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By WILLIAM CURTIS,

Author of the FLORA LONDINENSIS.

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" But fofter tafks divide Florella's hours ;

- " To watch the buds juft op'ning on the day; "With welcome fhade to fcreen the languid flowers,
- " That ficken in the fummer's parching ray.
- " Oft will the ftoop amidft her evening walk, "With tender hand each bruifed plant to rear;
- " To bind the drooping lily's broken flalk, " And nurfe the bloffoms of the infant year."

Mrs. BARBAULD.

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CONVOLVULUS LINEARIS. NARROW-LEAVED CONVOLVULUS.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Corolla campanulata, plicata. Stigmata 2. Capf. 2-locularis: loculis difpermis.

Specific Character.

CONVOLVULUS *linearis* caulibus erectis fruticofis, foliis linearibus acutis pilofo-fericeis, floribus terminalibus umbellato-paniculatis, calycibus pilofis.

The plant here reprefented has long been cultivated as a green-houfe plant in this country under the name of *Convolvulus Cantabrica*, but it differs fo effentially from that plant, as figured and defcribed by Prof. JACQUIN in his *Flora Auftr*. and accords fo little with the other fpecies defcribed by LINNEUS, that we have been induced to regard it as a perfectly diffinct fpecies; in moft points it agrees with *Convolvulus Cneorum*, but differs in having leaves much narrower, more pointed, and lefs filky.

It flrikes most readily from cuttings, is a hardy green-house plant, and flowers during most of the Summer, qualities which many of the modern and more shewy green-house plants cannot boast.

The precife time of its introduction here, together with its particular place of growth, we have not as yet been able fatisfactorily to afcertain.



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AMARYLLIS LUTEA. YELLOW AMARYLLIS.

HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Corolla hexapetaloidea, irregularis. Filamenta fauci tubi inferta, declinata, inæqualia proportione vel directione. Linn. Fil.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

AMARYLLIS lutea fpatha indivifa obtufa, flore feffili, co-rolla campanulata erecta bafi breve tubulofa, ftaminibus erectis, alternis brevioribus. Linn. Fil. Ait. Kew. v. 21. p. 415.
 COLCHICUM luteum majus. Baub. Pin. p. 69.
 NARCISSUS autumnalis major. The greater Autumne or Winter Daffodill. Park. Parad. p. 77. 75. f. 7.

The Amaryllis lutea is a hardy perennial bulbous plant, a native of Spain, and other of the more Southern parts of Europe, and was cultivated in our Gardens in the time of GE-RARD, and PARKINSON.

Flora, who commences her revolutionary reign, by enlivening the flower border with the Spring Crocus, and its numerous varieties, terminates it with flowers equally pleafing, and of fimilar hues; thus we have the prefent plant, the Saffron Crocus, and the Colchicum, flowering nearly at the fame time, from the end of September, through October, and fometimes part of November.

Similar as the Amaryllis is to the yellow Spring Crocus, in the colour, and form of its flowers, it differs obvioufly in the number of its flamina, the breadth of its leaves, and the fize and colour of its root.

Authors defcribe it as varying in fize, in the breadth of its leaves, the height of its flowers, and multiplication of the Corolla.

The Dutch Florifts export it under the title of yellow Colchicum, following the name of fome of the old writers.

It fucceeds beft in a foil moderately moift, in which it increafes confiderably by offsets, and flowers to the moft advantage when the roots have remained for fome few years undiffurbed in the fame fpot.



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CAPPARIS SPINOSA. The CAPER SHRUB.

Class and Order.

POLYANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Charaster

Cal. 4-phyllus, coriaceus. Petala 4. Stamina longa. Bacca corticosa, unilocularis, pedunculata.

Specific CharaEter and Synamyms.

CAPPARIS (pinosa pedunculis unifloris folitariis, flipulis spinofis, foliis annuis, capfulis ovalibus. Linn. Syft. Veretab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 487. 1il Kew. v. 2. p. 221. CAPPARIS foinofa fructu minore, folio rotundo. Baub. Pin. p. 480.

We are happy in having it in our power to lay before our readers a reprefentation of the Caper fhrub, whole bloffoms are rarely feen in this country, though its flower-buds are in very general use a pickle; indeed, to great is their confumption, that they form a very confiderable article of commerce.

The plant grows fpontaneoufly in the more fouthern parts of Europe, especially in Italy and the Levant; in its wild flate it forms a fhrub of low growth, having numerous, fpreading, fpinous branches, fomewhat thickly befet with fmooth roundifh leaves; the bloffoms grow alternately on the branches, and when the plant begins to flower, one opens generally every other morning, but fo delicate are its parts, that on a hot fummer's day it fades before noon: the petals are white; the filaments, which are extremely numerous, are white below, and of a rich purple above; in these the beauty of the flower chiefly confifts, as in the piftillum or pointal does its great fingularity; at first view, one would be led to conclude, that the part fo confpicuous in the centre of the flower was the ftyle terminated by the ftigma in the ufual way; but if we trace this part of the flower to a more advanced flate, we fhall perceive, that what we took for the ftyle, was merely an elongation of the flower-flalk, and what we took for the fligma, was in reality the germen placed on it, crowned with a minute, stigma,

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ftigma, without any intervening ftyle; this germen fwells, turns downward, and ultimately becomes the feed-veffel, rarely ripening in this country.

MILLER observes, that these plants are with difficulty preferved in England, for they delight to grow in crevices of rocks, and the joints of old walls and ruins, and always thrive best in an horizontal position; fo that when they are planted either in pots or the full ground, they rarely thrive, though they may be kept alive for many years. It flowers in May and June, and is ufually raifed from feeds.

Mr. AITON regards it as a green-house plant, and informs us that it was cultivated by GERARD in 1596.

[292] PASSERINA GRANDIFLORA. GREAT-FLOWERED PASSERINA.

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Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. o. Cor. 4-fida. Stamina tubo imposita. Sem. 1. corticatum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PASSERINA grandiflora glaberrima, foliis oblongis acutis concavis extrinfecus rugofis, floribus terminalibus feffilibus folitariis. Linn. Suppl. Pl. p.226.

The Pafferina here figured, diffinguifhed from all the other known species by the largeness of its flowers, is defcribed in the Suppl. Pl. of the younger LINNEUS, but not enumerated in the Hortus Kewensis of Mr. AITON: it is indeed a plant recently introduced to this country from the Cape; we faw it last Summer in great perfection, at Mess. LEE and KENNEDY'S, Hammersmith; it forms a small neat should be plant, flowering in May and June, and increased without difficulty from cuttings.



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[293] CATANANCHE CÆRULEA. BLUE CATANANCHE.

Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA ÆQUALES.

Generic CharaEter.

Recept. paleaceum. Cal. imbricatus. Pappus ariftatus, caliculo 5 feto.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CATANANCHE cærulea fquamis calicis inferioribus ovatis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 722. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 134. CHONDRILLA cærulea cyani capitulo. Baub. Pin. 130.

The Catananche cærulea is a native of the South of France, where it grows in hilly fituations that are ftony: it is a perennial herbaceous plant, moderately hardy, and has long been cultivated in our gardens, Mr. AITON fays, by PARKINSON in 1640: MILLER, who treats of it in his Dictionary, defcribes it as a pretty ornament to a garden, and one that is eafily kept within bounds; there is certainly much about it to excite our admiration, more efpecially in the ftructure of the calyx, and the florets: the flowers, which are of a pale blue colour with a dark eye, make their appearance from July to October.

It is propagated by feeds, which MILLER recommends to be fown in the Spring; the feedlings fhould be transplanted in the Autumn, into the borders where they are to remain; it may also be increased by flips: the plant requires a fituation moderately dry, and is most productive of flowers and feeds when it ftands long in one fpot.

In the 14th edit. of the Systema Vegetab. of Prof. MURRAY, mention is made of a variety with double flowers, which we believe has not been feen in this country.



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AMARYLLIS SARNIENSIS. GUERNSEY AMARYLLIS.

> HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA. Generic Character.

Cor. hexapetaloidea irregularis. Filamenta fauci tubi inferta declinata inæqualia proportione vel directione. Linn. fil. Ait. Kew. p. 415.

Specific Character and Synonyms. AMARYLLIS farnienfis, petalis linearibus planis, flaminibus piftilloque rectiufculis corolla longioribus, fligmatibus partitis revolutis. Linn. fil. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 420. Thunb. Jap. p. 131. LILIUM farnienfe. Dougl. Monogr. t. 1, 2. NARCISSUS japonicus rutilo flore. Corn. Canad. Kæmpf. Amæn. p. 872.

The Guernfey Lily, as it is most commonly called, is originally a native of Japan; where it is defcribed to grow by KAMPFER and THUNBERG, who vifited that island, the latter fays on the hills about Nagafaki, from thence roots are faid. to have been introduced to the garden of JOHANNES MORINUS at Paris, in which it flowered, October 1634 : its introduction to this country, which was fublequent to that date, as Dr. DOUGLASS relates in his Monographia on this plant, "happened " by a very fingular melancholy accident, of which Dr. Mo-" RISON, who no doubt had it from fome perfons then refiding " in Guernfey, gives us the following account: A Dutch or " English ship, it is uncertain which, coming from Japan, " with fome of the roots of this flower on board, was caft " away on the ifland of Guernfey; the roots were thrown upon " a fandy fhore, and fo by the force of the winds and waves, " were foon buried in fand; there they remained for fome " years, and afterwards, to the great furprife and admiration " of the inhabitants, the flowers appeared in all their pomp " and beauty." Some of these foon made their appearance in this country : Mr. AITON relates, that the plant was cultivated here in 1659, by General LAMBERT, at Wimbledon.

Fatal as Guernfey proved to the unfortunate mariners, it afforded the roots of our plant a foil and fituation apparently congenial to their own; in that island they have flourished

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ever fince, there they are propagated in the open borders of the flower-garden with the leaft poffible trouble, flowering most readily, but we believe never producing any ripe feeds; from thence most of the roots which flower with the curious here, are yearly imported in the Autumn.

