

liver, breaks the stone, and stays women's courses. The decoction of the leaves work the same effects. The water that is found in the hollow places of Oaks, is very effectual against any foul or spreading scabs. The distilled water of the leaves is one of the best remedies for the whites.

OATS.—(*Avena Sativa.*)

Descrip.—The root is fibrous, the stalk hollow, jointed a yard high; the leaves are long, narrow, and of a pale green. The flowers are in a loose panicle, and terminate the stalk.

Place.—It grows wild from seed, but is cultivated.

Time.—It is reaped early in harvest.

Government and Virtues.—Oats fried with bay salt, and applied to the sides, take away the pains of stitches and wind in the sides of the belly. A poultice made of the meal of oats, and some oil of bays added, helps the itch and leprosy; as also the fistulas of the fundament, and dissolves hard imposthumes. The meal of oats boiled with vinegar and applied, takes away freckles and spots in the face, and other parts of the body.

ONION.—(*Allium Cepa.*)

THIS plant is so common and well known that it needs no description.

Place.—It is not a native of this country, but is largely cultivated in our gardens, for esculent purposes.

Time.—The flowers appear early in Summer.

Government and Virtues.—Mars owns them. They are flatulent, or windy, and provoke appetite, increase thirst, ease the bowels, provoke the courses, help the bites of mad dogs, and of other venomous creatures, used with honey and rue; increase sperm, especially the seed: they kill worms in children, if they drink the water fasting wherein they have been steeped all night. Being roasted under the embers, and eaten with honey, or sugar and oil, they much conduce to help an inveterate cough, and expectorate tough phlegm. The juice being snuffed up the nostrils, purges the head, and helps the lethargy, yet often eaten is said to procure pains in the head. The juice is good for either scalds or burns. Used with vinegar it takes away all blemishes, spots, and marks in the skin; and dropped into the ears, eases the pains and noise in them. Applied also with figs beaten together, helps to ripen and break imposthumes, and other sores. Leeks (*Allium Porrum*) are like them in