreed-upon classification.

1. fat pork bark or root

Collect the bark from the west and north sides of the tree. Boil two pieces of bark about two inches long in one-half of a large can of water until three tablespoons remain. Take this daily. One may also boil the root in a similar manner.

2. /zeb kinin/ leaf and root

Boil four or five leaves and a piece of root in water for one dose.

This is also good for fever.

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wild mint leaf salt

Boil some leaves. Pound them in a piece of clean cloth, and squeeze out the juice into a cup. Add a little salt. Give one teaspoon to a child, or one-half teaspoon to an infant.

4. arrowroot sugar

Grate the root, strain it, and remove the juice. Add a little sugar and drink.

5. /refiyao/ root

Scrape and pound the root, and put in a cup of water to drink. The or, pound the root and boil it for tea. This is also good for fever.

6. carilie vine

Take a handful of the bush, and boil to drink warm as tea two or three times per day.

7. /fey koway/

Boil one leaf for an adult, & for a child, to make one cup of tea.

8. cashew bark guava leaf (young leaf or bud) guava bark guava fruit (young)

Boil all together for one dose.

9. cashew bark guava bark or /veven bo lame/ bush young guava leaves and flower

Boil or draw all together, and drink three times a day until the condition stops. It is "rakish". This informant recommends contacting a doctor.

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XX. Dysmenorrhea

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Informants refer to this ailment as "belly pain", "womb pain",
"gripes with period", and "womb inflammation". A village woman attributes the condition to the ovaries' being "out of place". "Tubes get
inflammed and swollen." Her particular remedy, # 13, "draws out inflammation." For this condition there are as many "hot" and "cold"
bushes as there are those without an agreed-upon classification.

1. /zeb šat/

Boil some bush for tea.

2. sweet broom root

Boil root for tea. This is also good as cooling.

3. carilie vine

Take a small bunch of vine and leaves, and draw for tea.

4. /reydemat/ root

Draw the root, and drink the tea. It is very bitter.

5. hog plum leaf

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Boil some leaves to make a tea, and use lukewarm as a douche.

"Takes out inflammation from the womb." This is also good for sores,
sore throat, and thrush.

6. wild margaret /zeb a fam/

Boil the bushes together, and drink lukewarm.

7. /twef/ leaf /zeb a fam/

Boil a /twef/ leaf and /zeb a fam/ bush together for one dose.

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8. rose (white) limes

Select a white rose, draw it, and drink the tea with the juice of three limes. Do this for three days.

9. /aletu kay/ wild coffee //dite peyi/

Boil the bushes together, and drink lukewarm.

10. /mapurit/ root vermouth /zeb a pik/ leaf

Pound a handful of root, and together with three /zeb a pik/ leaves, soak for two days in a bottle of vermouth. Take a wineglassful every night before bedtime.

11. coconut fiber /26b a fam/
corn silk clove
corn stick (cob) nutmeg

Boil all together in three-fourths of a large can of water. Drink lukewarm.

12. wonder-of-the-world leaf soft candle

Rub a few leaves with soft candle, and strap the leaves to the
afflicted area.

13. castor-oil leaf (young) sweet oil thread

Take a young castor-oil leaf, roll and mash it in the hands. Rub it with sweet oil. Then fold it up and tie double with thread. Plug the vagina with the leaf, and let the loose end of the thread hang out. This "draws out inflammation." The "humor" or "cold" will "cover the leaf". Apply fresh every morning for two or three days.

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XXI. Infantile Dyspnoea

This is a pediatric ailment that is described as "difficulty breathing" and "hard breathing".

1. lamp oil milk

Mix both together and give to drink. The infant will bring up froth.

2. wild mint puncheon rum

Pound a little mint, add a little puncheon rum, and apply to the infant's chest. This is good for "hard breathing" and "any sickness".

XXII. Earachee

1. wonder-of-the-world leaf cotton

Heat a leaf over a fire, and squeeze the juice on a piece of cotton, and stuff the affected ear with it. Or, roll the heated leaf in the hands, squeeze the juice in the ear, and stuff the ear with a piece of cotton.

2. /zeb zejwi/ leaf

Pass some leaves in a fire, rub in the hands, and squeeze the juice in the ears. Then use some of the crushed leaves to stuff the affected ears.

/kaŋkanapiri/ leaves

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Pass some leaves in a fire, and squeeze the juice into the affected ear. Then stuff the ear with the leaves.

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XXIII. Eczema

eczema

This is one of the skin diseases that is caused by "dirty" blood.

However, two of the remedies are for internal consumption, and the other two are external remedies. This duality of treatment is like that for abscess, as we have already seen. The internal remedies are intended to "pass in blood and dries it (the eczema)." The external remedies are probably used when the disease is localized and not widespread. There is no statement in the data on which mode of treatment is more effective. The first three recipes are intended primarily for children.

1. sea water sour lemons molasses

Mix together one bottle each of sea water and molasses, and add the juice of two sour lemons. Place in the dew, and every morning shake the mixture, and give one wineglassful to the child, or the amount according to his age.

2. /gwo veven/ leaf sweet oil

Pound some leaves and squeeze them in a clean cloth to remove the juice. Add one teaspoon sweet oil, and give to the child to drink.

3. sweet broom

This is for a type of eczema that is characterized by boils on the child's skin. Mash one or two large bushes in a small tub of water, and place it in the sun to heat up. When the water is hot, let it cool a little, and bathe the child in it.

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Mix the ingredients together and rub it on the affected areas.

This is also good for /lota/ or vitiligo.

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XXIV. Erysipelas

rosefoot; /rezipal/

Four informants state independently that this is a "cold" disease, one says that it is both "hot" and "cold". There is "cold and blood" in the foot; the foot "swells red and big". The ailment starts as an "aigue" in the entire leg, with "swollen gland and veins". The skin becomes pink, and when one walks, the affected leg begins to swell. All of the remedies are for external use, and they "bring down the water." One informant says that it is "good to keep foot warm...All cold from the foot, which is worse."

1. crapaud or /kwapo/

Catch a live crapaud, hold it by its legs, and rub its abdomen over the affected area. Then tie the animal to a tree, and leave it there until it dies, whereupon the rosefoot will get better.

yellow lime silk cotton leaf

Cut the lime and place it in a pot of water. Add some silk cotton leaves, and put to boil. Wash foot with the decoction. Then apply the boiled leaves on the affected part as a poultice.

3. silk cotton leaf soft candle, or Canadian Healing Oil

Boil 5, 7, or 9 leaves in a pot of water. Cool to lukewarm, remove the leaves, and wash the affected foot well with the tea. Let the foot dry "for itself" in the air. Then mix some salt and soft candle, and rub the affected area with the mixture; or, use Canadian Healing Oil. For the latter purpose, dip a feather in the oil, and pass the feather over the affected area. Tap the leaves dry with a cloth, spread them

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over the area, and bind with a cloth. Leave this so overnight, and remove the leaves in the morning. Do this for three evenings.

- 4. frangipani leaf silk cotton leaf
 Boil some leaves together, and wash the feet with the decoction.
- 5. /matapel/ leaf red butter human urine

The urine can come from any source. Soak nine leaves in it for one day. Remove the leaves, squeeze them, and mash them up well by hand. Put them back in the same urine, and soak for one more day. Use this solution, with the leaves, to wash the affected foot three times per day for nine days. After each washing, air dry. Then apply melted red butter on the area "to keep it from going up...up to the chest and kill you." Rub the entire leg from thigh to foot. Also, eat a teaspoonful of red butter every day.

6. /matapal/ leaf soft candle

Rub the affected area with soft candle. Then place over this about six leaves, alternating "right" and "wrong" sides to cover the area. Wrap a soft cloth around the foot and enclosing the leaves. At midnight, remove the leaves, and wipe off the sweat. Rub again with soft candle. The following night, repeat the procedure. Do this continually until the foot heals.

The same remedy can be used with the following leaves:

- 7. almond leaves
- 8. /sijin bollams/ leaves
- 9. manicou or /maniku/ crab fat
 Rub the affected foot with fat until the swelling goes down.

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10. dry coconut or /buku koko/ vinegar

There are three variations in the procedure of using this substance as a remedy. The first calls for grating the flesh of the dry coconut and adding two to three spoonfuls of vinegar. The mixture is then rubbed over the affected area.

The second calls for merely the grated flesh without the vinegar, specifying rubbing the foot three times a day.

The third variation involves grating one-third of the dry coconut flesh, and rubbing the foot with the grated portion. Use the remaining two-thirds for the next two days. Do this for nine days, using three coconuts in all. This "make foot feel well."

11. white vinegar starch

Make a paste with these two ingredients, and apply it to the affected area every day, morning and night.

12. lime starch

Do the same as the above recipe, but use lime juice and starch.

13. rachette lard

Grate a piece of rachette, and stir with some lard over a fire.

Apply the poultice warm and thick over the affected foot. Then place a soft cloth over the foot. Do this in the morning and the evening.

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XXV. Fainting

There is only one medicinal plant for syncope, and the data provide two ways of utilizing it.

sour sop leaf

Mash one leaf in the hands, and rub it over the face of the person who has fainted. Then place the crushed leaf before his nostrils, and let him inhale. He should revive.

Mash some green leaves fine by rolling them in the hands. Place them before the person's nostrils for him to inhale the "strong scent". Then place the mashed leaves on a piece of cloth, and apply this on his forehead.