In Guernfey, the cold of the Winter is far lefs intenfe than with us; many of those plants which we keep in our greenhouses, stand with them in the open ground; the superior mildness of the climate enables them to cultivate this plant with more success than we can do, even perhaps with all the expence and trouble to which we might subject ourselves; to such, however, whose situations may be favourable, and who may be fond of making experiments, we recommend the perulal of FAIRCHILD's Directions, a practical Gardener of great ingenuity, and who appears to have had much experience in the culture of this plant*.

It is ufual to plant the imported bulbs in pots of fand, or light loam, as foon as they arrive, and place them in the parlour window, or green-houfe; they bloffom in September and October; the flowers, which continue about a month in perfection, are inodorous, but make up for that deficiency by the fuperior fplendour of their colours: Dr. Douclass thus defcribes them, each flower when in its prime looks like a fine gold tiffue wrought on a rofe-coloured ground, but when it begins to fade and decay, it looks more like a filver tiffue, or what they call a pink colour: when we look upon the flower in full fun-fhine, each leaf appears to be ftudded with thoufands of little diamonds, fparkling and glittering with a moft furprifing and agreeable luftre; but if we view the fame by candle-light, thefe numerous fpecks or fpangles look more like fine gold duft.

Both KEMFFER and THUNBERG agree, that the Japanefe regard the root as poifonous.

Will be continually fome blowing.
 MILLER recommends for thefe roots the following compost: Take a third-part of
 fresh virgin carth from a pastmre-ground which is light, then put near an equal part of
 fea-fand, to which you should add rotten dung and fifted lime rubbish, of each an equal

" quantity." The great bufinefs in the culture of this flower, next to a proper foil and fituation, feems to confilt in giving the plant as much air as poffible, and in preferving the foliage in the Winter from the injury of frost.

^{* &}quot; They love a light earth, made with dung and fand, and a little lime rubbifh with " it does very well, it keeps the roots found ; for if the earth be too fliff or wet, you may " keep them for many years before they blow. If they are in pots, they fhould be put in " the houfe in Winter, to keep them from the fevere frofts, which are apt to rot the roots. " The time of moving them is when they have no leaves on the root, that is from June to " Auguft: those that come with fix leaves this year, feldom fail blowing the next year: " they need not be put in fresh earth above once in two or three years: by this method of " management I have had the fame roots blow again in four years time. The many mife carriages that happen to the Guernfey Lily, are by letting the leaves be killed by the " fierceness of the froft in Winter, or by cutting them off, as fome people do, when they " are green, which will fo much weaken the plants, that they may keep them twenty " years and not have them blow ; by the above management, where there is a flock, there " will be continually fome blowing.

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AGROSTEMMA CŒLI ROSA. SMOOTH-LEAV'D. COCKLE, OF ROSE CAMPION.

Class and Order.

DECANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 1-phyllus, coriaceus. Petala 5 unguiculata: limbo obtufo indivifo. Capf. 1 locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

AGROSTEMMA Cali rofa glabra, foliis lineari-Ianceolatis, petalis emarginatis coronatis. Linn. Syft-Vegetab. ed. 14. p. 435. Ait. Kew. v. 2p. 116.

LYCHNIS fegetum, Nigellastrum minus glabrum dicta, flore eleganter rubello. Morif. Hift. 2. p. 543f. 5. t. 22. f. 32. LYCHNIS pseudomelanthiis fimilis africana glabra angusti-

folia. Herm. Leyd. 391. t. 393.

Mr. AITON informs us in his *Hortus Kewenfis*, that the charming annual here figured, the livelinefs of whofe colours no paint can exprefs, was cultivated by MILLER in 1739; feeing it is a plant of fuch beauty, and honoured with fo diffinguifhed an appellation, it is fingular that it floudd not by this time have made its way more generally into our gardens.

The Cockle of our corn-fields is an ornamental plant, the prefent fpecies refembles it; but while the plant itfelf is much finaller, its flowers are proportionably larger, and their colours more vivid.

It is an annual of ready growth, a native of Sicily and the Levant, flowering in July and August, and ripening its feeds in September and October.

It appears to most advantage when feveral plants of it grow together; the best mode, therefore, is to fow about a dozen feeds early in April on the feveral spots of the flower-border where you intend they shall remain; no other care is necessary than to keep the plants free from weeds and vermin.

The Agr. Cali rofa of Miller's Gard. Diet. ed. 6. 4to. is the coronaria.

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[296] Sempervivum Tortuosum. Gouty Houseleek.

Class and Order.

DODECANDRIA DODECAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 12-partitus. Petala 12. Capfulæ 12 polyfpermæ.

Specific CharaEter.

SEMPERVIVUM tortuosum foliis obovatis fubtus gibbis villofis, nectariis bilobis. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 148.

We know of no figure of this plant, the first and only account of which is to be found in the *Hort. Kew.* of Mr. AITON; there it is specifically described, and from thence we discover that it was introduced from the Canary Islands, where it is a native, by Mr. MASSON, in 1779.

It is a fhrubby plant of low growth, producing numerous flefhy leaves growing thickly together, which being evergreen, and making a pretty appearance the year through, render the plant worthy a place in all general collections at leaft, of greenhoufe plants; and though it cannot vie with many of the more fhewy high-priced novelties, it is an abiding plant, not fubject to cafualties, while many of those are here to day and gone to morrow.

It throws up its flowering ftems, fupporting numerous, ftarry, ftonecrop-like flowers, in July and August, and is most readily propagated by cuttings.

It is one of those species of Houseleek which connect the genera Sedum & Sempervivum.



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DIANTHUS SUPERBUS. SUPERB PINK.

Class and Order.

DECANDRIA DIGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Cul. cylindricus, 1-phyllus: bafi fquamis 4. Petala 5 unguiculata. Capf. cylindrica, 1-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

DIANTHUS *fuperbus* floribus paniculatis: fquamis calycinis brevibus acuminatis, corollis multifido-capillaribus, caule erecto. *Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed.* 14. *Murr. p.* 418.

CARYOPHYLLUS fimplex alter, flore laciniato odoratisfimo. Baub. Pin. 210.

CARYOPHYLLUS plumarius Auftriacus five fuperba Auftriaca. The feathered Pinke of Auftria. Park. Parad. p. 316. 4.

Many of the plants of this genus diffufe an agreeable odour, which renders them moft defirable objects for the flowergarden : this quality the prefent fpecies poffeffes in a fuperior degree to moft others; a few of its flowers communicate to a nolegay a delicate and moft delicious fmell, or placed in a vial of water they will even fcent a fmall apartment*: it is to be regretted, however, that the bloffoms, unlefs placed in water, from their extreme delicacy, flag foon after they are gathered.

This fragrance has been noticed by all the old authors who have treated of the plant: CLUSIUS defcribes the flowers as *fuaviffimi* odoris et è longinquo nares forentis, of which words PARKINSON'S are almost a literal translation " of a most fragrant fent, comforting the fpirits and fenfes afarre off." It may be doubted whether the *Dianthus fuperbus* of *Miller's Diff. ed.* 6. 4to. be our plant; if it be, the defcription is not drawn up with that accuracy which diffinguifhes his defcriptions in general; the mode of culture, however, which he recommends is ftrictly applicable to it, as the plant rarely continues in vigour more than two years, and as it is in its greateft beauty the firft year of its flowering, he recommends that young plants fhould be annually raifed for fucceffion from feeds, which are plentifully produced; the feeds of this plant ought therefore to be kept in the fhops with annuals and biennials.

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The Dianthus fuperbus is a native of Germany, Switzerland, France, and Denmark: CLUSIUS found it growing in the moift meadows about Vienna, and on the borders of woods adjoining to fuch, with fome of its flowers white, others purplifh; PARKINSON defcribes them of thefe two colours, but fays the moft ordinary with us are pure white, which is contrary to what we now find them: they are rarely produced before August, from which period they will continue frequently to bloffom till October.

The Spring is the beft time for fowing its feeds; the plants require no very nice or particular treatment.

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ORIGANUM DICTAMNUS. DITTANY OF CRETE.

Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA GYMNOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Strobilus tetragonus, spicatus, calyces colligens.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ORIGANUM Dictamnus foliis inferioribus tomentofis, fpicis nutantibus. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 541. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 311. Dittany of Candia.

DICTAMNUS creticus. Baub. Pin. p. 222.

By the name of Dittany of Crete, the fpecies of Origanum here figured, has long been known in this country as a medicinal plant; to the purpoles of phyfic it ftill indeed continues to be applied, as imported in a dried ftate from the Levant : when bruifed, the whole plant gives forth an aromatic fragrance, highly grateful; as an ornamental plant, it has alfo been long, and is now, very generally cultivated in this country. TURNER, whofe Herbal was printed in 1568, writes thus concerning it, " I have fene it growynge in England in Maifter Riches gardin " naturally, but it groweth no where ellis that I know of, " faving only in Candy." As at this period no idea was entertained of a greenhoufe, the plant mult have been cultivated in the open ground, where it would doubtlefs grow readily, if fecured from the feverity of the weather, it being more hardy than many plants ufually kept in greenhoufes.

This plant is at all times ornamental, but more particularly fo when in flower, in which flate it appears during most of the fummer and autumnal months.

It is usually increased by cuttings, which strike readily.





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HERMANNIA ALNIFOLIA. ALDER-LEAVED HERMANNIA.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA PENTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Pentagyna. Capf. 5-locularis. Petala basi semitubulata, obliqua.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

HERMANNIA alnifolia foliis cunciformibus lineatis plicatis crenato-emarginatis, Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 610. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 412. ARBUSCULA africana tricapfularis ononidis vernæ fingulari folio. Pluk. Mant. 14. t. 239. f. 1.

Hermannia is a genus of plants named in honour of Dr. PAUL HERMAN, a Dutch Botanist of great celebrity, author of the Paradifus Batavus, and other valuable works: twentyfix species are enumerated in the 13th edition of the Syst. Naturæ of LINNEUS by Prof. GMELIN, and eight in the Hortus Kewenfis of Mr. AITON; most of those in the latter work are cultivated in the nurferies near town: they form a set, of the more hardy greenhouse plants, grow readily, and flower freely; their bloss are for the most part yellow, and have a confiderable affinity with those of the Mabernia.

