

Fragments from *Utilis Planta*

TAB. 1 - Parthenocissus Voro

Approximately 118 inches from ground level full grown, damp soil, full shade.

This carnivorous vine feeds mainly on mosquitoes and small flying insects. Although this vine will wrap around a tree or shrub, it will not strangle the host plant. Grows easily in the wild but very difficult to keep alive once transplanted.

TAB. 2 - Maranta Curatio

Between 13 – 15 inches average height, low light, damp soil.

This slow spreading Perennial thrives in the shade of the forest. Known for its remarkable curative properties, the viscous fluid within the plant can be used directly on wounds and taken internally as well, to promote healthy cellular growth and heal injuries as well as scars. When combined with other medicinal plants, the fluid of the *Maranta Curatio* will heighten the medicinal effects of the primary plant.

TAB. 3 - Gynura Scindo

Between 27 – 30 inches average height, drought resistant, flowers in the Fall.

Each seedpod is a double seed. This plant blooms only if four of the seedpods grow in a close proximity (no more than 3") to each other. When this occurs, the four sprouts converge and form one stalk and ultimately produce a single flower. The single spherical flower actually consists of hundreds of tiny flowers which if consumed raw, can cause temporary blindness (approximately 2-3 hours) which is followed by the ability to see in the dark. This heightened night vision can last for up to 70 hours. Once dried *Gynura Scindo* pedals are far less potent causing only 2 to 3 minutes of blindness, with night vision lasting only about 6-7 minutes.

TAB. 4 - Taraxacum Lumen

Between 4 – 5 inches average height, 3 inch flower diameter, extremely hardy in all conditions.

Common name is the Sunlight Dandelion, named for its ability to produce 'sunlight' during the time that the sun is up. The flowers are quite large for a Dandelion and will dim with the setting sun.

TAB. 5 - Cattelya Luna Lux

Between 9 – 10 inches average height, prefer damp soil, adaptable to all regions.

Common name is the Midnight Ember. Despite being in the orchid family, it can thrive in any environment. Winters quite well and can take temperature extremes from -20 C to 40 C with little effect. When exposed to the light of the full moon, the flowers will absorb the light and glow for a month during the evening hours only. Some have grown as large as 16 inches in height and 16 inches in diameter.

TAB. 6 - Althaea Animum

Between 7 – 9 inches average height, prefer clay and rocky terrain.

Commonly referred to as Stick Grass, because of the strength and density of its stalk. Dried, both the flowers and seeds remain a striking blue and are used for ornamental arrangements. The blue seeds can be used in a variety of teas and elixirs, giving a peppermint and berry flavor, but mainly used for its ability to influence psychic behavior.

TAB. 7 - Stachys Petra

Averages seven inches in height, damp and well-drained rocky soil, low light.

Commonly referred to as Medusa Sage, this animated plant reacts to movement and will respond to being stroked. The leaves of this plant have a spice similar to Mountain Sage and a wispy fur covers the leaves that are anywhere from a fuzz to three inches long. The friendly nature of this plant is in direct opposition to the effect that it has on an unsuspecting nervous system. A complete, non-fatal 'rigor mortis' takes over the body when the dried leaves sage leaves are ingested. This paralysis can last for days or weeks depending on the amount consumed.

TAB. 8 - Raphanus Geminus

Between 10 – 11 inches in average height (leaves), moist soil, full sun.

In the radish family, these are mild in flavor and not too peppery. Having a hollow center the primary radish, which is about three inches in diameter, will produce a blue syrup which is beneficial for an upset stomach. As many as five 'minor' radishes can grow from the primary radish, and are about two inches in diameter and produce a purple syrup in its hollow center. This purple syrup will cure stomach ulcers and eliminate most intestinal ailments.

TAB. 9 - Platycodon Navi

Averages about 10 inches in height, prefers moist soil, self-pollinating.

Commonly referred to as the hot air balloon plant. This interesting plant produces helium within its closed flowers, once the flower matures and breaks free, the helium carries the flower until it opens, falls to the ground and roots a new plant. The root is edible and is extremely high in iron and protein with a flavor similar to a radish and the spicy heat of a jalapeno pepper.