XXVI. Flatulence

bad wind, indigestion, belly hot, belly sour, belly wind, puff belly; /bude gofle/, /gyas/

Informants describe this condition as manifested by pain and cramps in the stomach, "feeling that you want to break a wind and it can't come up...and you feel a pain in /sstomak/ and /budž/." The remedies are to cause belching, to help "break wind and make you pass wind above or below."

1. dried orange peel garlic

This is a popular remedy, testified by the appearance of dried orange peels hanging in the kitchen of nearly every household in the village. Boil a large peel with one "grain" of garlic. Drink hot.

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2. dried orange peel Angostura Bitters

Boil a whole peel in one-half pot of water. Add three drops of the bitters. Drink, and belch out gas.

- ginger spice
 Pound a small piece of ginger, add a little spice, and boil for tea.
- Pound the bean, and boil with a little ginger and two inches of orange peel in three-fourths of cup of water. Boil until two spoonfuls remain. Drink daily before bedtime. This is also good for pain.
 - 5. guinea pepper

Remove six seeds from the pepper and chew them. This is "strong".

Or, boil the seeds, and drink the decoction.

6. /degoffle/ leaf

Boil three to five leaves strong in one to two cups of water for one dose of tea. Drink this after each meal. One may also take this for nine mornings to cleanse the bowels. For an infant, use 12 leaves.

7. /degofle/ flower

Boil five dried, brown flowers for one cup of tea. This "gives great relief to stomach."

8. bird pepper

Swallow three small red peppers together at one time.

9. /lam bsf/ leaf and root

Cut out the fleshy center part of the entire leaf, and place with

the root in the fire. Remove, and peel off the skin. Add a little salt and place on a plate outdoors to collect dew. The leaf and root will release some water. Wring them dry, and drink the water.

10. wild mint or /mal lamat/ sugar

Draw some bush in a cup for three to four minutes. Add a little sugar, then drink two mouthfuls. This will cause one to belch.

11. /dite/ leaf

Draw three to four leaves for one dose of tea.

12. worm grass

Draw three leaves in a cup of water, and drink when the tea turns green.

13. cashew leaf

Boil three leaves for one dose of tea.

14. ashes

Take some hard-packed ashes from the bottom of the fireside, and place a piece in a cup. Add water, and let ashes settle. Drink the water cool or warmed slightly, in one-half or full cup quantities.

This "tastes bitter and salty, all sorts of things."

15. gin soda Extra Strong

Take three tablets of Extra Strong, add one teaspoon gin, and grind with the bottom of a bottle. Place a heaping teaspoonful of soda into a glass, and mix the gin and crushed tablets with the soda. Drink.

16. fowl gizzard lining garlic (one head) sugar

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17. /top a top/ leaf /zeb bič/ leaf
Boil some leaves together for one dose.

XXVII. Galactagogue

This remedy is to increase maternal lactation.

/gwo vaven/ leaf

Boil eight leaves for one dose of tea.

XXVIII. Headache

Using any of the following leaves, take one or as many that will cover the temples and pass them over a flame to soften them. Then rub one surface with soft candle or coconut oil, and apply the leaves to the forehead with the rubbed surface down.

1. /kapst/leaf

3. /fey soley/ leaf

2. malanga leaf

4. avocado leaf

5. /yewi tut/

Boil some leaves for tea. This is also good for cold fever and hypertension.

XXIX. Hemorrhoids

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This is a "sickness down in seat" and is a "dangerous thing", for it "itches and eats up rectum from inside." An informant says that the condition results from sitting on something hot, e.g., hot concrete.

Remedies for hemorrhoids are of both the internal and external type.

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1. /zeb bič/ leaf

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As an internal remedy, boil some leaves for one dose of tea.

For external use, pound or crush some leaves with salt and soft candle, and apply to the affected area. Or, omit the salt and soft candle, and merely apply the crushed leaves to a piece of cotton, and stuff the anus with it.

2. red physic nut leaf salt

Pound some leaves, add salt, and push the mass inside the rectum.

Leave it there until the next bowel movement.

3. /top a top/ leaf /zeb bič/ leaf salt

Boil together six or seven leaves of each in one-half pint of
water. Drink one-half cup or more twice a day. Pound the boiled
leaves, add a little salt, and stuff the affected area.

XXX. Hypertension

high blood pressure; /pweša/

Symptoms of this condition are dizziness, "headache, pain in neck", and one feels "too tired". The "blood over too high" and "too reach above degree." Remedies are "to bring down the blood", and a proper one "brings pressure down, cools down the pressure." We surmise that the medications given here are not necessarily intended to cure the illness per se, but to alleviate the most immediate and aggravating symptoms of giddiness, headache, flushing, and fatigue.

The mention of cooling indicates that this condition is a "hot" one. The majority of the bushes are "cold" in quality. Contrast this with the condition of "dirty blood" which also requires cooling remedies.

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1. mammee apple leaf

Boil two to three leaves per cup of tea, and drink cooled as water throughout the day. "Pressure goes down, and head feels light."

green plantain peel (/lapo banan vs/)

Dry the green peel. Cut it into three pieces about l_2^1 inches long, and boil one piece for one dose of tea every day. After nine days, take a purge.

3. carilie leaf

Use both the large and small varieties of leaf, but the small type is "better for pressure". Boil and drink the tea.

Teas from the following plants are also highly recommended:

- 4. barbadine leaves (3 per dose) 7. mango vert bark
- 5. breadfruit leaf (yellow) 8. round calabash leaf
 - 6. /Yewi tut/ leaf
 - 9. breadfruit leaf (yellow) carilie leaf

Take one-half of a yellow breadfruit leaf and two vines of smallleafed carilie. Boil together for one dose.

10. white-back fern bachelor-button leaf
Boil two or three leaves of each. Drink a cupful daily.

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11. mango vert bark puncheon rum

Dry a piece of bark about 10 inches long for two or three days.

Then chop the dried bark into eight one-inch pieces and mix with one-half pint of puncheon rum. Let the bark soak for one week. Take one table-spoon two or three times per day.

12. red stinging nettle leaf and root

Pound two or three small roots or one large one. Boil them together with some leaves in three-fourths of a large canful of water until one-half canful of tea remains. Drink a spoonful each morning or
three times a day, depending on severity of the symptoms, for nine days.
Or, one may continue with this remedy daily without stopping, even on
improvement.

13. green papaw white sugar

Grate the papaw and squeeze out the juice with a cloth strainer.

Add one teaspoon of white sugar. Drink.

14. mango vert bark (piece) /twsf/ leaf (one) soursop leaves (3) garlic (3 grains)

Draw all together for one dose, and drink every day for three or four days. Then stop, so that the pressure does not get too low.

15. white vinegar

Add three drops to a tumbler of water, and drink. Do this monthly.

16. epsom salts

Drink some salts in warm water every morning before taking coffee.

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XXXI. Impotence

Informants refer to these aphrodisiacs as medicaments which "restore nature".

1. /rokšan/ root

Boil a root for one dose of tea.

2. bois bande bark

The tree is located along the main road between Blanchisseuse and the town of Arima, and is not present locally. Remove some bark from the side of the tree struck by the sun. Boil one inch of bark for one cup of tea. This remedy "does not kill you, but puts inflammation into blood and into kidney to make it (the male organ) stand."

Informants stress that bois bande is not for young men, but is used for restoring the potency of elderly men. It is dangerous in that taking too much or too strong a dose causes priapism. Informants say that a few men have had to go to the hospital because of overdosage, and have died as a consequence.

3. mauby bark epsom salts

Mauby bark is not available locally, but must be purchased in markets in town. This is "for female who lose sensation during intercourse."

Boil some bark. Put the tea in a bottle with epsom salts, and let it sit from four to seven days. Then take a half wineglassful as one dose.

"Vitality comes back in one or two weeks." This is also good as a purge.

4. /pin karst/ rum

Dry the male turtle's member, grate a little of it, and place the grated portion in rum to soak. Take a swig when needed. "Gives too

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long energy" when drunk. "Many men who take it had to go to doctor."

Belief in the power of the turtle member derives from hearsay that the "turtle has great power". One informant says that the male mounts the female for 21 to 30 days. Others who have been to sea say copulation lasts only one week.

XXXII. Insomnia

insomnia

Wakefulness and bodily activity are associated with a "hot" condition of the blood. To promote sleep, then, one should take a cooling remedy. For example, lime bud tea "cools down the blood to make you sleep." The fourth remedy is curious, however, in that both plants are considered to have a "hot" quality.

1. soursop leaf

Boil three leaves in a pot of water for tea. The informant warns that taking too much of this tea causes giddiness and faintness.

2. lime bud

Boil some lime buds for tea. This can be made particularly tasty and soothing by drinking warm with milk and sugar.

3. /ti mawi/ leaf and root

Boil some leaves and a root together for tea. For an infant, draw a small bush, and sweeten it slightly. "Child will sleep correct."

4. black sage leaf mango vert leaf

Boil three leaves of each together in one cup of water. Drink one teaspoonful or two before bedtime.

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XXXIII. Jaundice

jaundice; /labil/

This is another condition that arises from "dirty blood" and hence requires a cooling or a purge for therapy. The following remedies, however, are given specifically for this disease category. Folk diagnosis of jaundice is made from observation of discoloration "in eyes" and "in the mouth and fingernails". Moreover, when one perspires, the shirt stains yellow.

1. creole coffee coconut water

Creole coffee is locally made coffee. Boil together one teaspoon of this coffee and one-half cup of coconut water. Strain, and give to a child to drink.