The prefent species flowers very early in the spring, from February to May, producing a great profusion of bloom during that period; is a native of the Cape, and was cultivated by Mr. MILLER, in 1728.

It rarely ripens its feeds with us, but is readily increased by cuttings.

The nurferymen near town regard this plant as the groffularifolia of LINNÆUS, calling another, equally common species, with longer and narrower leaves, *alnifolia*, and which does not appear to be described by LINNÆUS or mentioned by Mr. AITON; our plant accords exactly with the Linnæan description of *alnifolia*, and there is we think no doubt of its being the *alnifolia* of the Hortus Kewensis, and Mr. MILLER's Distionary.



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GNAPHALIUM EXIMIUM. GIANT CUDWEED.

Class and Order. SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA SUPERFLUA.

Generic CharaEter. Recept. nudum. Pappus plumofus vel capillaris. Cal. imbricatus, fquamis marginalibus rotundatis, fcariofis, coloratis.

Specific Character and Synonyms. GNAPHALIUM eximium foliis seffilibus ovatis confertis erectis tomentofis, corymbo feffili. Linn. Mant. Pl. p. 573. Syft. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel. ELYCHRYSUM africanum foliis lanceolatis integris tomentofis decurrentibus, capitulis congestis ex rubello aureis. Edw. Av. t. 183.

In the fummer of 1794, towards the end of July, the Gnaphalium here figured, the most magnificent and shewy of all the fpecies hitherto introduced to this country, flowered in great perfection at Meffrs. LEE and KENNEDY's, Hammerfmith: Mr. LEE informs me, that he raifed it from feeds given him by Capt. WILLIAM PATERSON, author of a Narrative of four journeys into the country of the Hottentots, and Caffraria, and who has most laudably exerted himself in introducing many new and interefting plants to this country; this gentleman affured Mr. LEE, that the plant was found in a wild flate, five hundred miles from the Cape, on the borders of the Caffre country, from whence the natives bring bundles of the dried plant to the Cape as prefents; in this flate the plant has long fince been imported from that fertile coaft : if we mistake not, a specimen of this fort is figured in PETIVER'S works, and a coloured reprefentation is given of it in EdwArds's History of Birds, taken from a dried plant, brought from the Cape, by Capt. ISAAC WORTH, in 1749.

The plants we faw were about a foot and a half high, the falks fhrubby, and but little branched; the foliage and flowers as reprefented on the plate.

Several of the Gnaphaliums it is well known are liable to be killed by moifture, efpecially in the winter feafon; during that time, this plant in particular, fhould be kept as dry as poffible, and, if convenient, on a shelf, separate from the other plants of the greenhoufe; when it is neceffary to give it water, " thould never come in contact with the foliage or flowers: with these precautions it may be kept very well in a good greenhoufe, in which it fhould remain, even during fummer.

It may be raifed from feeds, and also from cuttings.

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DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

Generic Charatter. Cal. 5-phyllus: folio inferiore gibbo. Petala 4: nectario infra infima. Capf. 4-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

MELIANTHUS minor flipulis geminis diftinctis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 581. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 368.

MELIANTHUS africanus minor fœtidus. Comm. rar. 4. t. 4.

There are few flowers that do not fecrete from fome kind of a glandular fubftance, honey, or nectar, to a greater or fmaller amount; in those of the present genus, this liquid is particularly abundant, even dropping from the flowers of the *major*, in confiderable quantity; in the present species it flows not so copiously, but is retained in the lower part of the blosson, and is of a dark brown colour, an unusual phenomenon.

There are only two fpecies of this genus defcribed, the major. and the minor, both of which are cultivated in our nurferies; the major is by far the moft common, the moft hardy, and the moft ornamental plant; its foliage indeed is peculiarly elegant: this fpecies will fucceed in the open border, efpecially if placed at the foot of a wall with a fouth or fouth-weft afpect, taking care to cover the root to a confiderable depth with rotten tan in fevere frofts: the minor is always kept in the greenhoufe, in which, when it has acquired a certain age, it flowers regularly in the fpring, and conftantly fo, as far as we have obferved of the plants in Chelfea Garden; Mr. AITON fays in Auguft, and COMMELIN the fummer through.

The *Melianthus minor* grows to the height of three, four, or five feet; its flem, which is fhrubby, during the flowering feafon is apt to exhibit a naked appearance, having fewer leaves on it at that period, and those not of their full fize; but this perhaps, may in fome degree be owing to the plant's being placed at the back of others.

The foliage when bruifed has an unpleafant fmell.

It is a native of the Cape, and, according to Mr. AITON, was cultivated by the Duchefs of BEAUFORT, in 1708; is propagated readily by cuttings.



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MIMOSA MYRTIFOLIA. MYRTLE-LEAVED MIMOSA.

Class and Order.

POLYANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Flores mere masculi reliquis intersiti. Cal. 5-dentatus. Cor. 5-fida aut 0. Stamina 4-locularis. Legumen. Linn. Syst. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel.

Specific Character.

MIMOSA mýrtifolia foliis ovato-lanceolatis obliquis undulatis acuminatis margine cartilagineis: primordialibus pinnatis. Smith Tranf. Linn. Soc. v. 1. p. 252.

The feeds of this fpecies of Mimofa having been fent over in plenty, with fome of the firft vegetable productions of New South-Wales, and growing readily, the plant has been raifed by many cultivators in this country; Mr. Hoy, gardener to the Duke of NORTHUMBERLAND, produced a fpecimen of it in flower at a meeting of the Linnean Society in 1790; it is a fhrub of quick growth, and a ready blower: a plant of it in the flove of Chelfea-Garden has this year (May 10, 1795) produced ripe pods, and perfect feeds. In the greenhoule, where it flowers from February to April, the bloffoms go off without fhewing any tendency to produce fruit.

It is first defcribed by Dr. SMITH, in the Transactions of the Linnean Society; the leaves in the plants that have fallen under our notice have not accorded exactly with those he has defcribed, having neither been of a glaucous green colour, according to the ufual acceptation of that term, nor very much undulated; and though those of an individual plant may have prefented fuch an appearance, we are perfuaded they do not do fo generally when growing and in good health.

The foliage is usually edged with red, and the flowers are fragrant.



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OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inferta. Antheræ apice bifidæ, pertufæ. Cap/. 4-locularis, 4-valvis, polyfperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms. ERICA ampullacea foliis ciliatis mucronatis, bractæis coloratis, floribus umbellatis fubquaternis erecto-patentibus, flylo exferto.

The Erica here figured has fome affinity in the form of its flowers to the *E. ventricofa*, as thefe in their fhape refemble a flafk or bottle, efpecially of that kind in which water is ufually kept, we have named it *ampullacea*; it is of very modern introduction.

On the 11th of June 1784, we had the pleafure to fee a fmall plant of this fpecies in flower, with Mr. WILLIAMS, Nurferyman, Turnham-Green, an unwearied and ingenious cultivator of this beautiful tribe of plants in particular, the richnefs of whofe collection will appear in the fubfequent lift; by him it was raifed from Cape feeds, though not more than the height of ten inches, it produced eighteen branches, moft of which put forth flowers at their fummits; we counted fixtyfix bloffoms on this fmall plant.

The leaves are fhort, linear, fomewhat triangular, rigid, edged with fine crooked hairs, very visible when magnified, and terminating in a mucro or point, on the older branches recurved and mostly eight-rowed; each branch is usually terminated by four or five flowers, at first growing closely together, and covered fo ftrongly with a glutinous fubftance, as to look as if varnished, and which is fo adhefive as to catch ants and fmall flies; as the flowering advances, they feparate more widely from each other, and finally a young branch grows out of the centre from betwixt them; the true calyx is composed of four lanceolate leaves, fitting close to and glued as it were to the corolla; befides thefe, there are feveral other leaves, which might be miftaken for those of the calyx, but which may with more propriety be called Bracteæ or Floralleaves; fome of thefe, like the calyx, are wholly red, others red and green mixed together, and broader than the leaves of the

the plant; the flowers are about an inch and a quarter in length, inflated below, and contracted above into a long narrow neck, dilating again fo as to form a kind of knob, in which the antheræ are contained, juft below the limb, which divides into four fomewhat ovate obtufe fegments, the upper fide of thefe fegments is of a very pale flefh colour, the under fide of them as well as the dilated part juft below them bright red, the body of the flower flefh colour, marked with eight longitudinal ftripes, of a deeper hue; filaments eight, anthera within the tube; ftyle projecting about the eighth of an inch beyond the corolla; ftigma, a round glutinous head.

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The flowers as they decay become of a deeper red colour, and finally pale brown, fill retaining their form and appearing to advantage;—hitherto the plant has produced no feeds here, is increased with difficulty either by cuttings or layers, but with most certainty in the latter way.

A CATALOGUE of HEATHS, cultivated and fold by RICHARD WILLIAMS, at his Nurfery, Turnham-Green, Middlefex.

Croon, Linui Jon					
	ERICA.	*	formofa.		planifolia.
*	abietina.		fucata.	*	Plukenetii.
	albens.	*	grandiflora.		pubefcens.
*	ampullacea,	考	halicacaba.		pyramidalis.
•	arborea.		herbacea.		quadriflora.
	var. fquarrofa.		incarnata.	۰.	ramentacea.
	articularis.		incana.		regerminans.
	auftralis.		lateralis.		fcoparia.
	baccans.	1	lutea.	4	feffiliflora.
*	Bankfii.	44	mammofa.	s <u>i</u>	fimpliciflora.
	canefcens.		var. fl. purp.	*	Sparrmanni.
	capitata.		margaritacea.	÷	fpicata.
	caffra.		var. fl. rubro.		fricta.
	cernua.		marifolia.		taxifolia.
*	cerinthoides.		mediterranea.		Tetralix.
	cinerea.	*	Maffoni.		var. fl. alba
	var. fl. albo.		minima.		thymifolia.
	ciliaris.	秀	monadelphia.		triflora.
*	coccinea.	÷	Monfoniana.		var. fl. albo
	comofa.		mucofa.	*	tubiflora.
	var. fl. rubro.		multiflora.		umbellata.
*	confpicua.		var. fl. albo.		urceolaris.
	corifolia.		mufcari.	ļ	vagans.
*	cruenta.	*	nudiflora.	*	
	cubica.		parviflora.	*	verficolor.
*	curviflora.	*	Pattersoni.	*	verticillata
	denticulata.		perfoluta.	*	vestita.
*	difcolor.		var. fl. rubro.		virgata.
*	elata.	*	Petiveri.		vulgaris,
	empetrifolia.		phyfodes.	1	var. fl. albo.
*	faícicularis.	*	pinifolia.	I	
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N. B. Those marked with an afterisk have tubular flowers.