TAB. 10 - Silybum Insomnium

Between 26 – 29 inches average height, drought tolerant, full sun.

Known as the Nightmare Thistle for the fact that its needles, that can be as much as 6" long, will give anyone that is pricked by them horrible nightmares for five to eight days. These nightmares are far worse than night terrors and some have even died of fear from the dreams they produce.

TAB. 11 - Staphylinos Folliculus

Between 65 – 71 inches average height, moist and well-drained soil, part sun.

This carnivorous plant feeds on dragonflies only. The root of this plant is edible with a very high level of protein and vitamin C and has a similar flavor to a carrot with an aftertaste of maple.

TAB. 12 - Cantharellus Buccinae

Between 10 – 14 inches average height, damp soil, low light.

The trumpeted tubes of this carnivorous plant attract snails. The chemical reaction that occurs in the 'belly' of this plant, turns the shell of the snails into a brittle and highly caffeinated material. When crushed and powdered, the caffeine is about equal to five shots of espresso.

TAB. 13 - Dionaea Avis Comedentis

Between 95 – 115 inches average height, moist soil, low light.

Commonly called the Venus Bird-trap, this carnivorous plant does just that. Adapts well to transplanting and thrives in moderate environments. Can withstand freezing and high temperatures, but will not tolerate direct sunlight.

TAB. 14 - Agaricus Forentibus

Between 4 – 7 inches average height, low light, wet soil near tree roots.

This flowering fungus was named after the man that first discovered it, Edward Forent whose name is coincidentally similar to the Latin word *Florentibus*, which means Flowering. The tiny sand-sized seeds that come from the flowers can be used in medicinal teas to prompt certain brain functions. The quantity used will dictate the part of the brain being focused on. Even though the seeds are small their flavor is quite pungent with a very bitter taste and fetid odor.

TAB. 15 - Ornithogalum Ovum

Between 7 – 11 inches average height, rich and well draining soil, low light.

Know as the Egg Flower, because of the egg-like pod that the flower grows out of. If the flower is dried and then steeped in hot water, the tea produced will increase fertility drastically. It has a delicious and delicate flavor of elderberry, rose and lavender.

TAB. 16 - Drynaris Memento

Between 21 – 30 inches average height, low light, damp soil.

If ingested, any part of this plant, except for its flower, will cause nausea and intestinal upset. When the flower is dried and steeped in warm water, the resulting tea will increase the concentration level of the individual and will even help the individual recall long forgotten memories.

TAB. 17 - Etlingera Contrarium

Between 20 – 24 inches average height, low light, moist soil.

This rare plant actually grows its flower first and then from within the bloom, stalks and leaves grow. The flower is always in bloom and the stalks and leaves grow and wither in cycles that last from twelve to sixteen days. If picked on the ninth day, the leaves can be eaten for immediate pain relief. If consumed on any other day in its cycle, the effect would be crippling joint and nerve pain for up to sixteen days.

TAB. 18 - Magnolia Lenonius

Between 22 – 31 inches average height, full sun light, damp soil.

The smallest of the Magnolia's, this tree produces only one extremely fragrant blossom at a time. Prolonged exposure to this fragrance has been known to cure depression but in turn will sometimes create a false sense of security.

TAB. 19 - Digitalis Scelus

Between 16 – 19 inches average height, partial sun, drought tolerant.

This plant can be blamed for countless wicked deeds. Every part, from its tooth-shaped seed to the simple shallow roots and even the stalk and flower, will cause anyone that ingests it to go temporarily mad and perform heinous and sinful acts, even as far as murder. These effects can last days.

TAB. 20 - Heliamphora Dilectio

Between 7 – 8 inches average height, grows near water or swampy areas.

