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Monografie grzybów w farmakopeach polskich XIX i XX wieku

Fungi in the Polish pharmacopoeias (19th-20th centuries)

SUMMARY

Traditional popular culture recognizes a dozen or so varieties of fungi that grow in the territory of Poland and can be of use the people. Some of those fungi were once used as medicines. However, such use is not reflected in official science: only four species of fungi are described in seven Polish pharmacopoeias from the 19th and 20th centuries that are studied in the present article. These are: two polypores (*Boletus ignarius* and *Boletus laricis*), medicinal yeast (*Faex medicinalis*) and ergot (*Secale cornutum*).

Nowadays fungi are not recognised as medicinal raw materials. In the 4th and 5th edition of the Polish Pharmacopoeia the only vestige of fungi species used in past are the synthetic compounds derived from alkaloids of ergot.

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