[3°4] Hermannia Lavendulifolia. Lavender-

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LEAVED HERMANNIA.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA PENTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Pentagyna. Capl. 5-locularis. Petala bafi femitubulata, obliqua.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

HERMANNIA lavendulifolia foliis lanceolatis obtufis integerrimis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 611. Ait. Kerv. v. 2. p. 413.
HERMANNIA frutefcens folio Lavendulæ latiore et obtufo flore parvo aureo BOERH. Dill. Hort. Eltb. t. 147.

The *Hermannia* here figured is a plant of humble growth, forming a fmall bufhy fhrub, a foot or a foot and a half in height, and producing numerous flowers thinly fcattered over the branches, the greateft part of the fummer; it is this difpofition which it has of flowering fo freely, that renders it a defirable plant for the greenhoufe, in which it is commonly kept, and of which it is an old inhabitant.

DILLENIUS has figured it in his admirable work the Hortus Elthamenfis, published in 1732; hence we learn that it was cultivated in Mr. SHERARD's celebrated garden at Eltham prior to that date.

It is a native of the Cape, and is readily increased by cuttings.





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AMARYLLIS EQUESTRIS. BARBADOES AMARYLLIS, or LILY. *****

Class and Order. HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter. Cor. hexapetaloidea, irregularis. Filamenta fauci tubi inferta, declinata, inæqualia proportione vel directione. Linn. fil.

Specific Character and Synonyms. AMARYLLIS equestris fpatha fubbifiora, pedicellis erectis fpatha brevioribus, tubo filiformi horizontali, limbo oblique patulo furfum curvo, fauce, pilofa. Linn. fil. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 417. AMARYLLIS dubia Linn. Am. Ac. 8. p. 254-LILIUM americanum puniceo flore Belladonna dictum. Herm. Par. Bat. p. 194. cum fig.

Mr. AITON, in his Hortus Kewenfis, has inferted this fpecies of Amaryllis, as named and defcribed by the younger LINNEUS; he informs us, that it is a native of the Weft-Indies, and was introduced by Dr. WILLIAM PITCAIRN, in 1778: as its time of flowering is not mentioned, we may presume, that it had not blossomed in the royal garden when the publication before mentioned first made its appearance; it no doubt has fince, as we have feen it in that flate in the collections of feveral Nuferymen, particularly those of Mr. GRIMWOOD and Mr. COLVILL.

It flowers towards the end of April.

The flowering ftem rifes above the foliage, to the height of about a foot or more, produces from one to three flowers, fimilar to, but not quite fo large as those of the Mexican Amaryllis, to which it is nearly related; it differs however from that plant effentially in this, that the lower part of the llower projects further than the upper, which gives to its mouth . that obliquity which LINN AUS describes.

The fpatha is composed of two leaves, which standing up at a certain period of the plant's flowering like ears, give to the whole flower a fancied refemblance of a horfe's head; whether LINNÆUS derived his name of equestris from this circumstance or not, he does not condescend to inform us.

Mr. AITON regards it as a greenhouse plant; like those of many of the Ixias, however, the bulbs are of the more tender kind. It is propagated by offsets, but not very readily.



[306] Othonna Pectinata. Wormwood-

LEAVED OTHONNA.

Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA NECESSARIA.

Generic Character.

Recept. nudum. Pappus fubnullus, Cal. 1-phyllus multifidus fubcylindricus.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

OTHONNA pettinata foliis pinnatifidis: laciniis linearibus parallelis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 793. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 276.
JACOBÆA africana frutefcens, foliis abfinthii umbelliferi incanis. Comm. hort. 2. p. 137. t. 69.

The Othonna pettinata is a native of Africa, a long-eftablished and common plant in greenhouses, having been cultivated by Mr. MILLER, in 1731; it recommends itself chiefly on account of its foliage, which forms a pleasing contrast to the darker greens of other plants.

It flowers in May and June, is moderately hardy, and readily increased by cuttings.

In many collections we meet with old plants of it three or four feet high; formerly, when greenhoufe plants were few in number and the houfes large, it might be proper to keep fuch; but now there is not that neceffity, efpecially fince the vaft acceffion of plants from the Cape and New-Holland, made within thefe few years.

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HERMANNIA ALTHÆIFOLIA. MARSH-MALLOW-LEAVED HERMANNIA.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA PENTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Pentagyna. Caps. 5-locularis. Petala basi femitubulata, obliqua.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

HERMANNIA althæifolia foliis ovatis crenatis plicatis tomentofis, calycibus florentibus campanulatis angulatis,' ftipulis oblongis foliaceis. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 411.
 HERMANNIA althæifolia foliis ovatis plicatis crenatis to-

HERMANNIA althæifolia foliis ovatis plicatis crenatis tomentofis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 610.

HERMANNIA capenfis althææ folio, Pet. Gaz. 53. t. 34. f. 2.

KETMIA africana frutescens foliis mollibus et incanis. Comm. bort. 2. p. 151. t. 79.

The Hermannia altheifolia, a native of the Cape, is a plant of much larger growth than the *lavendulifolia*, rifing to the height, if fuffered to do fo, of three, four, or more feet; its bloffoms are proportionably large, and of a deep yellow colour, inclined to orange.

It is a plant of free growth, much disposed to produce flowers during most of the fummer months; hence it is kept very generally in collections of greenhouse plants: is propagated readily by cuttings.

Was cultivated by Mr. MILLER, in 1728. Ait. Kew.

Our readers will fee, that the fpecific description of LINN AUS has been altered in the *Hortus Kewenfis*, and that it now comprizes all the ftriking features of the plant.



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VERBENA AUBLETIA. ROSE VERVAIN.

Class and Order.

DIANDRIA MONOGÝNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. infundibuliformis fubæqualis curva. Calycis unico dente truncato. Semina 2 s. 4 nuda (Stam. 2 f. 4.)

Specific Character and Synonyms.

VERBENA Aubletia tetrandra, fpicis laxis folitariis, folitariis, folitariis, folitariis, folitariis, folitariis, corollis fafciculatis, folitariis, corollis fafciculatis, folitis cordatis incifo-ferratis. Linn. Syd. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 66. Suppl. Pl. p. 86.
BUCHNERA canadenfis Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 13. p. 478.
VERBENA Aubletia. Jacq. hort. v. 2. p. 82. t. 176.
OBLETIA Journ. de Rozier intrad. 1. p. 367. t. 2.

It has fallen to the lot of this plant to have an unufual degree of attention beftowed on it by various botanifts, and after being regarded as a diftinct genus by feveral, to be finally claffed with the Verbena; in the Supplementum Plantarum of the younger LINNEUS it is minutely deferibed.

We learn from the Hortus Kewenfis of Mr. ALTON that it is a native of North-America, introduced by Monf. RICHARD in 1774, and that it flowers in June and July.

The extreme brilliancy of its colour renders it a very ornmental greenhouse plant, it feldom grows above the height of two feet; in favourable seafons ripens its feeds readily, by which it is usually propagated, being a biennial.







[3°9] Pelargonium Echinatum. Prickly-Stalked Geranium.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA HEPTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus: lacinia fuprema definente in tubulum capillarem nectariferum fecus pedunculum decurrentem. Cor. 5 petala irregularis. Filamenta 10, inæqualia, quorum 3 raro 5 caftrata. Fructius 5 coccus, roftratus: roftra fpiralia, introrfum barbata.

Specific CharaEter.

PELARGONIUM echinatum caule carnofo, ftipulis fpinefcentibus, foliis cordato-fubrotundis 3-5 lobis, floribus umbellatis, umbellis fubfeptemfloris.

This fingular and most beautiful species of Pelargonium, recently introduced to this country, this Summer flowered with Mr. COLVILL, Nurferyman, in the King's-Road, Chelfea, from one of whose plants our figure and description have been taken.

Stalk green, furface fmooth and fomewhat gloffy, flefhy, befet with fpines which bend back and terminate in brownifh fomewhat weak points; thefe appear to have been primarily the ftipulæ, which become thus flefhy and rigid, and from this circumftance not altogether peculiar to this fpecies, it takes the name of *echinatum*; the leaves ftand on long footflalks, are fomewhat heart-fhaped, moftly roundifh, divided into three or five lobes, veiny, foft, and downy, efpecially on the under fide, which is of a much lighter colour than the upper, the flowering ftem proceeds from the fummit of the ftalk, and is a foot or more in height; as it advances it throws out its branches, or peduncles, ultimately about five in number, each of

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of which has a leaf at its bafe, fimilar to the other leaves of the plant, but fmaller, and terminates in an umbel of feven or eight flowers; as the umbels bloffom in fucceffion, a period of feveral months ufually intervenes betwixt the blowing of the firft and the laft; when the flower is expanded, the hindmont leaf of the calyx continues upright, the others are reflexed as in other fpecies of this genus, they are all befet with fine long hairs; the three lowermoft petals are pure white, with a little gibbofity at the bafe of each, the two uppermoft are marked each with three irregular fpots, of a rich purple colour, inclining to carmine, the two lowermoft fpots narroweft and of the deepeft colour; of the ftamina there are fix filaments which have antheræ, and four which have none; ftigma red, divided into five parts, and a little longer than the fertile filaments.

In its habit this plant refembles fomewhat the *Pelargonium* cordifolium, is a native of the Cape, flowers from May to September, in favourable feafons has produced feeds here, but is more ufually increafed by cuttings.