This pitcher style carnivorous plant lures bees into a single funneled opening with a fragrant and attractive liquid. A bee landing in the fluid will remain there because of the intoxicating effect of the liquid, and eventually they are digested. If this liquid, which has a gentle aroma of lavender and honey, is used as a perfume, it tends to make any person close by fall in love with you. The effect does not begin for about fifteen minutes, which is also the time it takes to wear off once they are out of close range.

TAB. 21 - Fouquieria Offoco

Spreads quickly, dies off in the winter, drought resistant.

This vine will climb trees and spread as a ground cover as well. It will choke and kill any plant it covers and if a person or animal is pricked by its thorns, it will constrict the airways and cause a temporary, but generally non-fatal, choking reaction.

TAB. 22 - Ascleptas Indespectus

Between 32 – 37 inches average height, full sun, drought tolerant.

Commonly referred to as the Fire and Ice plant, due to the cool colors of the seed and flower and the ability for the plant to take extreme heat and no water for extended periods of time. It has also been known to survive brush fires untouched. If the unopened pod is removed and dried and crushed into a powder, then that powder, if poured onto the smoldering embers of oak wood, will produce smoke that if inhaled moments after, induces invisibility lasting up to six hours.

TAB. 23 - Allium Fortis

About 4 inches above ground and average 9 inches below ground average, moist soil.

With a taste of apple and rosemary, this root vegetable can be quite tasty raw or cooked and is a favorite of Trill-Tins during the Fall. The leaves if eaten will cause indigestion, but the root when eaten will warm the body for hours.

TAB. 24 - Prunus Immortalis

Can reach up to 33 feet in height, moist soil, full sun.

Commonly referred to as the Peach of Immortality, this has long been included in Chinese mythology and greatly sought after. Found only in the lush garden of the Jade Emperor and his wife the Queen Mother of the West, this peach was given to their guests that they felt worthy. Those that ate this fruit would live forever.

TAB. 25 - Sarracenia Polypus

Average height of 5 – 6 inches, low light, moist soil

Commonly called the Octopus Plant, this is one of the more difficult plant to find. The seeds will only germinate if first consumed by a Kaptar. If the droppings are left in the shade and near limestone, then this plant will grow. If the tubes are removed and fermented, then consumed, the effect will be the ability to go without oxygen for two hundred minutes.

TAB. 26 - Lycoperdon Hystrix

Between 4 – 11 inches height, no light, damp environment.

This fungus will only grow deep within cave systems, near the base of stalagmites. If the tiny flowers are crushed and rubbed on the skin, it will become resistant to burning, even in extreme conditions.

TAB. 27 - Ribes Sollistimus

Between 13 – 15 inches average height, full sun, moist soil.

The fruit of this plant, which measures about one to two inches in diameter, has a lemon and banana flavor. Eating this fruit will stave off hunger, and provide enough nutrients for up to thirty six hours.

TAB. 28 - Carnegiea Penitus

Between 36 – 44 inches in height, full sun, drought tolerant

The flower of this cactus takes up the entire inside of the succulent and can only be pollinated only by mosquitoes. Once pollinated the entire cactus withers and the thorns will become seeds. If pricked by the thorns, once they are seeds, then even without water for two days, you will not need become dehydrated.

TAB. 29 - Clematis Adfectus

Up to 17 feet maximum growth from root, low to no light, moist soil.

This vine is usually found deep in the forest at the base of trees. When the seeds of this self-pollinating plant sprout naturally, the seedpods containing its blooms remain closed. With time, the pods dry and fall to the ground and propagate a new plant.

However, when its seeds are intentionally planted, then its pod opens, exposing the flower. The plant will connect with the emotions of the one that planted it; this connection is everlasting and supersedes death. Additionally, the pod will only open to expose its flower when the one that planted it wishes to please, attract or get the attention of another near the vine.

TAB. 30 - Calocera Anemonem

Up to 40 inches maximum height, full to partial sun, damp soil.

Common name is Krelt. Though long classified as fungi, this plant not only moves on its own, but has demonstrated simple thought processes as well.

(All descriptions and corresponding illustrations are the creation of artist Scott Philip Goergens (S.Philip G. - A.K.A. - Arsenic Media))

