

6 The sixth kinde of *Veronica* hath many vpright branches a foote high and sometimes more, diuiding themselves into sundry other small twigs; at the top whereof do grow faire spikie tufts, bearing bright and shining blew floures. The leaues are somewhat long, indented about the edges like a saw: the root is compact of many threds, or strings.

† 7 This hath stalkes some cubit high and sometimes more, and these not very full of branches, yet hauing diuers joints, at each whereof do grow forth two leaues, two or three inches long, and one broad, and these leaues are also thicke, smooth, and shining, lightly snipt or cut about the edges, and of a very astringent and drying taste, and at last somewhat biting. At the top of the stalkes grow spikie tufts or blew floures like those of the last mentioned, but of somewhat a lighter colour, and they begin first to floure or shew themselves below, and so go vpwards; the seed, which is small and blacke, is conteyned in flat seed vessels: the roote is thicke with many fibres, euery yeere thrusting vp new shoots. There is a variety of this with the leaues not so blacke and shining, but hauing more branches; and another which hath a longer spike or tuft of floures. *Clusius* calls this *Veronica erectior latifolia*. ‡

8 The eighth hauing his stalkes leaning vpon the ground looketh with his face vpright, hauing sundry flexible branches, set with leaues like vnto wilde Germander by couples, one right against another, deeply jagged about the edges, in respect of the other before mentioned. The floures are of a blew colour: the root is long, with some threds appendant thereto.

¶ The Place.

Veronica groweth vpon banks, borders of fields, and grasie mole-hills, in sandy grounds, and in woods, almost euery where.

The fourth kinde, my good friend Mr. *Stephen Bredwell*, practitioner in phylicke found and shewed it me in the close next adjoining to the house of Mr. *Bele*, chiefe of the clerkes of her Maiesties Counsell, dwelling at Barnes neere London. The sixth is a stranger in England; but I haue it growing in my garden.

¶ The Time.

These floure from May to September.

¶ The Names.

† These plants are comprehended vnder this generall name *Veronica*; and *Dodonaeus* would haue the first of them to be the *Betonica* of *Paulus Aegineta*; and *Turner* and *Gesner* the third: we do call them in English, Pauls Betony, or Speedwell: in Welch it is called *Fluellen*, and the Welch people do attribute great vertues to the same: in high Dutch, *Gzowndheill*; in low Dutch, *Eu ppijs*, that is to say; Honor and praise.

¶ The Nature.

These are of a meane temperature, betweene heate and drinesse.

¶ The Vertues.

The decoction of *Veronica* drunke, sodereth and healeth all fresh and old wounds, clenseth the blood from all corruption, and is good to be drunke for the kidnies, and against scuruiuesse and foule spreading tetters, and consuming and fretting sores, the small pox and meafels.

The water of *Veronica* distilled with wine, and re-distilled so often vntill the liquor wax of a reddish colour, preuaileth against the old cough, the drinesse of the lungs, and all vlcers and inflammation of the same.

† The second and third were both figures of that described in the third place: and those that were formerly in the fifth and sixth places, were also of the same plant, to wit that which is here described in the sixth place and which was formerly in the fifth.

CHAP. 198. Of herbe Two pence.

¶ The Description.

1 **H**Erbe Two pence hath a small and tender root, spreading and dispersing it selfe farre within the ground; from which rise vp many little, tender, flexible stalkes trailing vpon the ground, set by couples at certaine spaces, with smooth Greene leaues somewhat round, whereof it tooke his name: from the bosome of which leaues shoote forth small tender foot-stalkes, whereon do grow little yellow floures, like those of Cinkefoile or Tormentill.

2 There is a kinde of Money woort or herbe Two pence, like the other of his kinde in each respect, sauing it is altogether lesfer, wherein they differ.

† 3 There is another kinde of Money-woort which hath many very slender creeping branches which here and there put forth fibres, and take root againe: the leaues are small and round, standing by couples one against another, and out of the bosomes come slender foote-stalkes bearing

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bearing pretty little whitish purple floures consisting of five little leaues standing together in manner of a little bell-floure, and seldome otherwise: the seed is small, and contained in round heads. This growes in many wet rotten grounds and vpon bogges: I first found it Anno 1626, in the Bishopricke of Durham, and in two or three places of Yorkshire, and not thinking any had taken notice thereof, I drew a figure of it & called it *Nummularia pusilla flore ex albo purpurascente*; but since I haue found that *Bauhine* had formerly set it forth in his *Prodromus* by the name of *Nummularia flore purpurascente*. It growes also on the bogges vpon the heath, neare Burnt wood in Essex: it floures in Iuly and August. ‡

1 *Nummularia*.
Herbe Two pence.

‡ 3 *Nummularia flore purpurascente*.
Purple floured Money-wort.



¶ The Place.

It groweth neere vnto ditches and streames, and other watery places, and is sometimes found in moist woods: I found it vpon the banke of the riuer of Thames, right against the Queenes palace of White hall; and almost in euery countrey where I haue trauelled.

¶ The Time.

It floureth from May till Summer be well spent.

¶ The Names.

Herbe Two pence is called in Latine *Nummularia*, and *Centummarbia*: and of diuers *Serpentaria*. It is reported that if serpents be hurt or wounded, they do heale themselves with this herbe, whereupon came the name *Serpentaria*: it is thought to be called *Centummarbia*, of the wonderfull effect which it hath in curing diseases; and it is called *Nummularia* of the forme of money, whereunto the leaues are like: in Dutch, *Denminckcrutt*: in English, Money wort, Herbe Two pence, and Two penny grasse.

¶ The Temperature.

That this herbe is dry, the binding taste thereof doth shew: it is also moderate colde.

¶ The Vertues.

A The floures and leaues stamped and laid vpon wounds and vlcers doth cure them: but it worketh most effectually being stamped and boiled in oile oliue, with some rosen, wax, and turpentine added thereto.

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