Varies with petals of a rich purple colour, in which the fpots are fimilar, though not fo confpicuous.

[310] ERINUS ALPINUS. ALPINE ERINUS.

Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus. Cor. Limbus 5-fidus æqualis. Capf. 2-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ERINUS alpinus floribus racemofis, foliis fpathulatis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 570. Ait. Kew. v. 2. P. 357.

AGERATUM ferratum alpinum. Baub. pin. 221.

The Erinus alpinus is a native of Switzerland, Germany, and France; inhabiting the more mountainous parts of thole countries.

It is a very defirable little plant for the decoration of rock work, growing in clofe tufts, and producing numerous flowers of a lively purple colour during most of the fummer months.

Is increased without difficulty by parting its roots in Autumn or from feed; in the winter fome plants of it fhould be kept in pots under a frame or hand-glass, as it is liable to be injured by wet and frost.

Was cultivated here by Mr. MILLER in 1759.



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ROBINIA HISPIDA. ROUGH-STALK'D ROBINIA, OF ROSE ACACIA.

Class and Order. DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic CharaEter. Cal. 4-fidus. Legumen gibbum elongatum,

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ROBINIA *bifpida* racemis axillaribus, foliis impari pinnatis, caule inermi hifpido. *Linn. Mant. p.* 668. *Ait. Kew. v.* 3. *p.* 53.

- ROBINIA racemis axillaribus, pedicellis unifloris, foliis impari pinnatis, caule inermi. Jacq. Amer. 211. t. 179. f. 101.
- PSEUDO ACACIA hifpida floribus rofeis. Catefb. Carol. 3. p. 20. t. 20.

There are few trees or fhrubs which have contributed more to adorn our plantations, and fhrubberies, than those of this genus, nine species of which are enumerated in the Hort. Kew. of Mr. AITON, most of these are natives either of North-America, or Siberia: the present species, an inhabitant of Carolina, is perhaps the most ornamental of the whole: its large pendant bunches of rose-coloured flowers load the branches in May and June, and sometimes a second crop will be produced late in the season, these with us usually fall off without producing any feed-vessel.

This fhrub is not difpofed to grow very tall even in America, it is moft prudent indeed to keep it humble, to the height of four or five feet, and to plant it in a fheltered part of the garden, as its branches are liable to be broken by high winds: MARSHALL (*Arb. Amer.*) defcribes it as fpreading much from its running roots; we have not obferved it to do fo in any great degree here; it is propagated by layers, by cuttings of the roots, and by grafting; it is of ready growth, difpofed to blow even when young, and not nice as to foil, or fituation; the flowers afford a good example of the clafs DIADELPHIA, they are large and beautiful, but without fcent.

Was cultivated by Mr. MILLER in 1758. Ait. Kew.



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LINUM FLAVUM. YELLOW FLAX.

Class and Order. PENTANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character. Cal. 5-phyllus. Petala 5. Capf. 5-valvis 10 locularis. Sem. folitaria.

Specific Character and Synonyms. LINUM flavum calycibus fubferrato-fcabris lanceolatis fubfeffilibus, panicula ramis dichotomis. Linn. Sp. Pl. v. 1. ed. 3. p. 399. Mant. p. 360. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 303. Jacq. Fl. Auftr. v. 3. t. 214. LINUM fylveftre latifolium luteum. Baub. pin. 214.

LINUM fylveftre III. latifolium. Cluf. bift. 1. p. 317.

There is a confiderable fimilarity betwixt the reprefentation of the prefent plant and that of the *Linum arboreum* figured on the 234th plate of this work, they are neverthelefs two fpecies widely differing, the *flavum* being a hardy herbaceous perennial, a native of Germany, the *arboreum* a greenhoufe fhrub from the Levant, both poffeffing confiderable beauty, and highly worthy a place in all collections of ornamental plants.

The Linum flavum is not mentioned either in the Diftionary of Mr. MILLER, or the Hortus Kewenfis of Mr. AITON, and as far as our knowledge extends was a firanger in this country, till we raifed it the year before laft from feeds fent us by Mr. DAVAL, of Orbe in Switzerland; CLUSIUS gives us a reprefertation of it in flower, and Prof. JACQUIN another much fuperior; according to the latter, it grows by the fides of hedges and among furubs in mountainous fituations, and rarely exceeds a foot in height.

From the little experience we have had of this plant, it appears to be eafy of culture, and to fucceed beft in a foil moderately ftiff and moift; the flowers expand moft in a morning when the fun fhines, and continue in fucceffion during June, July and part of August; it appears as if it would ripen its feeds in my garden; these vegetate freely: the plant may alfo be increased by parting its roots in autumn, or by cuttings of its young fhoots.

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DAPHNE CNEORUM. TRAILING DAPHNE.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Cal. o. Cor. 4-fida corallacea marcescens stamina includens, Bacca 1-sperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

DAPHNE Cneorum floribus congestis terminalibus fessibus, foliis lanceolatis nudis mucronatis. Linn. S.J. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 371. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 26.

THYMELEÆ affinis facie externa. Bauh. pin. 463. CNEORUM. Matth. bift. 46. Cluf. bift. 89, 90. f. 1.

This charming little fhrub' is a native of Switzerland and Auftria: CLUSIUS informs us that it grows in great abundance on many of the mountains near Vienna, fo much fo that women gather it when in flower and fell-it in the markets; ¹¹⁸ beautiful and fragrant bloffoms come forth in April and May, the principal feafon for its flowering, but it frequently blows during most of the Summer, and even in the Autumn; ¹¹ varies with white bloffoms.

It is extremely hardy, thrives remarkably well in road fand in almost any fituation; is propagated by feeds, which very rarely ripen with us, by layers, and by grafting it on the flock of the Mezereon, whereby it acquires an elevation fuperior to what it has naturally.





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[312] Genistà Triquetra. Triangular. Stalk'd Genista.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Cal. 2-labiatus: $\frac{2}{3}$. Vexillum oblongum a piftillo ftaminibulque deorfum reflexum.

Specific Character.

GENISTA triquetra foliis ternatis, fummis fimplicibus, rams triquetris procumbentibus. L'Herit. Stirp. M. t. 88. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 14.

Monf. L'HERITIER, author of many modern publications in Botany, diftinguifhed for their accuracy and elegance, we the first who described and figured this species of Genista, I native of Corfica, and cultivated here by JOHN ORD, Edas long fince as the year 1770.

It is a hardy, evergreen, trailing fhrub, producing a val profusion of bloom; which renders it eminently confpicuous in May and June; its flowers are rarely fucceeded by feedveffels, fo that it is ufually propagated by layers.

When tied up properly, and carefully trained to a flake, may vie with most of our ornamental flutues: for covering wall, or paling, where the fituation is not too flady, it probably would fucceed very well, at least it is deferving of trial.





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[315] PELARGONIUM CERATOPHYLLUM. HORN-LEAVED CRANE'S BILL.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA HEPTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus: lacinia fuprema definente in tubulum capillarem, nectariferum, fecus pedunculum decurrentem. Cor. 5-petala, irregularis. Filam. 10 inæqualia, quorum 3 raro 5 caftrata. Fructus 5-coccus, roftratus, roftra fpiralia inurorfum barbata.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PELARGONIUM ceratophyllum umbellis multifloris, foliis remote pinnatis carnofis teretibus, laciniis canaliculatis obfolete trifidis. L'Herit. Geran. n. 50. t. 13. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 422.

Mr. AITON informs us that this fpecies of Pelargonium, which is one of the more flefhy kinds, is a native of the South-Weft Coaft of Africa, and was introduced to the Royal Garden at Kew by Mr. ANTHONY HOVE in 1786.

It flowers during most of the Summer months, and ripens its feeds. by which it may be increased, as also by cuttings; it is found to be more tender than many others, and more liable to be injured by damps, and hence it will require a treatment more applicable to a dry flove plant.

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BOX-LEAVED POLYGALA CHAMÆBUXUS. MILK-WORT. ********************** Cluss and Order. DIADELPHIA OCTANDRIA. Generic CharaEter. Cal. 5-phyllus: foliolis 2 majoribus alæformibus, ante maturitatem feminis coloratis. Cap/. obcordata, 2-locularis. Sem. folitaria Specific Character and Synonyms. POLYGALA Chamebuaus floribus sparfis: carinæ apice sch. rotundo, foliis lanceolatis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 639. Ait. Kew. v. 3. 1. 4. Jacq. Fl. Auftr. v. 3. p. 19. t. 233. CHAMÆBUXUS flore coluteæ. Baub. Pin. 471. ANONYMOS flore Coluteæ. Cluf. Hift. p. 105. f. POLYGALOIDES procumbens foliis duris ovatis nervo aristato. Hall. Hift. n. 345.

CLUSIUS, in his *Hift. Pl. rar.* gives an accurate defcription and good figure of the prefent plant, before unnoticed (as he obferves) by any author; it has fince been particularly defcribed by HALLER and JACQUIN; the former makes a diffinct genus of it, by the name of *Polygaloides*.

It is an elegant little evergreen fhrub of low growth, rarely exceeding a foot in height, with leaves like those of box producing flowers from May to October, but most plentifully in May and June; each flower stands on a peduncle proceeding from a kind of triphyllous cup, formed of floral leaves, the true calyx is composed of three leaves, which are nearly white the two outermost petals, fimilar to the wings of a papilionaceous flower, are also white, or nearly fo; the third petalwhich forms a kind of tube and contains the eight stamina with the pistillum, is white at the base, but yellow towards the extremity, where it changes by degrees to a bright bay colour both CLUSIUS and JACQUIN observed a variety of this plant, in which the calyx and wings were of a beautiful purple; this variety, we believe, has not yet been introduced to this country the common fort was cultivated in the garden at Oxford, in 1658.

MILLER defcribes it as a plant difficult of cultivation; it is not now regarded as fuch; both CLUSIUS and JACQUIN defcribe it as having creeping roots; fuch plants are generally increafed without difficulty, and fo is this; planted in bog earth on a fhady border, it thrives extremely well, and fpawns much fo that there is no neceffity for having recourfe to its feeds. It grows fpontaneoully on the Alps of Auftria and Switzerland.



