

INDIGENOUS DRUGS OF INDIA

THEIR MEDICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS

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"Come, Wander with me" she said,

"Into regions yet untrod,
And read what is still unread
In the manuscripts of God."

— Longfellow.

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Rana-tigrina (frog), **Bufo melanosticus** (toad); (S.-Bheka, B.-Byang); flesh—cardiac stim., phlegm., slight bilious, alleviates thirst, gonorr., phthisis, leprosy, vomiting.

Rennet (H.-Pancermaya, Pes).

Reptiles.

Lizard; flesh—tonic, stim., alter., used in syphilis; oil—aphrodis.

Serpent poison; stim., used in collapse stage of fever and cholera.

Gecko verticillatus Laur. (S.-Musali, B.-Takshakha, H.-Chipkuli, M.-Paillie); used in leprosy.

Mabuia carinata Schneid.—Indian Skink (P.-Regnahi); oil—restor., stim., aphrodis., astisyp.

Varanus bengalensis Daud—Iguana (H.-Gosamp); used in consumption.

V. salvator; cures cutaneous disorders.

Python reticulatus Schneid.; gall bladder—used medicinally.

Rhinoceros unicornis Linn.—The great one-horned Rhino (S.-Khargee, B.-Gandar); flesh—astrin., difficult to digest, nutri., cardiac stim. and alleviative of vomiting and epistaxis.

Saccobranchus fossilis Bloch.—Fish (S.-Sringi, B.-Singi); flesh—demulc., easily digestible, cardiac stim., aphrodis., galact., in dropsy, jaundice, bile, phlegm and wind.

Saccharum lactis; see LACTUS.

Scilla serrata—Crab (S.-Karkataka, B.-Kankra); antibil., diur., laxt., hæmatinic, cardiac stim. and alleviative of 'vayu'.

Scomberomorus commersonii Lacép.—Seir fish (H.-Surmoyi, M.-Konam); subst. for cod or shark oil.

Sepia officinalis, see OS SEPIE.

Serpent poison (S.-Sarpavisha); see SNAKE VENOM, p. 439.

Snake (S.-Sarpa, B.-Sáp); flesh—stomch., beneficial in eye-disease, piles, worms.

Spongilla—The Sponge (H.-Badala, Bo.-Vadulun); astrin.; contains gelatine, albumen and iodine.

Taccardia lacca—Lac (S.-Laksha, B.-Gala, Bo. & M.-Lakh); given in hæmatemesis, caries.

Trichogaster fasciatus Bl. Schn.—Fish (S.-Khalis, B.-Khalse); flesh—astrin., constipating, produces wind and alleviative of 'sula'.

Turbinella rapa—Conch (S. & Bo.-Shankha, M.-Sanka); anælyne, carmin., digestive, astrin.

Turnix m. tanki Blyth. and **Turnix dussumieri** Zemm.—Bird (S.-Laba, H.-Lawa, B.-Baterpakhi, M.-Labuwapetta); flesh—astrin., demulc., constipating, stomch. and beneficial in disturbance of the three humours.

Univalve; see GASTROPODA.

Urine (S.-Mutra, H.-Pesab); **cow's urine**—laxt., diur., used in cirrhosis of the liver; **goat's urine**—for fever, headache; **ox's urine**—stomch., used in jaundice, worms, œdema and diar.; **horse's urine**—bitter, stim., stomch., purg., used in ringworm and intestinal worms; **human urine**—stim., stomch., cardiac stim., useful in wind, worms, skin disease.