A rare Henry VIII 'Herbal', London, 1544

Sold


on euery maner of bytyng of veny
mous beste, and it wyll drawe out
the venym and saue the lorde, who
ꝑ vseth it, it wyll make good bzeth
and do away stynke of the mouth.
Also who that hath ꝑ feuer tertian
take.iii.rotes and thre croppes of
the same herbe and stampe them ⁊
temper thē with fayre clene water
and gyue it to the patyent to drike
Also who that hath the feuer quar
tayne let him take the same drynke
Also it is good for the stomake, the
lyuer, ⁊ lōges. Also take veruayne
Betayne, ⁊ Sarfrage ⁊ of euery
of them lyke much and stampe thē
with wyne tempered and thys is
good for them that hath the stone.
Also they that bere veruayn vpon
thē they shall haue loue and grace
of great maysters and they shall
graūt hi hꝭ askyng ye his askyng
be good and ryghtfull.

Hic

The treasure of pore me Fo.i.

¶ Howe thou shalt make
Aqua vite.

NOwe in the begyn
nyng fyrst I wyl make
perfyte to you the com
posycyon of Aqua vite
the whiche is called in
Englysche water of lyfe. Fyrst fyl a
pot of olde red wyne clere ⁊ stronge
and do there in pouder of Canell,
gylofer, ginger, pelitory nutmyge,
Galyngale lyngured, maces, quy-
byles, graines of Paris, longe pe-
per, blacke seremōten, comyn, Fe-
nell sede, Smalage, persly, sayge,
mynte, rewe, calamynte, and Hor-
thowe of eche of the lyke muche ⁊
beware that they dyffer nat the
wayght of a dzam vnder or aboue
at ye moste. The wayght of a dzam
is two pens halfpeny than put all
the aboue sayd pouders in ye wyne
and after put them in a stylatory

and

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Description

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With some marginal hand drawn annotations.

This is a version of an anonymous herbal, thought to be of medieval origin, entitled 'Here begynneth a good booke of medecines called the treasure of pore men'. See The University of Chicago Library number 11630378.

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