2. sweet broom sweet oil salt

Like the above remedy, this is for a child around eight or nine years of age. Pound a bunch of sweet broom in a fine cloth, add a little water, and strain through the cloth. Add very little salt to the juice thus collected, and then add one teaspoon sweet oil. Give this to the child to drink. "A younger child will not take it."

- white sage leaf sweet oil salt
 Follow the above procedure, using some white sage leaves.
- 4. love vine carrot

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Chip a carrot, and place chips with a handful of love vine in a cup. Throw boiling water over them, cover, and let draw for a few minutes. Strain, cool, and drink as water.

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5. /reydemat/ root

Mash the root, and add to water. Drink throughout the whole day.

This is also good for postpartum condition.

6. /kas/ pod senna pod

Take the "syrup" from a few /kas/ pods, and boil with three senna pods in a cupful of water. Drink one-half cupful every morning for three days.

7. Castille soap coffee

Grate some soap into a cup of strong coffee. Do not sweeten.

Drink hot every day for nine days.

8. gum of aloes stout

Place one-third of 5 ¢ worth of gum of aloes in a bottle of stout, cork the bottle, and place in the dew overnight. Uncork the bottle in the morning, and leave it in the sun. Do this for three days. After that, take a wineglassful three times a day. "It purges blood."

XXXIV. Lice and Jiggers

lice, /pu/; jigger, /šik/

1. mammee apple seed coconut oil, or cooking oil

Grate the seed, and mix with some oil. Rub the toes with the mixture for jiggers. "/zabwiko/ is a poison, and kills the jigger. They don't come back again."

For lice, rub the head with the same mixture. "Kills lice in a jiffy."

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XXXV. Malaria

malaria; /fwedi/

The remedies are directed against the malaria fever. The first remedy is unique to this particular disease entity, but the other two are used for a cold fever as well.

- 1. /zeb a pik/ leaf rusty nail vermouth

 Soak one or two leaves and a rusty nail in a small bottle of vermouth for three days. Then take one tablespoon of the solution every day until the fever subsides.
- lemon grass root /šado beni/ root
 Boil the two roots together for one dose. Drink one cup every day
 for nine days.
- 3. black sage leaf salt

 Pound some green leaves with a little water in a clean cloth.

 Strain, and add a pinch of salt to the juice. Drink.

XXXVI. /maldyo/

evil-eye; /maldyo/

/maldyo/ essentially belongs to the concept of bewitchment and personal power discussed earlier (see Bewitchment). What distinguishes /maldyo/ from humbug or blight, etc., is somewhat subtle. The majority of cited cases indicate that the person with the "evil-eye" physically

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expresses his desire or admiration for the object, be it verbal or nonverbal behavior. The person may or may not have a conscious intention to do the object harm, and in most cases he does not realise that his admiration is harmful. A furtive glance, a single caress, or even an inadvertant gasp of appreciation constitute a power that flows from the admirer to the object and causes the latter to wither and eventually to die. Most of the cases involve an infant or child. That the child the victim of indeed 'is /maldyo/ is indicated by such signs as fever, change of color, inability to urinate, loss of appetite and weight, and "sickness" in general. Evidently, any sudden change in the child's health may be a sign of /maldyo/, for one case cites an infant's going into sudden spasms. Suspicion of /maldyo/ is further indicated if the child has recently been admired in any way by a passer-by or stranger. Diagnosis is confirmed by using sweet broom as an indicator (vide infra).

/maldyo/ can also affect animals and plants. An informant relates that one day a woman passed by his yard and exclaimed, "Oh, what darling chicks you have!" A few days later all the chicks perished. The same informant had a tomato patch that was complimented by someone, and who, carried away by his admiration, plucked a tomato without asking. By the next day, the whole patch had withered. When confronted with the accusation of /maldyo/, the individual was quite offended and defended his innocence. One informant states that /maldyo/ is rooted in jealousy, hence it can be either conscious or unconscious. For example, "too much love" can cause /maldyo/, as when a mother causes her child physical and emotional harm by being too possessive.

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the object or the object himself can always claim that /maldyo/ is responsible, with or without actual evidence that someone has desired or been jealous of the object. As individuals usually do not know who has the "evil-eye", there are many charms for preventing unexpected /maldyo/ influence. These are to be contrasted with remedies or charms for "cutting" /maldyo/ sickness after the diagnosis has already been made. Individuals who have a reputation for causing /maldyo/ blight are said to be very unpopular.

The first recipe provides a means for indicating or confirming that the individual is the victim of /maldyo/.

1. sweet broom

Have the child hold up a sweet broom bush. If he indeed is ill from /maldyo/ influence, the head of the bush will bend over and turn brown or wither. A special prayer is then needed as a remedy (see remedy # 6).

The following recipes are for charms to prevent or avoid /maldyo/ influence.

2. jet, or gold

To prevent a child from succumbing to /maldyo/, have him wear an amulet of jet or gold, e.g., a ring, bracelet, or anklet. Gold is said to be "stronger", but in the face of those with great power, even gold can "break".

3. /pwa maldyo/

Plant this in the front yard to prevent /maldyo/ from striking anywhere in one's garden or home.

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Fight this in the front yard to prevent /maldyo/ from striking

4. indigo blue

Draw a cross with the dye on the palm of each hand, the forehead, and soles of the feet of the child. An informant says that these are the blessed parts of the body, where one receives the blessed oil and which are the parts of the cadaver that the fish do not eat. Keep the child indoors. Also, the blue cross can be drawn on the doors and shutters of the house and on farm animals "to drive away evil they put on it."

The last two remedies are meant to "cut" the illness, once the diagnosis has been made.

5. sweet broom root

Boil a root for tea and give the child to drink "to wash away /maldyo/ fever."

6. sweet broom Holy Water Santiguar (prayer)

This is a remedy submitted by a Spanish-speaking informant originally from Venezuela. Several villagers recommend him, saying that he is the only person in Blanchisseuse who knows a prayer for "cutting" /maldyo/ sickness. The prayer is called Santiguar.

The child with /maldyo/ sickness is brought into the room by its parents, who present the "confessor" with a candle. The child is laid on the bed. The "confessor" stands over the child with the lighted candle in the left hand and a sweet broom bush in the right. A dish of Holy Water lies nearby. The "confessor" recites aloud the following prayer, and with each pronouncement of the word "culpa" (three times), he dips

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- 2. "A Vos Padre Espiritual"

XXXVII. Marasmus

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marasma; /marazma/

This is an illness of infants and children. Signs are scaly skin, "pleats in skin" when pinched, and the children become "thin, nashynashy, and they cry." One informant says that the condition is caused from "cold" from standing in the draft. Another says that marasmus comes from the mother's milk. During pregnancy should a mother eat such foods as avocado, balata, and eggs, they will have a "bad" effect. They are "powerful" and can affect the infant through its mother's milk.

1. /kongolala/

This is the most popular remedy for marasmus. Boil generous amounts of the bush, cool, and give as tea every day for nine days.

2. creole fig leaf

Strip a whole leaf and boil it. Cool, and give the child to drink by the teacupful three times a day.

This ailment involves both internal and external remedies for therapy. The following ones are all baths. Two informants recommend that after each bath, . . the child be rubbed down with white mutton fat or sweet oil.

Boil the following bushes individually in plenty of water, and place in a large basin. Bathe the child in the same water for nine consecutive mornings.

3. love vine 5. /vaz/ leaves

4. man-better-man

sweet oil creole fig leaf and root

Divide the root in half. Boil one piece with a leaf about a forearm's length. Bathe the child in the lukewarm tea from head to toe. Then pass some young leaves over a fire, annoint them with sweet oil, cover the child with them, and wrap the child in a cloth or sheet. Change the next day.

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Boil together, and bathe the child in the same water for nine mornings.

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Boil all together and pour in a large tub. Bathe the child in the same decoction for nine days. On the tenth day make a fresh bath, and bathe for another three days. Meanwhile, give /kongolala/ tea to drink.

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XXXVIII. Measles

measles; /pya/

Informants agree that this is a "hot" disease. Like other diseases manifested by changes in the skin, it is caused by "dirty blood". Hence medicines for this condition are supposed to "clean the blood," i.e., they are purgatives or cooling.

1. /dite peyi/ leaf pumpkin flower

Boil some leaves and flowers together, and allow the decoction to stand and cool. Make a generous amount, about two bottlefuls. Drink as water throughout the day.

The diet during therapy should be solely boiled white rice and cooked pumpkin.

2. pumpkin fruit barley

Boil a piece of the pumpkin fruit with some barley, and drink as water throughout the day "to cool down something coming from heat." Eat the cooked fruit as food, unsalted. This is also good for small pox.

XXXIX. Menorrhagia

An informant describes this ailment as "too much bleeding" during a woman's monthly. Like the postpartum state, this condition is "cold".

1. white-back fern

Boil two or three ferns in two bottlefuls of water until one bottleful remains. Drink one teaspoon every morning.

2. thyme root /twef/ leaf

Pound one root, add one-half /twef/ leaf, and draw for one dose.

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3. /altamis/ /matram/leaf /zeb a fam/ Boil bushes and /matram/leaves together.

XL. Migraine migraine; /smigwen/

- wild tobacco leaf
 Use the leaf to "sweat" the head or dab the perspiration.
- 2. yellow plantain skin salt Crack the skin with a knife, sprinkle a little salt on it, and sweat the head with it.

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- almond leaf lard soft candle
 Warm a leaf over a fire, and rub with lard and soft candle. Apply
 over the affected area, and tie down.
- 2. wild tobacco leaf soft candle
 Warm a leaf over a fire, and rub with soft candle. Apply the leaf over the swelling.