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[317] Ononis Fruticosa. Shrubby Rest-Harrow.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus: laciniis linearibus. Vexillum striatum. Legumen urgidum seffile. Filamenta connata absque fissura.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ONONIS fruticofa foliis feffilibus ternatis lanceolatis ferratis, ftipulis vaginalibus, pedunculis fubtrifloris. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 653. Ait. Kew. 24.

ONONIS purpurea verna præcox frutescens, flore rubro amplo. Morif. Hist. 2. p. 170.

This charming little fhrub, highly deferving of being more generally known, is a native of the South of France; and was cultivated here by MILLER in 1748.

In favourable fituations, it produces bloffoms in great profution during most of the Summer, and ripens feed in abundance: the fituation it affects is dry and fandy, but it is a fhrub by no means nice, as to foil or place of growth, and fo hardy as to have borne the feverity of last Winter, 1795, without injury.

In the collections about town we frequently find it in pots, kept with green-houfe plants.

It is faid to vary with white flowers.

The beft mode of raifing it is from feed.



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ANTHERICUM LILIASTRUM. SAVOY ANTHE-RICUM, OR ST. BRUNO'S LILY.

Class and Order. HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Charaeter. Cer. 6-petala, patens. Capf. ovata.

Specific CharaEter and Synonyms. ANTHERICUM Liliastrum foliis planis, fcapo fimpliciffinio, corollis campanulatis, ftaminibus declinatis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 330. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 449. HEMEROCALLIS floribus patulis fecundis. Hall. Hist. n. 1230. PHALANGIUM magno flore. Baub. Pin. 29. PHALANGIUM Allobrogicum majus. Clus. cur. app. alt. PHALANGIUM Allobrogicum. The Savoye Spider-wort: Park. Parad. p. 150. tab. 151. f. 1.

Botanists are divided in their opinions respecting the genus of this plant; LINNEUS confiders it as an Anthericum, HALLER and MILLER make it an Hemerocallis.

It is a native of Switzerland, where, HALLER informs us, it grows abundantly in the Alpine meadows, and even on the fummits of the mountains; with us it flowers in May and June.

It is a plant of great elegance, producing on an unbranched flem about a foot and a half high, numerous flowers of a delicate white colour, much fmaller but refembling in form those of the common white lily, poffeffing a confiderable degree of fragrance, their beauty is heightened by the rich orange colour of their antheræ; unfortunately they are but of fhort duration.

MILLER describes two varieties of it differing merely in fize.

A loamy foil, a fituation moderately moift, with an eaftern or weftern exposure, fuits this plant best; fo fituated, it will increase by its roots, though not very fast, and by parting of these in the autumn, it is usually propagated.

PARKINSON defcribes and figures it in his Parad. Terreft. observing, that "divers allured by the beauty of its flowers, "had brought it into these parts."

[319] Anagallis Monelli. Italian Pimpernel.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. rotata. Capf. circumfciffa 1-locularis, polyfperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ANAGALLIS Monelli, foliis lanceolatis caule erecto. Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 196. Ait. Kev. v. 1. p. 201.

ANAGALLIS cœrulea foliis binis ternifve ex adverso nascentibus. Banh. Pin. 552.

ANAGALLIS tenuifolia Monnelli, Cluf. app. alt.

In Italy and Spain, where this plant grows fpontaneoully, it is an annual, producing feed in abundance; with us (as far at leaft as we have obferved) it produces no feed, but like the *Senecio elegans*, and fome other annuals, is renewed, and rendered perennial by cuttings, which firike freely, and by which the plant requires to be renovated once or twice in a feafors though defcribed as growing with an upright ftem, it requires to be tied up to a flick; and if this be neatly and dexteroully done, its brilliant azure flowers fpringing from every fide of the flem, render it a charming ornament for the green-houle or window: it flowers during moft of the year.

CLUSIUS called it Anagallis Monnelli, the first knowledge he had of the plant being from his friend JOHANNES MONNELLUS

On the fame plant we find the leaves grow two, three, or four together, with flowers corresponding.



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LOBELIA CARDINALIS. SCARLET LOBELIA. OF CARDINAL'S FLOWER. ****** Class and Order. SYNGENESIA MONOGAMIA. Generic Charolier. Cal. 5-fidus. Cor. 1-petala, irregularis. Cap/. infera 2, f. 3-locularia Specific Character and Synonyms. LOBELIA cardinalis caule erecto, foliis lato-lanceolatis ferratis, racemo terminali fecundo. Linn. Syft. Ver. ed. 14. Murr. p. 801. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 284. RAPUNTIUM galeatum virginianum, coccineo flore majore, Morif. Hift. 2. p. 466. f. 5. t. 5. f. 54. TRACHELIUM Americarum flore ruberrimo, five Planta Cardinalis. The rich crimfon Cardinal's Flower. Park. Parad. p. 356. t. 355.

This fpecies of *Lobelia*, fo eminently diffinguifhed for the richnefs of its fcarlet bloffoms, is a native of the colder as well as warmer parts of North-America. PARKINSON, who entivated it in 1629, informs us that he received plants of it from France for his garden, and that " it groweth neere the river of Canada, where the French plantation in America is feated."

It is a hardy herbaceous plant, growing in favourable fitutions to the height of three or four feet; the main fpike of flowers which terminates the ftalk, is often a foot in length; by the time that most of its flowers are blown, fide branches fhoot out, and flower; fo that the plant continues in bloom fix weeks or two months: if the Autumn prove favourable, the plant with us produces plenty of feed in the open ground: to infure its ripening, fome place pots of it, when blowing, in the greenhouse or flove.

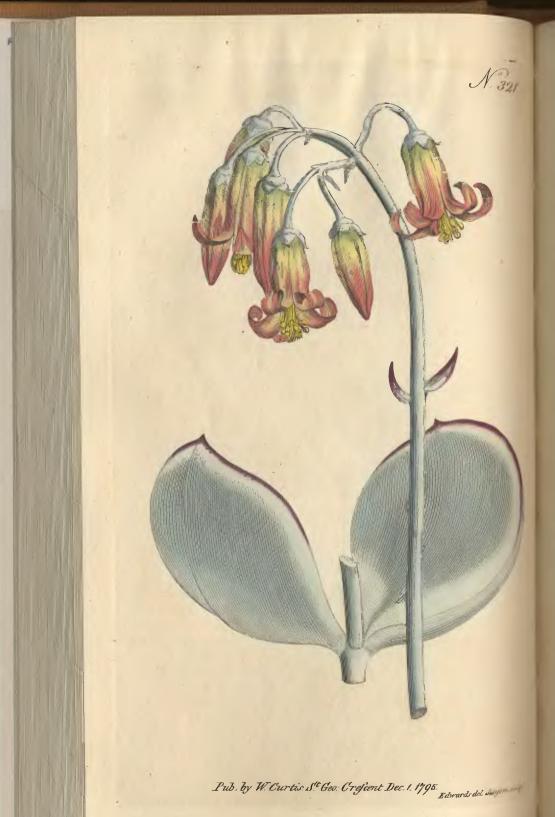
Beautiful and hardy as this plant is, and long as it has been introduced to this country, we do not find it generally in gardens; we attribute this to its having, in a greater degree than many other plants, a partiality for a particular foil; in certain diffricts, where the foil is ftiff and moift, it grows as freely as any weed, in other foils it is perpetually going off: it is alfo one of those plants whose roots require to be often parted; if this be done every Autumn, and they be planted in a ftiff loam, the fituation fomewhat moift and fhady, this very defirable plant may be had to grow and bloffom in perfection.

It flowers from the latter end of July to October.

Is increased by parting its roots, by cuttings of the flak and from feed.



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COTYLEDON ORBICULATA. ROUND-LEAVED NAVEL-WORT.

Class and Order.

DECANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-fidus. Cor. 1-petala. Squamæ nectariferæ 5 ad bafin germinis. Capf. 5.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

COTYLEDON orbiculata foliis orbiculatis camofis planis integerrimis, caule fruticoso. Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 428. Ait. Kew. var. 8 v. 2. p. 106.

COTYLEDON africanum frutescens incanum orbiculatis foliis. Herm. Lugd. 349. t. 551. Morif. Hist. 3. p. 474. f. 12. t. 7. f. 39.

The Cotyledon orbiculata is one of our oldeft fucculents, being introduced as long fince as 1690, by Mr. BENTICK*: it ftill retains a place in moft collections, defervedly indeed, for it has every claim to our notice; its appearance is magnificent, the glaucous colour of its foliage highly pleafing, its flowers large and of long duration; it blows freely, grows rapidly, is eafily increafed by cuttings, and will fucceed in a houfe or window, with the common treatment of an African Geranium.

When fuffered to grow, it will become a fhrub of confiderable fize: but this is not neceffary for its flowering, as young and fmall plants are difpofed to throw out bloffoms, which is not the cafe with a plant extremely fimilar to, and often confounded with it, viz. the *Craffula Cotyledon*, whofe foliage indeed fcarcely differs from our plant but in being finely dotted.

It is a native of the Cape, and flowers from June or July to September.

In the Hort. Kew. of Mr. AITON, four varieties are enumerated, differing chiefly in the form of their foliage.

* AIT. KEW.

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MANULEA TOMENTOSA. WOOLLY MANULEA.

DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus. Cor. limbo 5-partito, fubulato : laciniis fuperioribus 4 magis connexis. Capf. 2-locularis, polyfperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

MANULEA tomentofa foliis tomentofis, caulibus foliofis, pedunculis multifloris. Linn. Mant. 420. Syft. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 569. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 356.
SELAGO tomentofa foliis obovatis crenatis, caule profitato, racemis ramofis. Linn. Amæn. Acad. v. 6. p. 90. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. p. 877.
PLANTA Pluk. Phyt. 319. f. 2.

LINNEUS defcribes this plant in the Amenitates Academics under the name of Selago tomentofa, by which name he continues to call it in the third edition of the Spec. Pl. in his Manifa he defcribes it more minutely, and changes it to the Genue Manulea, first established by him in the faid work; he observes, that in this species the corolla is more regular than in the others.

