Australia's Natural Remedies

VALUE OF THE FEVER TREE

Many people are unaware of the valuable medicinal properties possessed by different species of plants and bushes growing in Australian forests.

When the Australian Association for the advancement of science meets in Perth in August, a paper will be read by Professor Rennie, of the Adelaide University, on the commercial exploitation of Australian plants.

Due attention will be given to the medicinal side of the question and the review will deal with the past, present and future investigations.

The reading of the paper will mark the first serious step that has been taken to determine the disease-curing properties of the Australian flora. It is anticipated that an impetus will be given to laboratory investigations to the medicinal use of the native herbs and plants, for those who have lived outback, has no need much attention to their effects.

A probable reason for their non-use is the idea that they are not as potent as their European counterparts, and that the Commonwealth is only the child of nature. This is not the case, for many of the Australian herbs and plants have been used for medicinal purposes since the earliest days.

The war had, however, brought about a change in the attitude of the people towards these plants. From the early days of settlement, the great German chemists had used the native flora as a source of medicinal materials. The use of plants was being made in the treatment of various ailments, and the results were satisfactory, and since then researches have ceased.

Eucalyptus Oil

Even that seizing has not placed the medicinal properties of the oil of eucalyptus in their true light. The oil of eucalyptus is the most potent of all the Australian medicinal products, and is widely used in the treatment of colds and other ailments.

While the medicinal properties of the eucalyptus have long been known, the use of it through Orr and Markham has been little known. It has been used in the treatment of colds and in the districts in the far North, where it is known as "pittin," and is known to possess medicinal properties.

Care of Dyspepsia

Extract made from the leaves of this tree is well known as a cure for dyspepsia, and the leaves are boiled and used as a tea. It is claimed that it has a astringent effect, and also because they contain a substance which has a soothing effect on the stomach. The extract is said to be comparatively long lasting, and is used in the treatment of dyspepsia.

It was thought for some time that the leaves of the tree were the only part of the plant which had medicinal properties, but investigations have proved that all parts of the tree have medicinal properties.

To the white man, these medicinal properties are the best example of the wild flora of Australia. The leaves of the tree are used for the preparation of a tea, which is said to have a soothing effect on the stomach.

Fever Tree

One of the most common ailments of the tropical regions of Australia is malaria, but Nature has provided a remedy in a tree botanically known as A. Hocken's tree. The tree is commonly called the Fever Tree. From the bark of the tree comes a very effective medicine of which leaves and stems are the most potent. The leaves are very bitter, while the bark is somewhat medicinal. It is used in the treatment of malaria.

Professor E. H. Rennie

Professor E. H. Rennie's paper is the first to be issued to the British Association in the field of medicine. The paper was read by him in 1876, and is now in his seventieth year.

The paper described the plant and its medicinal properties in the treatment of malaria. It is a true Australian plant, and is known as the Fever Tree. It is used in the treatment of malaria and other ailments.

Valuable White Gum

The valuable gum is found in the dense forests of the north, and is an extant of the gum family, not unlike those which have been employed in the treatment of diseases in the past. It is a true gum, and is used in the treatment of various ailments.

It is believed that there are scores of native plants in the forests of Australia awaiting investigation, and the medicinal properties of these plants have not been explored. The plant described in this paper is a true Australian gum, and is used in the treatment of various ailments.

The discovery of the plant is a great advance in the treatment of diseases, and is an important step in the development of Australian medicine.

The Railway Fares for Scholars

The Railway Fares for Scholars scheme was established to encourage students to travel by rail for educational purposes. The scheme has proved to be a success, and has been extended to include students from all over the Commonwealth.