XLII. Nephritis

kidney infection, inflammation of kidney; /@flamasy5 a nwa5/
One of the symptoms of this ailment is backache. As it is an inflammatory disease, it is a "hot" condition, and informants recommend
cooling as therapy.

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1. kidney bush, (olive bush) leaf

Boil some leaves for tea. This is also good for fresh cold and cough.

2. /top a top/ leaf

Boil three leaves in one-half of a small can of water. Drink the tea, which is "bitter as gall".

XLIII. Oliguria

stoppage of water; / £tasyo diwin/

An informant describes this ailment as the result of pus coating the urethral passage. Therapy must involve pushing or "busting" the pus blocking the passage. However, he adds that if there is a stone in the bladder, bush medicine will not help; an operation is needed. The most frequently used bushes for this condition are "cold", and as pus and inflammation are underlying characteristics, the disease is "hot".

1. /ti mawi/ bush and root

Boil bush and root in about two cups water until two or three spoonfuls remain. Tea is "red as wine". Take three times a day.

2. minnie root

Boil six roots in one-half pint water. Cool and strain, and drink three times a day. "Anything choke inside bladder, it will wash it."

3. ruku seeds

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Remove seeds from the pod and wash in water, which will turn red.

Use enough water to fill three bottles. Take one tablespoon three times a day.

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4. ruku leaf and root

Boil two pieces of root with one or two leaves in one-half pint water, until three-fourths pint water remains. Drink one teaspoon every evening. This is "bitter for so".

5. gamalote root

Wash the root properly, pound it, and boil it in one-half bottle of water. Drink two tablespoons of tea twice a day, or according to severity of the illness.

6. urine bush leaf

Boil three leaves to a cup of water. Drink two spoonfuls every day. This "acts as soon as you drink it."

7. sapodilla seed (/gwan šapoti/)

Chip two or three seeds and boil in about one-half pint of water until two spoonfuls remain. Drink three times per day.

8. /koko šat/ root

Pound the root, and then add boiling water to draw. Drink for cooling.

9. young breadfruit

Boil half a young, unpeeled breadfruit in three-fourths of a large canful of water until one-half canful remains. Strain, and drink twice a day. "Skin is the medicine."

10. bachelor-button flower (white)

This is for children. Boil five flowers in a cupful of water until two spoonfuls remain. Give the child to drink twice a day.

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Teas are also made with the following bushes:

11. baby corn silk

14. /kalanda/ root

12. /gwen aba fey/ 15. Saint-John bush

13. /kuze/ leaves

16. wild ground nut bush

cobweb

soot (/Simine dife/)

Remove from the house and place in a clean cloth any kind of cobweb, and add three fingerlengths of /simine dife/, the thick black soot found on the fireplace. Tie the cloth, and boil in a cup of water. Strain, and drink two teaspoons twice a day for nine days.

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garlic

Boil a little branch of bush with a pounded grain of garlic in a little water for one dose. Drink twice a day, or according to how the previous dose made one feel.

19. male papaw flowers (7-8) /zeb šat/ roots (3) male papaw root (4 pieces)

Wash the roots properly, and boil with the flowers in a pot of water. Boil to one-half the original amount, strain, and bottle. Take one teaspoon twice a day. The /zeb šat/ is added, for "it cleans the bladder."

- bamboo fern evergreen /zizye pul/ bush 20. Boil bushes together for a tisane.
- senna (10 ¢ . sweet water 21. molasses sour oranges (12) worth) sea water

Mix together one bottleful of each of the three fluids and the juice of 12 oranges. Boil the senna by itself, strain, and add one-half bottleful of the tea to the mixture. Put the entire solution in bottles,

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cork them, and place in the sun for one day. At night, uncork the bottles and leave them uncovered for the dew to collect. After three days, take one teaspoon of the mixture three times a day. This also acts as a laxative and "cleans the blood".

XLIV. Omphaloma

enlarged navel

jack nest

This is meant for a nine-day-old infant. Take the nest and grind it into a fine powder. Rub on the affected navel, and bind it up.

XLV. Ophthalmia

bad eyes, sore eyes, sick eyes, red eyes, inflammation eyes;
/maladi zye/

An informant describes this ailment as "eyes have inflammation" and "cold, a sickness in eye". The inner corner of the eyes has something "white". Both "hot" and "cold" bushes alone are used in therapy.

These two bushes are very popular for this condition. Using the leaves of either one, boil or draw them, bottle the tea, and place the container in the dew. Next morning, add a pinch of <u>salt</u> to the tea, and wash the eyes with it.

1. /dite peyi/

2. /plats/

Another method is to let the dew collect on the leaves. Remove the dew in the morning, and wash the eyes with it daily.

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over the mouth of a glass, and apply a warmed iron to the leaf. The leaf will "sweat". Collect the juice in the glass, and squeeze some in the eyes with a piece of cotton.

4. /dite peyi/ leaf raw wild honey

Take 3, 5, or 7 leaves, and place them in a cup with some of the honey. Throw hot water into the cup, and allow to cool. Wash the eyes with the solution.

5. wonder-of-the-world leaf

Pass one leaf in the heat of a fire until it "quails". Then squeeze the juice into the affected eye. Then take three leaves, pass them over the fire, and apply to the forehead and tie down. Do this twice a day, morning and night, until the redness goes away.

6. /žőbwsn/ leaf

Pound some leaves and place in a clean piece of cloth. Squeeze out the juice, and place some into the affected eye.

7. /veven lače wat/ leaf

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Warm some leaves over a flame, roll in the hands, and squeeze the juice into the eye.

8. sweet broom White sugar

Obtain a bush prior to flowering. Pound it, strain in a clean cloth with a little water and white sugar added, and squeeze the juice into the affected eye. "Clean it clean, clean."

9. water salt cotton

Take one-half glassful of tepid water, add a quarter teaspoon salt,

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and soak a small piece of cotton wool in it. Squeeze the water into the affected eye, while placing a towel against the face to soak up any dripping water. Repeat until "you get an ease...tepid water gives a great ease." Do this two or three times a day.

10. /jewi:tut/ leaves (3) red cedar bark (3 small nieces) balsam leaves (3) young calabash (/boli/)

Remove the "heart" or insides of the calabash, and place in it the leaves and bark. Add water to fill. Use the solution to wash the eyes by applying it drop by drop. Use it also to wet the eyes in the morning when they "stick".

The following remedy is used to remove a foreign body in the eye:

Within the pod is a fine black seed. Drop four or five in the middle of the affected eye. Tears will form and "will bring out anything in the eye."

This last remedy is for a "lash in eyes from animal":

12. Christmas bush (/san migel/) pot salt

Pound the bush fine, add a little pot salt, and place in a clean cloth. Squeeze the juice in the affected eyes. "Will take out white spot in the eye...you can see clear."

XLVI. Orchiocele

swell seeds

egg Will

This is for a swollen scrotum. Put a pot on the fire. Break an egg on it, and let it burn to a blackness and until it "gets own oil". Rub the scrotum with the "oil".

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- XLVII. Palpitation

palpitation, water under the heart, inflammation of heart; /palpitasy5/, /Eflamasy5 dičs/

Rapid beating of the heart and shortness of breath characterize the condition of palpitation: there is "blowing, blowing" and one is "always tired". The ailment is caused by "too much heat in body, causing heart to beat too fast." Bush remedies "slow down heart" and "cool down to cut vibration, shaking of body, too much heat."

1. wild coffee seed was a see

Grind a few seeds into a fine powder. Boil in a large can of water, strain, and drink two teaspoons three times a day. This is a "bitter coffee".

2. /pat šyž/ leaf

Boil five or seven leaves in a pot of water, or draw. Drink lukewarm.

3. worm grass leaf, flower, and root

Boil, or draw, a few leaves and flowers, and also the root if the plant is young.

4. /pat šyž/ leaf pussley

Boil some leaves and pussley bush together.

Use three leaves per cup of tea of the following plants:

5. /patak3/

7. round calabash (young leaves)

6. /pom dilyan/

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XLVIII. Pain

pain; /duls/

The remedies listed here are for generalized pain and localized pain, and are of both the internal and external types. Pain is a "cold" condition, and a /kataplam/ or plaster is "hot", which "draws out cold". The first four recipes are for internal administration.

1. /lyen taso/ vine

This is for "any pain". Take a vine that measures a hand's length, scrape off the outside bark, wash, and split in two. Boil one piece in two pints of water until one pint remains. The tea will be red. Drink a spoonful for six consecutive mornings.

2. olive bush leaf

This is for waist pain. Draw some leaves and drink the tea.

3. /kuze maho/ root

For "pain in stomach", boil one root in one small canful of water until two spoonfuls remain. Take twice a day. A whole "tree" may be used instead, if it is small enough.

4. coconut husk or shell

This is for pain from drinking coconut water. Take a piece of the husk or the shell, and boil. Drink tea to get rid of the pain.

The rest of the remedies are all external.

5. /twsf/ vine

Boil a vine, and use the tea as a rubbing for pain of any sort.

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6. hog plum bark olivier bark

Boil generous quantities of both barks together, and pour the boiling decoction into a large bath pan. Bathe in the water. This is for pain in the waist.

7. jumby calabash bark

This is for waist pain. Cut an arm's length of the bark, and remove the /maho/ or fiber inside. Plait a belt with the fiber, and tie around the affected are for nine days. It "draws out the pain" and "cures in three or four days."

For joint pain, tie the belt around the affected joint.