Mr. AITON regards it as a biennial, its ftalk is a foot or a foot and a half high, and woolly, its branches are oppofite, not alternate as LINNÆUS defcribes them; in this perhaps they may vary; leaves oppofite, feffile, obovate, narrowing to the bat, toothed on the edge, edge rolled back a little in the young leaves, flowers grow in a long thyrfus, from two to five proceed from one common fhort peduncle; they are at first lenoncoloured, or greenifh yellow, finally deep orange; LINNÆUS fays the whole of the plant except the corolla is woolly, the tube of that even is hairy, the fegments are fmooth, with their edges rolled back, the upper part of the tube in which the flamina are included is dilated fomewhat, as is alfo the lower part, fo that it is narroweft in the middle. The flowers which make their appearance from May to November are ufually fucceeded by feeds, by which the plant is propagated.

It is a native of the Cape, and, according to Mr. AITON, was introduced by Mr. MASSON, in 1774.

The bloffoms have a fingular but unpleafant fmell, not perceivable at a diftance.

The variety of pleafant colours fo confpicuous in the flowers, renders this rare plant defirable to fuch as aim at a general collection.





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[323] RUBUS ODORATUS. FLOWERING RASPBERRY.

Class and Order.

ICOSANDRIA POLYGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-fidus. Petala 5. Bacca composita acinis monospermis,

Specific Character and Synonyms.

RUBUS odoratus foliis fimplicibus palmatis, caule inemi multifolio multifloro. Linn. Syft. Veg. ed. 14. Marr. p. 475. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 210. RUBUS odoratus. Corn. Canad. 149. t. 150.

Botanifts and Gardeners have given to this fpecies of Ruhus the name of *flowering*, not becaufe it is the only one which produces flowers, but from its being regarded for its flowers merely; they indeed are fo fhewy, and fo plentifully produced, that the plant has long been thought to merit a place in mole flurubberies; to the various inhabitants of which, both in the largenefs and elegant form of its leaves, and the colour of its bloffoms, it forms a pleafing contraft.

It is extremely hardy, and eafily propagated by fuckers: the only care which it requires, is to keep it within proper bounds: young plants of it produce the largeft and fined flowers.

It bloffoms from June to September, is a native of different and diftant parts of North-America, and was cultivated here by Mr. MILLER, in 1739.

CORNUTUS, who first figured and defcribed this plangave it the name of *odoratus*, on account of the fragrance of its foliage; his words are "elegantifimi hujus folia fragrantiffima funt, paremque agrimonio odorato fpirant odorem the fruit, rarely produced with us, he obferves, is like the common Rafpberry, but not fo pleafant. A. 3.2.3

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[324] ANTIRRHINUM TRIPHYLLUM. THREE-LEAVED TOAD-FLAX.

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Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

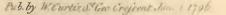
Cal. 5 phyllus. Cor. basis deorsum prominens nectarifera. Caps. 2-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ANTIRRHINUM triphyllum foliis ternis ovatis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 555. Ait. Kew. LINARIA triphylla minor lutea. Baub. Pin. 212. LINARIA triphylla cocrulea. Baub. Pin. 212. LINARIA hifpanica. Cluf. Hift. 1. p. 320. LINARIA valentina. Tode Flaxe of Valentia. Park. Par. p. 268.

The Antirrhinum triphyllum, fo called from the leaves growing by threes on the ftalk (a character, by the bye, not very conflant) was cultivated by PARKINSON, and defcribed by him in his Parad. terr. he appears to have been a ftranger to the particoloured variety now fo generally cultivated as an ornamental annual in our gardens; in its wild ftate the flowers of this Antirrhinum are of a yellow hue, with little or no purple in them, fuch indeed are frequently produced from tecds fown in our gardens.

It is a hardy annual, a native of Spain and Sicily, a plant of ready growth, requiring the common treatment of annuals fown in the Spring, and much difpoled indeed to come up fpontaneoufly where it has once grown; in fowing its feeds, care fhould be taken to preferve the produce of fuch flowers as have the most purple in them.



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JUSTICIA NASUTA. DICHOTOMOUS JUSTICIA. ****

Clafs and Order. DIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. ringens. Capf. 2-locularis: feminum retinaculis 2-valvis: valvis longitudinalibus unciculatis. Stamina anthera folitaria,

Specific Character and Synonyms. JUSTICIA nafuta foliis lanceolato-ovatis integerrimis pedunculis dichotomis. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. p. 23. S.f. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 63. PULCOLLI Rheed. Mal. 9. p. 135. t. 69.

This fpecies of Jufticia, long fince figured in the Hortus Malabaricus, and deferibed in the Species Plantarum of Lin-NEUS, has been introduced to the Royal Garden at Kew, fince the publication of the Hortus Kewensis, by Mr. AITON: it is a ftove plant, producing, almost the year through, abundance of flowers, diffinguished not less for their fingularity than their fnowy whiteness; the following defeription, taken from the living plant, is fuller than that of LINNEUS in the Sp. Pl.

DESCR. Stalk fhrubby, fomewhat angular, three feet or more in height, green, very much branched, flightly pubefcent; Leaves oppofite, ftanding on fhort footftalks, ovato-lanceolate, running out to a fhort blunt point, entire, veiny, a little downy; Peduncles from the alæ of the leaves, alternate, dichotomous, two fmall bracteæ are placed at each bifurcation ; Flowers pure white, inodorous; Calyx composed of five lanceolate, entire leaves, continuing ; thefe, as well as the whole of the plant, are befet with minute transparent globules, visible with a magnifier; Corolla deciduous, tube linear, grooved, pale green, flightly villous, bending a little upward; upper lip very narrow, bent back, bifid at the extremity, the edges toward the bafe rolled back, fo as to make it appear in that part almost tubular; lower lip depending, trifid, fegments equal, obtuse at the bafe, round, the mouth of the tube marked with fine purple dots; Filaments two, fhort, projecting from the mouth of the tube, finally bending back; Antheræ at first yellow, afterwards livid; Germen oblong, finooth; Style capillary, flightly hairy; Stigma bifd.

The plant is increased by cuttings; in the Hort. Malab. the bruifed leaves are described as in use for the cure of cutaneous eruptions.



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MESEMBRYANTHEMUM VIRIDIFLORUM. GREEN-FLOWERED FIG-MARIGOLD.

Class and Order.

ICOSANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-fidus. Petala numerofa linearia. Capf. carnola infera polyfperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

MESEMBRYANTHEMUM viridiflorum foliis femicylindraceis papulofo-pilofis, calycibus quinquefidis hirfutis. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 196. Haworth Mefemb. p. 199. Syft. Nat. ed. Gmel. p. 848.

Of the feventy species of Mesembryanthemum described in the Hortus Kewensis, this is the only one with green flowers. Mr. MASSON introduced it from the Cape in 1774.

The flowers are not only remarkable for their colour, but the extreme finenels of the florets; they begin to come forth in July, and continue to be produced till the end of September; the plant is eafily increased by cuttings, is of ready growth, and blows freely.

In Mr. HAWORTH'S Observations on the Genus Mesembryanthematm, lately published, there is a very ample description of it, to which we refer such of our readers as with for more minute information respecting it.



[327] Chrysanthemum Indicum. Indian Chrysanthemum. ******

Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA SUPERFLUA.

Generic CharaEler.

Recept. nudum. Pappus marginatus. Cal. hemisphæricus, imbricatus : squamis marginalibus membranaceis.

Specific Charafter and Synonyms.

CHRYSANTHEMUM indicum foliis fimplicibus ovatis finuatis angulatis ferratis acutis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 773. Spec. Pl. 1253. Thunb. Jap. p. 320.
TSJETTI-PU. Rheed. Mal. t. 44.
MATRICARIA finenfis. Rumph. Amb. p. 259. t. 91.
MATRICARIA japonica maxima flore rofeo five fuave rubente pleno elegantifimo. Breyn. Pred. p. 66?
KIK, KIKF, vel KIKKU. Kampf. Amaen. Ex. p. 875.

We rejoice in the opportunity afforded us, of prefenting our teaders with the coloured engraving of a plant recently introduced to this country, which, as an ornamental one, promifes to become an acquifition highly valuable.

This magnificent species of Chryfanthemum, which we have hitherto seen only in the collection of Mr. COLVILL, Nurseryman, King's-Road, Chelsea, began to flower with him early in November last, 1795; and as there were many buds on the plant, at that time, yet unopened, it appeared as if it would continue to flower during the early part of the winter at least.

It is a plant of ftrong growth; the ftem rifing to the height of two or three feet, fomewhat woody, much branched, befet with numerous leaves, having fome refemblance to those of Mugwort, of a greyifh hue; the flowers, on being fmelt to, different an agreeable fragrance, they are produced on the hummits of the branches in a loofe fort of clufter (those which urminate the main ftem, grow to the fize of a large carnation) of a dark purple colour; they are, it is to be observed, double, or or rather between femidouble and double; the florets of the radius at first perfectly tubular or quilled, as they advance fplit gradually downward on the infide, their outlide is of a greyish tint, which being visible in most of the florets, efpecially the younger ones, gives them a particoloured appearance; these florets do not fo completely occupy the receptacle but that room is left for a few others in the centre, of a different form, and yellow colour, which, on examination, appear to have their parts perfect, as indeed do those of the radius; the receptacle is beset with membranous paleæ or chaffy scales, a circumstance which would lead us to confider this plant rather as an *Anthemis* than a *Chryfanthemum*, of which it has the calyx, with the foliage of *Mugwort*.

New as this plant is to us, it appears to have been cultivated in China for ages: LINNEUS, who defcribes it in his Specin Plantar. refers us to a figure in the Hortus Malabaricus; this figure, and the defcription accompanying it, agree generally with our plant, but the flowers are more double, much finaller, lefs cluftered, and do not correfpond in point of colour, yet there can be no doubt but our plant is a variety of the fame; it is there defcribed as growing in fandy fituations, and having green petals.

