



# *Beech Drops Herb*

Diarrhea, dysentery, mouth sores, cancers, cold

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**Botanical:** *Epiphegus virginiana*

**Family:** Barton (*Epiphegus americanus*, Nuttall; *Orobanche virginiana*, Linné)

**Other common names** *Beech-drops, Cancer-root.*

**History:** This plant is found throughout North America, parasitic upon the roots of beech trees, and flowering in August and September. The whole plant has a dull-red color, without any verdure. It has a disagreeable, astringent, and amarous taste, much lessened by desiccation. It yields its virtues to water. There are several other species of this genus, which are parasitic, and which possess analogous properties, as the *Aphyllon uniflorum*, Gray (*Orobanche uniflora*, Linné), or *One-flowered* or *Naked broomrape*, and the *Conopholis americana*, Wallroth (*Orobanche americana*, Linné), or *American broomrape, Squaw-root, or Cancer-root.*

**Beneficial Uses:** An astringent used with benefit in *hemorrhages* of the bowels and uterus, and in *diarrhoea*. Said to cure *cancer*, but it possesses no property of the kind. In *erysipelas*, a decoction drunk freely, and the parts bathed with it, has effected many cures. As a local application, the decoction or poultice will arrest the tendency of *wounds* or *ulcers* to *gangrene*; a poultice of equal parts of poke, white oak, and beech-drops is very useful in *herpetic affections*. It is also useful as a topical application to *obstinate ulcers, aphthous ulcerations, leucorrhoea, gleet*, etc. The homoeopaths extol it in *headaches* brought on by fatigue and journeys. This plant seems to exert an influence upon the capillary system, somewhat similar to that produced by the tincture of chloride of iron. Dose the powder, from 10 to 15 grains. The decoction may be drunk freely.

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