8. white physic nut leaf soft candle, or sweet oil

For pain from a fall, take nine leaves and rub six on the "wrong"

side, three on the "right" side, with sweet oil or soft candle. Apply the leaves to the affected area and wrap around with a cloth. Repeat this procedure every day for nine days.

9. castor-oil leaf sweet oil

For belly pain, rubba few leaves with the oil, and tie over the affected part. When heat from the body dries the leaves, remove them, and repeat the procedure.

10. aralie milk /matapal/ milk rum chataigne milk soft candle

This is a /kataplam/ for "any pain". Lash the bark of each tree with a cutlass, and collect a "good bit" of the milky sap -- about one-fourth cup. Boil together and add a small bit of soft candle; do not add too much, for the soft candle "removes the gluey effect". The milk

will turn to a glue. Spread it on a clean cloth. Wash the affected part, dry it, and spread the glue over it. If the plaster begins to pull and "scratch you", apply a little rum to soften it. In 15 to 30 days, it will fall off, and "takes the pain with it."

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Follow the same procedure as the above recipe.

XLIX. Pneumonia

pneumonia; /fwiso potwin/

According to one informant, pneumonia comes from a cold, but it is a more dangerous condition, for "if bad, in three days, kill you."

A second informant describes this condition as being one of increased heat level in the body, and is localized in the blood: "body hot from walking in river, and hot blood rushes up and remains inside, cracks inside." Therapy is aimed at ridding the body of this excess heat by removing the "hot blood". A remedy therefore "melts the blood to make it pass up or down", "passes away blood", and "cools down, in case too much heat inside." Blood in the sputum and stool is thus regarded as a good sign. The majority of the medicaments used in the remedies for this condition are the same as those for "cold" and "cold fever". Moreover the etiology of pneumonia is the same as that for "cold fever".

1. oats stout

Boil strong two pounds of oats. Strain the tea, and drink a glass-ful with some stout three times a day.

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2. /pye pul/ stout

Boil some grass for tea, and drink together with some stout.

3. lemon grass root /šado beni/ root

This is the same recipe as #32 under 'Cold Fever'.

bamboo leaf
bay leaf
black sage leaf
carpenter bush
/gwo veven/ leaf

/Yewi tut/ leaf patchouly leaf round calabash leaf sweet orange leaf /zeb a fam/ bush

See recipe # 36 under 'Cold' for the complete remedy.

5. carpenter bush shark oil carrot /kabut/

Boil carpenter bush and /kabut/ together, and drink lukewarm. Get into bed, cover up, and perspire. The next day, take a dose of hot shark oil. On the third day, boil a carrot, and drink the water as cooling.

gum of aloes puncheon rum

If the illness remains in the body for months after this, take a little piece of gum of aloes and put in a bottle of puncheon rum to soak. Take a dose of rum every other day. "Any blood inside, pass it by pieces" with coughing.

L. Pleurisy

pleurisy; /swid kuš/

One informant says that a mother can get this illness if she walks about in the rain and dew after her nine days postpartum. There is fever, and she "spits blood". All of the bushes for this ailment are "hot".

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1. shark oil

Warm some shark oil and take two teaspoons.

2. shark oil bay leaf

Boil some shark oil, add a bay leaf, and drink warm.

3. stout oats

Boil together and drink hot.

4. /Kabut/ oats

Boil the grass, adding a little cats, strain, and drink hot.

5. /Kabut/ /metrive/ root oats

Boil all together, and drink warm. This is also good for cold.

LI. Pregnancy

The few remedies presented here are precautionary measures for a pregnant woman.

1. olive bush, or (kidney bush)

Boil some bush for tea, and drink every other month "to keep pregnant mother clean."

3. castor oil

Take a dose of castor oil every other month in place of olive bush tea.

3. wild okro seeds

If a pregnant woman has "germ inside body" manifested by conditions such as acne or other skin lesions, she can pass the "germ" or the condition to her baby. This remedy is to "wash out this blight" from the

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woman. Patch some seeds in a pot over a fire, then pound them to a fine powder. Using three teaspoons to a cup of water, make a coffee, and drink one cup every day. "Germ will begin to come out."

The following remedy is used for a type of ailment which none of the local informants mentioned, except for one Spanish-speaking person in the village who originated from Venezuela. The disease category is not a widely known and accepted one in the village.

4. /kupye/

Make a tea with this bush. Give it to both the mother and child to remove "impatch" or empacho from the mother, who can transmit the condition to the baby through her milk. Empacho results from eating certain foods, such as mangoes and eggs, during pregnancy. A sign of empacho, according to this informant, is a stool whose color never changes.

This last remedy is an "oración" for "difficult confinement". It is provided by the same Spanish-speaking villager mentioned above.

5. Virgen del Carmen

Recite this aloud at the time of labor.

Virgen del Carmen más linda
Virgen del Carmen más bella
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Estando en este monte una fuente
Destilaba noche y día agua de sabeduría
Estando en contemplación al Padre Simón un día
Bajó la Virgen María con su triunfante escapulario
Diciendo Simón, Simón, el que no ha visto verá.
Tres días en la semana no comer carne
Ni agua de sabeduría
Solo la flor del carmelo.
O viernes de la luz
Cuando Jesucristo subió a la cruz
La cruz temblaba y atemorizaba

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Amén

Padre Nuestro que estás en los cielos
Santificado sea Tu nombre.
Vénganos, Señor, Tu voluntad
Así en la tierra como en el cielo.
El pan nuestro de cada día
Dánosle hoy y perdónanos nuestras deudas
Así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores,
Y no nos dejes caer en tentación
Mas líbranos, Señor, de todo mal.

Amén

"Woman must deliver."

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LII. Postpartum and Abortion

These two conditions are placed together, because the etiology, the characteristics, and the treatment of both of them are similar. However, they remain separate disease categories, and although some of the bushes are used in the treatment of both, most of the remedies are unique to one or the other category.

Informants consider both postpartum and abortion to be "cold" conditions, and all of the remedies function to remove any clots remaining in the womb: wild coffee tea "cleans the womb and gets rid of clotted blood"; stout and nutmeg "melts the clots"; "cleans womb from inflammation." The descriptions of "cleaning the womb" relate to the concept of cooling and "bad blood", so therapy is also directed at purifying the blood. Thus, care of a woman following delivery or abortion, as

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exemplified by the first remedy below, involves a series of remedy administrations and rituals to lead her gradually from a "cold" condition of postpartum to a "hot" one of daily activity. Immediately after delivery, she takes a cooling tea or tisane to remove remaining clots from her womb. Figuratively, the remedies "clean" the womb and remove "bad blood". Three days later, she takes a remedy to "purify the blood", e.g., castor oil. The two baths taken in the next week takes her back to the ordinary condition when she can resume daily activity.

Two other points deserve comment. The first concerns a basic inconsistency in the application of qualities. One informant speaks of cleansing the womb from "inflammation", which is considered to be a "hot" condition, yet postpartum is a "cold" one. Also, informants speak of the need for "cooling after delivery" although postpartum is already a "cold" condition. The second point refers to the taste of some of the remedies. Some informants speak of "bitter" teas and tisanes for postpartum, which supports the concept that bitterness is associated with a cleansing and purifying action.

We begin with a list of remedies for postpartum. The first is three are complete or nearly complete programs to be followed after delivery.

1. After delivery, give the woman a tisane made by boiling to- inggether the following ingredients:

/fimal malome/ /twsf/ leaf wild coffee root

On the third day after delivery, take a "good dose" of castor oil.

On the eighth day, take a warm bath.

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On the fifteenth day, take a cold bath in the river. From then on, the mother is free to move about.

The informant says that this program should also be used following an abortion.

/altamis/ root /zeb a fam/ root /zeb šat/ root

On the first day, draw together the above roots for one cup of infusion, and drink after delivery. It will be very bitter.

The next day, prepare the same infusion with less roots, but with the same quantity of water. It will taste less bitter.

On the third day, use very little roots. It will not be bitter. "To clean inside...bitter thing."

3. /dite peyi/ wild coffee /zeb šat/ /twef/ (small piece) worm grass

Boil the bushes together, and drink the decoction as water throughout the day. Do so after delivery and during the following nine days.

On the minth day, take a bath in cold water. Following the bath, do this:

spice, or nutmeg, or clove honey rum

Add a piece of spice (or nutmeg or clove) to water and boil.

Strain, and add honey and a little rum. Drink hot "to bring out the blood."

After nine days, the mother can walk about, but not in the rain or dew, or else she will contract pleurisy.

The rest of the remedies are to be taken immediately after delivery and, unless otherwise indicated, drunk during the following nine days before the first bath is taken.

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4. wild coffee root

Place a root in a big tumbler and pour boiling water inside. Let draw for a few minutes, strain, and drink as water during the nine days before the bath. This is "very bitter" and "cleans womb from inflammation."

5. /zeb šat/

Boil bush, and drink for nine days after delivery. This "cleans the womb and gets rid of clotted blood."

6. /reydemat/ root

The informant says this is to "take away cold, the swollen belly" after delivery. Mash the root, and add water. Drink throughout the whole day.

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8. /altamis/ bush and root wild coffee root /twef/ leaf (leaf)

Draw together the above ingredients for one dose.

9. rice salt-fish tail cheese

Boil a handful of rice, a piece of salt-fish tail, and & pound of cheese in one quart of water. Strain, and bottle the water. "Leave it where the rays of sun strike" and at night in the dew. Take two tablespoons every morning. This is also for abortion.

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drink hot. This "melts the clots."

