

¶ The Vertues.

The leaues of water Plantaine, as some Authors report, are good to be laid vpon the legs of such as are troubled with the Dropfie, and hath the same propertie that the land Plantaine hath. A

† *Dioscorides* and *Galen* commend the seed hereof giuen in Wine, against Fluxes, Dysenteries, the spitting of blood, and ouermuch flowing of womens termes. B

Pliny saith, the leaues are good against burnes. † C

CHAP. 97. Of Land Plantaine.

1 *Plantago latifolia.*
Broad leaued Plantaine.



2 *Plantago incana.*
Hoarie Plantaine.



¶ The Description.

1 **A**S the Greekes haue called some kindes of Herbes Serpents tongue, Dogs tongue, and Oxe tongue; so haue they termed a kind of Plantaine *Arnoglosson*, which is as if you should say Lambes tongue, very well knowne vnto all, by reason of the great commoditie and plenty thereof growing euery where; and therefore it is needlesse to spend time about them. The greatnesse and fashion of the leaues hath been the cause of the varieties and diuersities of their names

2 The second is like the first kinde, and differeth in that, that this kinde of Plantaine hath greater, but shorter spikes or knaps: and the leaues are of an hoarie or ouerworne greene colour: the stalkes are likewise hoary and hairy.

3 The small Plantaine hath many tender leaues ribbed like vnto the great Plantaine, and is very like in each respect vnto it, sauing that it is altogether lesser.

4 The spiked Rose Plantaine hath very few leaues, narrower than the leaues of the second kinde of Plantaine, sharper at the ends, and further growing one from another. It beareth a very double floure vpon a short stem like a rose, of a greenish colour tending to yellownesse. The seed groweth vpon a spikie tuft aboue the highest part of the plant; notwithstanding it is but very low in respect of the other Plantaines aboue mentioned.

5 The

4 *Plantago Rosæ spicata.*
Spiked Rose Plantaine.



‡ 6 *Plantago pumiculis sparsis.*
Plantaine with spoky tufts.



5 *Plantago Rosæ exotica.*
Strange Rose Plantaine.



5 The fifth kinde of Plantaine hath beene a stranger in England and elsewhere, vntill the impression hereof. The cause why I say so is, the want of consideration of the beauty which is in this plant, wherein it excelleth all the other. Moreouer, because that it hath not bin written of or recorded before this present time, though plants of lesser moment haue beene very curiously set forth. This plant hath leaues like vnto them of the former, and more orderly spred vpon the ground like a Rose: among which rise vp many small stalks like the other plantaines, hauing at the top of euery one a fine double Rose altogether vnlike the former, of an hoary or rusty Greene colour.

‡ I take this set forth by our Author to be the same with that which *Clusius* receiued

from *James Garret* the yonger, from London; and therefore I giue you the figure thereof in this place, together with this addition to the historie out of *Clusius*: That some of the heads are like those of the former Rose Plantaine; other some are spike fashion, and some haue a spike growing as it were out of the midst of the Rose, and some heads are otherwise shaped: also the whole plant is more hoary than the common Rose Plantaine.

6 This plantaine must not here be forgot, though it be somewhat hard to be found: his leaues, roots, and stalkes are like those of the ordinarie, but in stead of a compact spike it hath one much diuided after the manner as you see it here expressed in the figure, and the colour thereof is greenish. ‡

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