

Chapter 57

Dangerous Plants

Some plants are toxic to eat, some are toxic to touch and some create allergic reactions through air with their pollen. Most of today's important drugs such as aspirin, morphine, quinine etc., come from plants.

Read the clues, identify and write the names of the plants :

1. It has pretty red and black seeds, often used to make bracelets. Eating even one seed can kill a man.
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2. It is a poisonous vine but its name comes from its use in the past when it was used to help women in childbirth.
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3. If touched, it inflames the skin badly.
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4. It has poisonous red berries. The juice of these berries is used to make the drug atropine which makes the pupil bigger for eye-examination. Earlier, it was also used by women to make their eyes attractive.
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5. It makes the poison muscarine which causes stomach ache and convulsions and can occasionally kill the consumer.
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6. It contains the poisons amanita and phalloidin which can cause kidney and liver failure and kill a person within six hours of eating it.
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7. It is so poisonous that people have been killed by eating meat roasted on its sticks.
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8. It belongs to the parsley family but it is extremely poisonous. It is said to be the plant that was used to kill the ancient Greek philosopher, Socrates.
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Rosary Pea, Oleander, Hemlock, Poison ivy,
Death cap, Deadly nightshade, Fly agaric, Birthwort

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