11. castor oil senna

Take about one-half cup oil with some senna, and boil. Take three spoonfuls on the third day after delivery. Then take another dose on the ninth day. Castor oil used to purify the blood, to "pull out remains" inside. "You must be clean inside."

The following remedies are given specifically for abortion.

1. wild coffee root

Take two roots about one inch long. Wash and pound them. Boil in a bottle of water until one-half the amount remains. This should last for a week. Take two tablespoons of the tea every morning.

/zeb šat/ leaf and root

Boil two leaves and a root in two bottlefuls of water until one bottleful remains. Drink one tablespoon or more daily. This is "very bitter."

/mapurit/ root

Wash, pound, and boil the root "strong" for tea. Drink for nine mornings.

4. mountain rose flower

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Boil one flower in three-fourths of a large canful of water until one-half the original amount remains. Drink this every morning.

5. /veven bo lame/ leaf and flower

Boil eight leaves with some flowers for one dose of tea.

6. okra

Specifically for abortion, an informant recommends eating a lot of boiled okra. It is very slimy and cooling; it helps in "loss of baby".

LIII. Prolapse of Womb

/mil flore/ leaf castor oil

If there is no one around to massage the womb back into place, then use this remedy. Take three leaves and rub a little castor oil on them, two on the "wrong" side, one on the "right" side, and place these on the belly. Then make a tea with half a leaf, and drink. It is "bitter as gall." "Flowers smell sweet, sweet...leaf does smell like dead people."

LIV. Pyorrhea

lemon grass root salt

Boil four roots, then pound them properly and place in a pint tin.

Add one teaspoon salt, and then add water to the half mark. Wash the
teeth and gums with this solution.

LV. Rash

rash; /gal/

Both internal and external remedies exist for this condition which is "like measles...itchy rash" and "fine, scratchy rash". Another informant describes /gal/ as "pimples...dry boils". It is a "hot" condition, and the remedies are to keep the affected areas "cool".

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1. Saint-John bush

There are three methods of using this bush for rash. One can boil the plant in water, and bathe in the tea. Or, rub some leaves together with the hands in a pan of cool water. Bathe in the water and crushed leaves. The third method is like the second, but add a little soda to the bath water.

2. /mãže kabwit/ leaf

There are two ways of using this bush. The first calls for mashing some leaves on a stone at the river. Place the leaves in a half bucketful of water, and bathe. This "burns".

The second way involves taking a basin half-filled with water, and mashing a handful or two of leaves in it. Place in the sunlight. Then "sap" the skin with the water two or three times. Do this once a day until a cure is effected.

3. carilie leaf

Boil large and small leaves for tea. Drink a cupful every other day or once a week. A little sugar may also be added.

4. /sumaše/ (/marakiy/) bush, leaf, or root

Mash some leaves in water until the water turns green. Wash the affected areas with it, and air dry.

Another method is to boil a bush, and bathe in the same tea for three days. Then throw away the bath water. Boil another bush and bathe in the same water for another three days. Repeat a third time to make nine days.

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- 5. red physic nut leaf white physic nut leaf Boil some leaves together, and wash the affected area "to keep it cool."
- 6. coconut oil bay rum, or rum

 Mix some oil with a little rum, and rub the mixture over the

 affected areas. This is also good for a stuffy nose.

LVI. Rheumatism

rheumatism; /omatiz/

Both internal and external remedies are used for this condition. We list the internal remedies first.

1. olivier bark puncheon rum

Soak two six-inch long pieces of bark in a half-pint bottle of rum

for four to five days. Drink one-third of a whiskey glass of rum every

morning before breakfast. "Then lie down, for it is very strong."

2. /lay bef/ root

Take about a basketful of roots and boil them in a big pot of water.

The water will turn "red as wine". Boil enough to fill five bottles.

Strain, and drink two teaspoons twice a day. This is also good as cooling.

3. red wine potash

Every morning drink a cup of unsweetened red wine, "like St. Julien, Madeira, or Port", with 5 ¢ worth of potash added. Then bathe in the mouth of a river where it meets the sea.

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4. limes white rum white sugar

Squeeze out the juice from two limes, and add one teaspoon rum and a lump of sugar. Take this as one dose of medication. This is also good for flu, cystitis, and the gums and teeth.

The rest of the remedies are for external use.

5. pitch oil salt

Mix pitch oil from a lamp with a little salt. Rub over the painful areas.

almond leaf soft candle

Pass a leaf over a flame, and pound the central rib flat. Then rub soft candle over either surface of the leaf, and place it against the affected area.

One may use the following leaves in place of the almond leaf:

7. avocado leaf

8. /sijin gwa bwa/ leaf

9. tobacco leaf salt puncheon rum

Use smoking tobacco leaves for this. Chop them fine, and mix with one-half teaspoon salt. Place the mixture in a small jar, and add a quarter bottle of puncheon rum. Allow to soak for three days. Dab some rum on the fingers, and rub the affected joints.

LVII. Shingles

shingles; /kulev/

aguma leaf

Mash some leaves and strain them through a cloth to obtain the juice. With a stick from the same plant, dip one end in the juice and mark the body, following the pattern of the veins of the affected area, to stop the disease from spreading.

LVIII. Snake Bite and Scorpion Sting

Grouping these two disease entities together is indicated by the prescription of a significant number of remedies for both of them. We list first the remedies for snake bite and/or scorpion sting together with those specifically for snake bite. Indication is made where the remedy is prescribed only for snake bite. The list of remedies specifically for scorpion sting is kept separate. Both internal and external remedies exist for these ailments, and in both lists the external ones are presented first.

The most common poisonous snakes in the Blanchisseuse area are the /mapepi zanana/, Lachesis mutus, and the /mapepi balsin/, Bothrops atrox, which are "fer-de-lance" and "bushmaster" snakes. The local orthography is "mapepi zanana" and "mapepi balcin". An elderly informant says that bush medicine is good for any snake bite, except for that of the coral snake, which is so poisonous that its venom kills immediately.

1. This is for a snake bite only. With a knife, cut into the wound and let the "bad blood" run out.

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2. water

Place the affected part in water for 15 minutes. This "pulls out the poison."

3. /lyen wak/

Tie the vine above the site of the bite or sting, like a constrictive bandage, but not too tight. "Prevents poison from circulating."

4. Belgium stone

This is for a snake bite only. Place the black stone on the area of the bite. It "draws out the last bit of poison." Then take it off and wash the stone in <u>fresh milk</u>. "Stone has some life" and it is a "living thing" which must be fed milk.

5. bitter cassava root

This is for a snake bite. Tie a piece of green cassava to the wound "to pull out the poison."

6. manac root

For a snake bite, pound some root and tie to the wound.

7. /reydemat/ root

Boil a root in one cup of water. Drink one beaspoon of the tea immediately. It is "very bitter and poisonous." It is best to carry along a small bottle of the remedy when one is going into the bush.

8. /toš5/

Boil a small piece of the twisted vine, including the seeds, in about a quarter glassful of water. Take a teaspoonful once or twice on the day of the bite or sting. "Something that is very bitter."

A variation is to soak a piece of vine in puncheon rum.

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9. /twsf/ leaf

Boil a whole leaf in a small amount of water, and drink one teaspoon. There is a "danger of overdosage."

10. /wasin mapepi/ bush, flower, and root

Take a finger's length of bush, the white flowers, and root. Boil together for tea. Take a spoonful.

11. /tural/ leaf sweet oil

Take a leaf and pound it. Add sweet oil to a frying pan and fry the pounded leaf. Then squeeze it, and take two teaspoons of the juice to drink for one dose. This is for a snake bite only.

12. balisier fig (fruit)

For a snake bite, boil three fruits in a cup of water for 10 minutes. Drink the decoction immediately, or carry it along in a bottles into the bush.

13. /reydeparel/ root manicou crab shell

Take half the crab shell and grind it into a powder. Place in a clean cloth, tie it, and boil in some water with the root about one-half inch long. Drink a spoonful of the decoction.

14. /lyen taso/ vine (small piece) /mat/ skin manac root wild hog miss puncheon rum

This is for a snake bite. Add all ingredients to the puncheon rum, which acts as a "preservative", such that there is one part solid to two parts rum. Put this in a bottle, and carry it along with you when you go into the bush. If bitten, take one tablespoon of the solution immediately, then again when you reach home, "until you feel good."

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The following remedies are prescribed for only scorpion sting.

1. match

Light a match, and place the burned head against the site of the sting. Sulfur from the match "will draw out the poison."

2. pitch oil on oil

Drink three drops of pitch oil immediately. "Bad if it sting you on a vein...it goes to the heart. If it bite on the skin, you only feel giddy."

3. yellow lime pot soda sugar

Squeeze the lime, add a spoonful of soda to the juice, sweeten a little, and drink. This "cuts poison of the sting."

4. coffee root

Wash the main root, mash it, boil, and drink the tea.

5. ashes (/mama dife/)

Remove some of the hard ashes at the bottom of the fireside. Boil, and drink.

6. /bwa kano/ bark

Slice off a piece of bark from the eastern face of the tree trunk, and remove the /maho/ or fiber. Chew it and swallow the juice.

7. chaconia root

Chew a slice of root. Swallow the juice.

This last recipe is the same as # 52 for "Cold". Follow the procedure presented there.

8. lime root
male papaw root
red coconut root
minnie root
/mapurit/ root
ruku root

/lyen taso/ root
mauby bark (piece)
spice (one piece)
clove
scorpion
rum

Apply this solution to the area of the sting "to cut bite of the sting."

