

creative ; it is hot and moist, and under the celestial balance. The decoction of the root hereof in wine, is very effectual to open obstructions of the spleen and liver, and helps yellow jaundice, dropsy, pains of the loins, wind colic, provokes urine, expels the stone, and procures women's courses. The continued use of the decoction for fifteen days, taken fasting, and next to bedward, helps the strangury, the voiding of urine by drops, the stopping of urine, and stone, and all defects of the reins and kidneys : if the said drink be continued longer, it is said that it cures the stone. It is found good against the venereal. The roots bruised and applied outwardly, helps the kernels of the throat, commonly called the king's-evil ; or taken inwardly, and applied to the place stung or bitten by any serpent, heals it speedily. If the roots be bruised, and boiled in hog's grease, or salted lard, and applied to broken bones, thorns, &c. remaining in the flesh, they not only draw them forth, but heal up the place again, gathering new flesh where it was consumed. The juice of the leaves dropped into the ear, helps imposthumes therein.

**EVEWEED, OR DOUBLE ROCKET.)—(*Hesperis Matronalis*.)**

*Descrip.*—This grows with a round, upright firm stalk, but the top of it usually droops. The leaves are placed irregularly on it, and are oblong and broad at the base : they are dented along the edges, and sharp at the point ; their colour is a dusky green at the bottom, but the upper ones grow lighter. The flowers are large, sometimes white and blue, or purple.

*Place.*—It is a native of our northern counties, Cumberland and Westmoreland.

*Time.*—It flowers in May.

*Government and Virtues.*—It is a plant of Mars, yet it is accounted a good wound herb. Some eat it with bread and butter on account of its taste, which resembles garlic. Its juice, taken a spoonful at a time, is excellent against obstructions of the viscera : it works by urine. In some places it is a constant ingredient in clysters.

**EYEBRIGHT.—(*Euphrasia Officinalis*.)**

*Descrip.*—Common Eyebright is a small low herb, rising up usually but with one blackish green stalk a span high, or not much more, spread from the bottom

into sundry branches, whereon are small and almost round, yet pointed, dark green leaves, finely snipped about the edges, two always set together, and very thick : at the joints with the leaves, from the middle upward, come forth small white flowers, steeped with purple and yellow spots, or stripes ; after which follow small round heads, with very small seed therein. The root is long, small, and thready at the end.

*Place.*—It grows in meadows and grassy places in this country.

*Time.*—It flowers in July.

*Government and Virtues.*—It is under the sign of the Lion, and Sol claims dominion over it. The juice, or distilled water of Eyebright, taken inwardly in white wine or broth, or dropped into the eyes, for divers days together, helps all infirmities of the eyes that cause dimness of sight. Some make conserve of the flowers to the same effect. Being used any of these ways, it also helps a weak brain, or memory.

#### FAVEREL (WOOLLY).—(*Draba Incana*.)

*Descrip.*—The root is composed of many long and thick fibres, and the leaves grow in tufts at the bottom of the stalk ; they are of a deep green, oblong pointed, and very rough and harsh to the touch. The stalk is upright, slender, and green ; there are no leaves on it, but towards the top grow small star-like pale green flowers, with yellow threads in the centre. The seed vessel is small, and the seeds are numerous and brown.

*Place.*—They are common in Yorkshire and Westmoreland, and other northern counties.

*Time.*—They sometimes flower as early as April, and, according to their situation, may not come out till June.

*Government and Virtues.*—They are under the dominion of the Moon. The leaves and roots are commended by the ancients against the sciatica, being beaten into a cataplasm with hog's lard, and applied to the part affected, and kept on four hours to a man, and two to a woman, and the place afterwards washed with wine and oil.

#### FELWORT.—(*Swertia Perennis*.)

*Descrip.*—A species approaching gentian, for which it is often taken by the common herbalists. The root is small, long, brown, and divided, and has a bitter taste.