

sey: and further saith, that whosoever shall so take it, shall never be troubled with that disease again.

CURRENT-TREE.—(*Ribes Vulgaris*.)

Descrip.—The Currant-tree is well known to be a somewhat taller tree than the goose-berry, with larger leaves, without thorns. The fruit grows in small bunches, of a red colour, and of a sharp sweetish taste.

Place.—It is usually planted in gardens, but is said to grow wild in the north of England.

Time.—It flowers in April, and the fruit is ripe in June.

Government and Virtues.—They are under 'Jupiter. They are cooling to the stomach, quench thirst, and are somewhat restraining; a jelly made with the juice and sugar, is cooling and grateful in fevers.

CYPRESS-TREE.—(*Cupressus*.)

Descrip.—This grows to be a large, tall, high tree, covered all over, almost from the ground, with slender branches growing close together, making the tree have a pyramidal shape, with small, short, sharp, and as it were scaly leaves, which cover over all the young twigs. The flowers are small and staminous, succeeded by cones or nuts, as they are called, which are round, near as big as a walnut, when ripe opening with several clefts, in which lie brown flattish cornered seeds.

Place.—It is planted in gardens for its pleasant verdure, being a perennial or evergreen, holding its leaves all winter, and shooting out fresh in the spring. We have two species growing in our gardens, whereof the *fæmina*, or that whose branches grow closer together, is the most common, having somewhat longer nuts than the other, whose branches are more expanded, and cones or nuts rounder.

Time.—The fruit is ripe about the beginning of winter.

Government and Virtues.—This tree is under the government of Saturn. The cones or nuts are mostly used, the leaves but seldom; they are accounted very drying and binding, good to stop fluxes of all kinds, as spitting of blood, diarrhoea, dysentery, the immoderate flux of the menses, involuntary miction; they prevent the bleeding of the gums, and fasten loose teeth: outwardly, they

are used in styptic restringent fomentations and cataplasms.

DAFFODILL (COMMON.)—(*Narcissus Pseudonarcissus*.)

THE White Daffodills are also called Primrose Pearls, and the Yellow Daffodills, Lidelillies, and Daffy-downdillies.

Descrip.—There are several kinds of daffodills: some with a crimson or red purple circle in the middle of the flower, and others having a yellow circle, resembling a coronet or cup, in the middle of the flower: there is another kind that is yellow in the middle, and another sort which bears double flowers. The common wild Daffodill grows about a foot high. The leaves are long, narrow, grassy, and of a deep green; and they are nearly as long as the stalk, which is roundish, but somewhat flat-tish and edged. The flower is large, yellow, and single: it stands at the top of the stalk, and by its weight presses it down a little: the root is round and white.

Place.—It is common in the gardens in its own natural form, and in a great variety of shapes and colours that culture has given it. The yellow Daffodill does not grow naturally in this country, but in gardens where it is planted.

Time.—Daffodills flower in March and April.

Government and Virtues.—Venus governs all the Daffodilla, except the yellow, which belongs to Mars. The fresh roots of the former are to be used, and it is very easy to have them always in readiness in a garden; and very useful, for they have great virtues. Given internally, in a small quantity, either in decoction or powder, they act as a vomit, and afterwards purge a little: and are excellent against all obstructions. The best way of giving them is in form of the juice, pressed out with some white-wine; but their principal uses are externally. The fresh roots bruised, and boiled with parched barley-meal, very suddenly heal fresh wounds; mixed with honey, they strengthen sprains, and are good to apply to cuts, and to old aches in the joints. With darnel-meal and honey, they break imposthumes, and help to draw out splinters from the flesh: the juice of the bruised root will allay swellings and inflammations of the breast. The roots of yellow Daffodills boiled, and taken in posset-drink, cause vomiting, and are used with good success at