LIX. Sore

sore; /bobo/

A sore is a cutaneous ulcer. The bush remedies presented here act to "clean dead flesh" or "eat up all the dead flesh", according to the majority of informants. "Something else" is needed to cure the sore and "dry it out" (see remedy # 1). One elderly informant, however, advances that his remedy of /lap bef/ will both "clean and cure the sore." Another informant presents one more concept of the action of bush remedies by saying that they "draw out the inflammation" from the sores.

Both "hot" and "cold" bushes are used in these remedies.

white physic nut leaf salt iodoform

Boil a few leaves, and wash the affected area with the tea. Pound the boiled leaves on a clean piece of cloth, add a little salt, and place them on the sore. Wrap with a bandage. Dress the sore twice a day, morning and evening, until the "dead flesh" is removed.

Something else must be used to cure the sore and "dry it out". Any remedy from the drugstore can be used, e.g., iodoform powder.

Follow the same procedure as above, using these bushes instead:

2. /madi gwa/ leaves

3. worm grass bush

4. red physic nut leaf salt vaseline

Boil some leaves and mash them fine after removing from water. Mix with some salt and vaseline, and place the mixture on a piece of cloth.

Apply to the sore "to take out dead flesh." Repeat daily for nine days.

5. hog plum leaf

Boil some leaves, and wash the affected area with the lukewarm tea.

Do this for nine consecutive mornings. This decoction is also good for sore throat and thrush.

6. /jimov/ leaf

Boil some leaves. Place the tea and leaves in a "posy", and wash the affected area properly.

7. coffee leaf carbolic oil

This remedy is for a "hard to cure" sore. Soak nine leaves in some oil, and apply them right side up over the sore, one on top of the other. Tie with a bandage. Every morning remove one leaf, and apply more oil to the remaining leaves. If the sore has not healed after nine days, repeat the whole process.

8. /lan baf/ leaf

Cut one leaf into small pieces. Pound and wash them, then apply on the sore, and tie with a bandage. This will "clean and cure sore... clean out the dead flesh."

9. /do bla/ leaf salt

Boil some leaves, allow the tea to cool, and wash the affected area with it. Then take fresh green leaves, pound them together with a pinch of salt, and apply to the affected area, binding with a bandage. enliesey dies leaf dun ofwich ber .

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10. sweet broom

This is for babies. Mash many leaves in water, and bathe the baby with the solution.

11. sweet broom milk sugar

This is for infants and children. Take a sprig of bush and boil in a pint of water. Mix with milk and sugar, and give the child to drink.

LX. Sore Throat

sore throat

Informants agree that this is a "hot" condition. They describe it as "irritated throat", "itching throat", and "throat hot", "great heat". Other symptoms are hoarseness, burning, and difficulty swallowing.

Cooling remedies are required. The remedies are gargles, except for the last one.

1. hog plum leaf

Boil some leaves for tea, and gargle three times a day.

- hog plum bark
 Boil some bark, and gargle with the tea.
- 3. bird pepper flour

Pound a few red peppers with some flour, and add enough water to make a solution. Gargle with it.

4. flour

Mix a spoonful of flour with water. Gargle.

5. shining bush water

Take a handful of bush, wash, and eat raw "like watercress". Then drink water, or gargle with water and spit it out.

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Tie a small bush around the neck for two or three days, or as long as the discomfort lasts.

LXI. Splinter in the Skin

The two remedies are supposed to act to remove the remnant of a splinter or needle stuck in the skin after the major piece has been removed mechanically.

pig gall (/fyɛl košɔ̃/) cotton

Remove the needle or splint. If the end still remains in the wound, put some pig gall on a piece of cotton and apply it to the wound, and tie it down. Next morning, remove the cotton. It will pull out the end of the splint.

2. salt-fish tail cotton
Follow the above procedure.

LXII. Sprain

sprain; /demi/

All of the remedies are of the external type. The poultices are used "to draw out ache, pain."

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2. /masala/ root pickle water

Pound the root and mix with some pickle water. Apply the mixture on a bandage, and tie over the affected area.

wonder-of-the-world leaf

Rub a leaf with soft candle, and wrap over the sprain.

- 4. pumpkin leaf brown paper white vinegar
 Fold three pumpkin leaves and place them over the affected limb.

 Soak the brown paper in the vinegar, and bind it over the leaves, covering the sprain tightly and properly.
- pumpkin leaf pineapple leaf pickle water
 Pound both leaves together, add some pickle water, and apply to
 the affected area.
 - 6. /do bla/ leaf salt

Pound some leaves with a little salt, and apply to the affected area as a poultice.

7. /pom dilyan/ leaf

Boil some leaves and wash the sprain with the tea.

The following leaves are used in the same manner as for rheumatism. Pass a leaf over a flame, and pound flat the central rib. Rub soft candle over either surface of the leaf, and place it against the sprain.

8. almond leaf

10. /sijin gwa bwa/ leaf

9. avocado leaf

LXIII. Stroke

stroke

This is a "cold" ailment. The nutmeg remedy (see recipe # 1) is used to keep "cold from going to throat." Another informant explains that it is used "to bring back the mouth", i.e., to prevent the paralyzed side from drooping.

1. nutmeg

Break a nutmeg, and place a piece in the cheek pouch of the person suffering a stroke. This is supposed "to bring back the mouth."

- pigeon pea leaf
 Bathe the patient in the leaves, and keep him in bed for three days.
- LXIV. Swollen Feet
 swollen feet, swollen leg, cold in leg
 This is a "cold" condition, due to edema.
 - silk cotton leaf

Boil a potful of leaves, and wash the affected feet or legs with the tea.

2. almond leaf

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Wrap the affected areas with the leaves at night before retiring.

At 5 a.m., unwrap, and reapply fresh leaves. Repeat for nine days.

3. /madi gwa/ leaf lamp oil

Pass a leaf over a fire until it becomes warm, and rub with lamp oil. Then fold and wrap it around the affected part.

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LXV. Thrush

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One informant says that this ailment results "from eating dirty things." The majority of the bushes are "cold".

hog plum leaf

Boil some young leaves, and rub the mouth with the tea.

2. sweet orange, or sour orange, in

Squeeze the orange, and gargle with the juice.

3. /zizye pul/ leaf

Draw a handful of leaves, and gargle with the tea.

4. alum

Place one teaspoon of alum in a cup of water, and gargle.

LXVI. Toothache

toothache; /mal da/

Besides the remedies for toothache per se, we list here the remedies for tooth ailments in general. Bush medicine acts to "make it (tooth) feel better." Although none of the remedies prescribe extraction, one informant recognizes that "if tooth has hole, you have to take it out."

1. soft candle hot water

Heat one soft candle and some water, and apply over the affected jaw.

2. tobacco ash soft candle

Mix tobacco ash with soft candle, and rub over the affected tooth.

3. coconut root

Take a small portion of a root, pound it, and put on the affected tooth.

4. coconut shell

Place a piece of hard coconut shell on a plate and light it with a match. Cover the burning shell with another plate, and allow it to burn to a gum. Rub the gum over the affected tooth.

5. marigold brown paper

Wrap the bush in brown paper, and boil. Allow the tea to cool, then take a mouthful and hold it in the mouth without swallowing until the pain eases off.

6. krouper gall (/fysl viysy/)

Fasten the gall bladder with a piece of thread, and hang it near a fire or stove where smoke can hit it. When it dries, puncture it to remove the "juice". Rub the gum with the fluid every day. "Cuts toothache for you quick."

7. clove

This is for a toothache with a demonstrable cary. Grate a clove, pound it, and stuff it into the cavity. For some, this remedy "makes the pain worse."

The following three remedies are for "abscess in tooth".

8. coconut root wood ashes

Boil ashes and root together, and bathe the affected tooth with the solution.

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Boil a piece of root, and add a pinch of salt. Soak the affected tooth in the tea by rinsing the mouth with it. The abscess will burst.

10. sodium bicarbonate

Rub the gums with soda powder.

The next remedy is for ordinary teeth-and-gum care.

11. limes white rum white sugar

Squeeze out the juice from two limes, and add one teaspoon rum and a lump of sugar. Swirl in the mouth periodically.

This final remedy is for an infant cutting teeth.

12. /šyž da/ (/zeb zejwi/) grass corn (/mi sek/)

To aid the cutting of teeth, draw the grass and give the baby tea to drink. This is supposed to soften the gums to permit the teeth to penetrate more easily. Also, add two grains of dry corn "to prevent fits."

LXVII. Typhoid Fever

The following remedy is supposed to act on the fever.

round hops bread

Burn a small piece of bread, put it in a cup of water, and drink.

Do this all during the day.

LXVIII. Venereal Disease

venereal disease, running, clap, leak;

/maladi gas3/, /kulant/

Most of the remedies are prescribed merely "for running", while a few others are designated to be used specifically to relieve burning or to "draw (disease) away from bladder." Running refers to gonorrhea: there is "lots of humor from privates with burning", and is acquired "from eating oranges, cane, pineapple." This is not so bad as clap, according to one informant; with that, one had "better go to doctor." Another informant says that venereal disease of any kind comes from "impure blood" or "dirty blood", and hence she recommends cooling. The majority of bushes for this disease entity are "cold".

white stinging nettle

Boil an entire bush, including the root, for tea. One informant says that this is good against venereal disease acquired from eating fruits such as oranges, and not from women. Another says that the remedy acts against burning during urination.

2. wild ground nut bush

Boil bush for tea. This is also good as cooling and for oliguria.

