

Of clinopodium,

Clinopodium.



Linopodium called of the latines clinopodium, may be called in englysh horse tyme because it is lyke vnto wyld tyme, but a great dele

greater. clinopodium is thus described of Dioscorides; clinopodium is a lytle bushe full of twygges, ha-uyng the lenght of. ij. spannes, it groweth in stones. It hath leues lyke vnto wyld tyme, and floures representyng abedfoote, and one standing from an other certayne spaces goyng betwene, as we se in horsehonde. Plini describeth clinopodiu after this maner. Clinopodium is like vnto wyld tyme, ful of litle bzaunches, a span long, It groweth in stony places, and with the round circle of floures, whiche go about the lytle bzaunches, it resemblith bed fete. Dioscorides & Plini differ sumthing in þ length of this herbe, as they differ in the length of ornithogalon. For Dioscorides

maketh this herbe to be. ij. spannes long, sayeng *thamnon esti disphamon*. And Plini maketh it to be but one spanne long. I haue sene this herbe dyuerse tymes growyng in germany: fyrst in the wales of colon hard by the rene and afterwarde in great plenty, aboue Bon by the rene syde among stonnes. But I neuer sawe it aboue a spanne longe. wherfor the length may seme to hynder it to be Dioscorides clinopodium, but no other part of the description. Yet if it may not be clinopodium Dioscorides, it may be right well clinopodium Plini. Besyde the tokens that Dioscorides and Plini marke in this herbe, I marke that it hath foure squared bzaunches & sumthyng rough, and the floures are purple with a certayn whitynes. The greatest leues haue a lytle indentyng about the edges, but not very thyn nor orderly sett to gether, I found this herbe of late right ouer agaisst syon.

The properties of horse tyme,

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