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specific differences however are very evident. Its taste and smell are considerably less unpleasant * than those of the common Wormwood; and even the essential oil, which contains the whole of its flavour concentrated, is somewhat less ungrateful, and the watery extract somewhat less bitter, than those of the common wormwood. Hence it is preferred by the London College in those cases where the A. Absinthium is supposed to be too offensive to the stomach.‡ But as the efficacy of these plants depends upon their sensible qualities, this species, though its virtues approach to those of common wormwood, yet from being less powerfully bitter, must be considered in a proportionate degree a less powerful medicine.

A conserve of the tops of this plant is directed by the London Pharmacopœia.

* "In its wild state it smells like Marum or Camphor, but in our gardens it is less grateful." *Withering, l. c.*

The salt of Wormwood, which is obtained from the ashes of the A. Absinthium, differs not from other vegetable fixed alkali, provided they be equally pure.

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SYNONYMA. Santonicum. *Pharm. Lond. & Edinb.* Absinthium Santonicum Alexandrinum. *Bauh. Pin. p.* 139. *Raii Hist. p.* 368. Sementina. *Gerard Emac. p.* 1100. Semen sanctum. *Lob. ic.* 758. Absinthium Seriphium Ægyptium & semen sanctum, Scheba Arabum. *Camer. Epit. p.* 457. Absinthium Santonicum alexandrinum, sive sementina & semen sanctum. *Park. Theat. p.* 102. Artemisia fruticosa incana ramosissima, corymbis sessilibus spicatis subrotundis, foliis superioribus linearibus brevissimis obtusiusculis. *Gmel. Lib.* 11. *p.* 115. *t.* 51.

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