3. male papaw root

This is the same remedy as # 2 for /blas/ or Internal Lash.

4. /lyen savonet/

This is the same remedy as # 15 under Cooling.

5. red physic nut leaf

Boil one leaf to one cup of water, and drink the tea.

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- 6. /fimel malome/ male papaw root wild ground nut bush
 Boil root and bushes together for one dose against "any kind of
 venereal disease."
- 7. /gwen aba fey/ bush /sye da/ grass

 Boil some of the two ingredients together, and drink one-half cup
 three times per day.
- 8. aloes egg white white sugar

 This is the same remedy as # 1 for /bles/ or Internal Lash. "If
 you have running, this will draw it away from bladder."
 - 9. /l̃sa/ bark honey

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Boil two two-inch long pieces of bark in a bottleful of water until one-half the original amount of fluid remains. Mix the tea with a bottle of pure honey. Drink a spoonful three times a day.

- 10. coconut root /k fiddle bush root lime root

 Boil roots together in two bottlefuls of water until one-half
 bottleful of liquid remains. Take one tablespoon twice a day.
 - 11. /lag bsf/ root red stinging nettle,
 manac root or white stinging nettle,
 /pweta/ root bush and root

Red stinging nettle is "stronger", according to the informant.

Take all the ingredients in equal amounts, and put to boil. Drink the decoction, or make enough to store in a bottle. Running will stop in three days, but one should continue to take the medicine for nine days. There is no danger of overdosage.

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12. male papaw root
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/kan rivys/ root /lysn taso/ vine round calabash or /boli/

Pound all the ingredients together, and place in a new /boli/.

Add one-half bottle of hot water and one bottle of cold water. Cover the /boli/, and allow it to sit for three days. Take one wineglassful of medicine every day for nine days.

After the ninth day, take a purge of senna leaves and pods. Do this by dividing into thirds 5 ¢ worth of senna. Take one third and dip it in hot water. Drink the tea.

/kan rivys/ root
/lan bsf/ root
male papaw root
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white stinging nettle root Kuparilla oil epsom salts round calabash or /boli/

Boil all the roots together in enough water to last all day.

Pour the decoction in a /boli/, and add a pinch of epsom salts. Drink

one large cup per dose as water throughout the day. Continue for fif
teen days. There should be increased urination.

To decrease urination, add one or two teaspoons Kuparilla oil to one cup of the decoction, and repeat for two or three days more. "Oil removes all that one has inside...to make him feel strong." One should avoid eating too much grease during the period of therapy.

lime root
/lyan taso/ root
male papaw root
/mapurit/ root
minnie root
red coconut root

ruku root
mauby bark (piece)
spice (one piece)
clove
scorpion
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This is the same remedy as # 52 for Cold. Take a wineglassful twice a day or according to how you feel.

LXIX. Vitiligo

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Informants describe this condition as characterized by "pale-colored, spotted skin" and "stain of skin". They attribute it to "dirty" or "impure blood", and hence this is a "hot" disease. Both internal and external remedies exist for this ailment. The internal ones act "to clean out blood."

wild senna leaf

Boil five leaves for one dose of tea, and take for three days. Follow this with a purge.

- sulfur milk
 Add one teaspoon ordinary sulfur powder to one's milk every morning.
- 3. tomato sulfur milk

Roast young tomatoes under hot ashes, and allow them to cool. Then rub the affected areas with the tomatoes. Then take a spoonful of milk with some sulfur powder. Do this for nine consecutive mornings.

4. sulfur lard tea

Mix some lard and sulfur together, and rub on the affected areas.

Also, sprinkle a little sulfur in one's tea.

5. wild senna leaf

Pound some leaves, and rub them on the affected areas.

6. tomato

Pound a young, green tomato, and rub it on the affected areas.

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LXX. Vomiting

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fowl gizzard lining

When cleaning a killed fowl, keep aside the yellow gizzard. Dry it and always keep it on hand. Boil the lining in a pot of water, and drink the tea.

2. /loyő dilil/ root

Boil one-half of the bulb in one cup of water. Drink the tea.

3. brown paper

Take enough paper that is used to weigh out one pound of solid, and boil it in one dup of water. Drink. For children, boil paper for one-half pound weight.

4. carpenter bush salt

Boil a whole bush, add a little salt, and drink one Cup warm. "Will cut it."

LXXI. Whitlow

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This is a "sore below nail".

okra (young) iodoform

Scorch a young okra to ashes, grind it, and mix with some iodoform. Apply this over the sore.

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LXXII. Worms

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This is frequently a disease of infants and young children. An informant says that the child has gripes, he does not eat or he turns away from milk, the eyes are pale or white, and the stool has worms. Another informant confirms this by saying that the only way to adequately diagnose the disease is to see the "mess" in the "posy." Moreover, an infested individual feels the worms "choking" him, the rectum itches, and the skin becomes scaly. Bush remedies act to kill the worms, to purge, and to make them pass out of the body.

1. At night, when the tiny worms emerge from the nose of the sleeping child, pound a small garlic, and place it in front of his nostrils for him to inhale. The worms will go back up the nose. In the morning, give the following remedy:

worm grass garlic

Boil worm grass with a head of garlic. Give the child one teaspoon three times a day. For an adult, drink one cup three times a day.

2. angelin bark

Boil a piece of bark for tea. Drink one dup warm or cooled.

Boil or draw a handful of the following bushes, unless otherwise indicated, in a small pot of water. Strain, add a little sugar to the tea, and drink.

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4. garlic (one head)

7. /pom dilyan/ leaves

5. jump-up-and-kiss-me

8. pussley

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9. /tural/ root sugar

Slice a small piece of root, draw it, and allow the tea to cool.

Add sugar, and drink one cup twice a day.

10. lime molasses

Squeeze a lime, and add three drops of the juice to one teaspoon molasses. Give the child to drink. This remedy can be used along with the worm grass and garlic tea.

11. asafoetida rum

Put a piece of asafoetida in a bottle of rum to soak. Then give the child the rum to drink in amounts according to his age. A five or six-year-old child takes one teaspoon.

12. wild okro seed rum

Soak some seeds in rum. Give the child one teaspoon rum three times a day, or according to how the "worms come up."

13. cowitch seed molasses

Mash or grind one or three seeds from the cowitch pod, or as many according to the size of the child, and add to molasses. Give one teaspoon or tablespoon every day.

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LXXIII. Yellow Fever

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yellow fever; /lafyev žon/

This is a "hot" condition, and all of the bushes prescribed for the ailment are "hot".

1. /korosiy/ root

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Pound a root, and boil it for tea. Drink one-half cup twice a day.

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2. /altamis/ (3-4 bushes) /matram/ leaf (handful) /yapana/ (handful) /sado beni/ root

Boil these ingredients in two bottlefuls of water until one-half that amount remains. Take one tablespoon three times a day. This is also recommended for fever and constipation.

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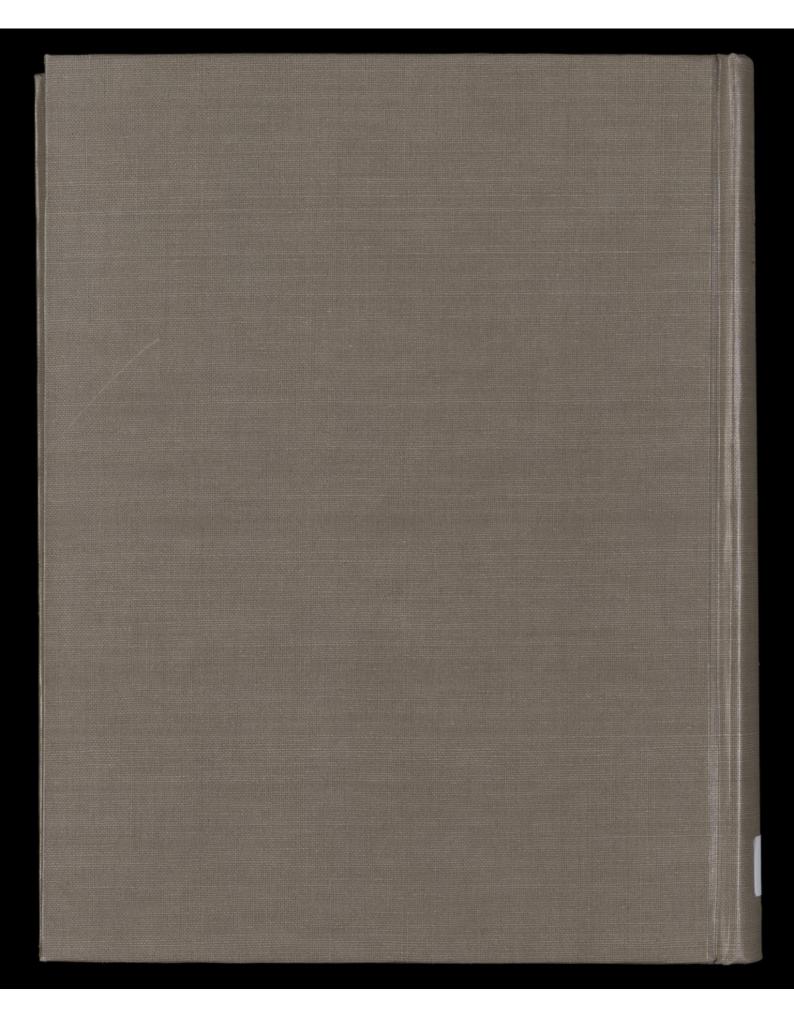












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