RUMPHIUS, in his highly interesting work, the Herbarian Amboinense is much more minute in his information; he obferves, that these plants were originally brought from China, where they flower in May and June; that there are two fors principally cultivated in India, the white and yellow-flowered, and a third fort, differing only in the colour of its flowers, which are red (the variety, as we suppose, here figured) began to be known among them at Amboyna; the flowers there do not expand well, owing to their being produced at the rainy feason, and they decay without producing any feed.

He tells us further, that it is cultivated chiefly for pleafure; that the natives and the Dutch plant it only in the borders of their gardens, in which it does not fucceed fo well as in pots; and that, if it remains more than two years in the fame lpot, it degenerates, becomes lefs woody, and often wholly perilhes; that the Chinefe, by whom it is held in high effimation, pay great attention to its culture; they fet it in pots and jars, and place it before the windows of their apartments, and that it is not unufual for them when they invite their friends to an entertainment to decorate their tables with it; on those occasionhe that produces the largest flower, is confidered as conferring the greatest honour on his guests; besides these three varieties already mentioned, they have a fourth, which is more rare.

whole flowers are of a greenish ash colour (is not this the var. figured in the Hort. Malab. ?) all thefe varieties growing in feparate pots, they place in certain quarters which they paricelarly with to decorate, and the effect they produce is highly pleasing: in the cultivation of this plant they spare no pains, the morter it is and the larger its flowers, the more it is effectmed; to make it dwarfish, and at the fame time productive of flowers, they check its growth; for, if fuffered to grow rude, it affumes a wild nature, and produces little but leaves; when it is coming into flower, of the three bloffoms which ufually terminate each branch, they pluck off two, and thus the remaining flower grows larger; by this, and other management, they caufe the flowers to grow to the breadth of one's hand : he enumerates still a fifth fort with white flowers, which is extremely rare, and fmaller than the others, called Thebuy fuy fi, that is the drunken woman; its flowers morning and evening flag, and hang down as if debilitated by intoxication, in the middle of the day they become erect, and follow the courfe of the fun; but this (most probably a diftinet species) is not exported from China. Finally, he remarks, that the Chinese and Malays are fo attached to these flowers, that they even decorate their hair with them.

THUNBERG, in his Flora Japonica, enumerates it among the natives of that country, and deferibes it as growing fpontaneoufly in Papenberg, near Nagafaki, and elfewhere, obferving, that it is cultivated for the extreme beauty of its flowers in gardens and houses throughout the whole empire of Japan, and that the lowers vary infinitely in point of colour, fize, and plenitude. KAMPFER's account of it in his Amæn. Exot. is very fimilar.

This Chryfanthemum appears to be a hardy greenhoufe plant, and it is highly probable that, like the *Camellia* and *Aucuba*, it will bear the cold of our mild winters without injury.

As it flowers fo late, there is but little profpect of its producing feeds with us, but it may be increased by cuttings, and parting of the roots.

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TRIFOLIUM INCARNATUM. CRIMSON TREFOIL.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Flores fubcapitati. Legumen vix calyce longius non dehifcens deciduum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

TRIFOLIUM incarnatum fpicis villofis oblongis obtufis aphyllis, foliolis fubrotundis crenatis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 689. Att. Kew. v. 3. p. 87.

TRIFOLIUM spica rotunda rubra. Baub. Pin. p. 328. LAGOPUS maximus flore rubro. The greatest Haresson. Park. Th. p. 1106. f. 1.

TRIFOLIUM album incarnatum fpicatum f. Lagopus maximus. Baub. Hift. 2. p. 376.

Of the annual fpecies of *Trifolium* cultivated by the curious here, this is one of the largeft, as well as one of the mot fhewy; the bloffoms in the plants which we have had an opportunity of obferving, have been of a bright crimion colour, and have therefore corresponded badly with the name of *incarnatum*, originally applied to the plant by fome of the old botanists, and adopted by LINNEUS; like other Trefols with red flowers, the bloffoms are doubtles found with different fhades of colour, and fometimes wholly white.

It is a native of Italy, a hardy annual, cultivated here by PARKINSON in 1640, flowers in July, and readily ripens its feeds, by which it is eafily raifed. It appears to have been loft out of this country fince its first introduction, as it is not mentioned by MILLER; Mr. AITON enumerates it among the productions of Kew-Garden, and we last fummer faw feveral plants of it raifed from foreign feeds flowering in the garden of JOHN SYMMONS, Efq. Paddington-Houfe, Paddington, who has to boast a collection of hardy herbaceous plants fuperior to most in this country; his readiness to oblige me with specimens for drawing on this occasion, and his various acts of kindness exerted in the promotion of my botanical views, I have to acknowledge with much gratitude. Nº 328

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[329] ONONIS NATRIX. YELLOW-FLOWERED REST-HARROW.

Class and Order. DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Cul. 5-partitus : laciniis linearibus. Vexillum firiatum. Legumen urgidum feffile. Filamenta connata absque fiffura.

Specific CharaEter and Synonyms.

ONONIS Natrix pedunculis unifloris ariftatis, foliis ternatis viscofis stipulis integerrimis caule fruticoso. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 653. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 24. ANONIS viscofa spinis carens lutea major. Baub. Pin. 389.

The Ononis Natrix, a plant usually to be met with in all general collections of green-houfe plants, is a native of Spain, and the South of France, where it is faid to grow wild in the corn-fields.

The general practice fanctioned by that of Mr. AITON, is to confider this fpecies as tender; Mr. MILLER fays it is very hardy, and recommends it to be planted in the open border, a treatment likely to fuit it in mild winters; there is, however, one part of his account evidently erroneous, he defcribes the root as perennial, and the ftem as herbaceous, this is not only contrary to LINNEUS's specific description, but to fact, the talk being undoubtedly fhrubby.

As this plant in the courfe of a year or two is apt to grow out of form, it is advifable either to renew it frequently by leed, which it produces in abundance, or to keep it clofely cut in.

It flowers from the middle of fummer till towards the clofe, and is propagated readily either by feeds or cuttings.

Is no novelty in this country, having been cultivated by Mr. JAMES SUTHERLAND in 1683 *.

* Ait. Kew.



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SIDA CRISTATA. CRESTED SIDA.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA POLYANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. fimplex, angulatus. Stylus multipartitus. Capf. plures 1-sperinæ.

Specific CharaEter and Synonyms.

SIDA cristata foliis angulatis, inferioribus cordatis, fuperioribus panduriformibus, capfulis multilocularibus. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. p. 964. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 623. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 444. Cavanill. Diff. 1. t. 11. f. 2.

ABUTILON Lavateræ flore, fructu cristato. Dill. Elth. t. 2. ANODA hastata. Linn. Syst. Nat. ed. Gmel. p. 1040.

DILLENIUS has figured and defcribed this plant in his Hortus Elthamenfis as an Abutilon: LINNEUS in his Sp. Pl. has ranked it with the Sida's, in which he has been followed by Prof. MURRAY, Meffrs. AITON and CAVANILLE; but Prof. GMELIN, in the laft edition of LINNEUS' Syfl. Nat. has made another new genus of it, by the name of Anoda; as his reafons for fo doing are by no means cogent, we join the majority in continuing it a Sida.

It flowered in the garden of Mr. SHERARD, at Eltham, in 1725, and was introduced from Mexico, where it is a native: Mr. Atton confiders it as a flove plant, as he does the *Tropæolum majus*, and other natives of South-America; flriftly peaking they may be fuch, but if raifed early, and treated the other tender annuals, this plant will flower and ripen its feeds in the open ground, as we have experienced at Brompton.

It grows to the height of three feet, or more, producing during the months of July and August a number of bloss in fuccession, which are large and shewy; the stigmata in this lower are curious objects, resembling the heads of Fungi in miniature.

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KALMIA ANGUSTIFOLIA. NARROW-LEAV'D KALMIA.

Class and Order. DECANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus. Cor. hypocrateriformis, limbo fubtus quinque corni. Capf. 5-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

- KALMIA angustifolia foliis lanceolatis, corymbis lateralibus. Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 404. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 64. Gronov. Fl. Virg. p. 65.
- CHAMÆDAPHNE fempervirens, foliis oblongis angustis, foliorum fasciculis oppositis e foliorum alis. Catelb. Carol. app. t. 17. f. 1.
- LEDUM floribus bullatis fasciculatim ex alis foliorum oppositis nascentibus, foliis lanceolatis integerrimis glabris. Trew. Ebr. t. 38.

In this work we have already given three different species of Kalmia, two commonly, and one more rarely cultivated with us, we mean the birfuta, and which indeed we are forry to find is fearcely to be kept alive in this country by the molt skilful management; to these we now add another species, a native alfo of North-America, introduced by PRTER COL-LINSON, Efq. in 1736, two years after he had introduced the latifolia; CATESEY mentions its having flowered at Peckham in 1743; it is a low thrub, rarely rifing above the height of two feet, growing fpontaneoully in fwampy ground, and flowering with us from May to July; there are two principal varieties of it, one with pale and another with deep red flowers; these two plants differ also in their habits, the red one, the most humble of the two, not only produces the most brilliant flowers, but those in greater abundance than the others Mr. WHITLEY, who has thefe plants in great perfection, affures me that it ufually blows in the autumn as well as fummer.

This fhrub is extremely hardy, thriving beft in bog carth, and is propagated most commonly by layers.

Like the *latifolia*, it is regarded in America as poilonous to fheep.



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OENOTHERA FRUTICOSA. SHRUBBY OENOTHERA.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Calyx 4-fidus. Petala 4. Capfula cylindrica infera. Semina nuda.

Specific CharaEter and Synonyms.

OENOTHERA fruticosa foliis lanceolatis subdentatis, capfulis pedicellatis acutangulis, racemo pedunculato. Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 358. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 4. L'Herit. Stirp. nov. t. 2. t. 5.

OENOTHERA florum calyce monophyllo, hinc tantum aperto. Gron. virg. 42.

LYSIMACHIA lutea caule rubente, foliis falicis alternis nigro maculatis, flore fpeciofo amplo, vafculo feminali eleganter striato infidente, Clayt. n. 36.

Moft of the *Oenothera* tribe are annual, have large yellow flowers, which open once only, and that in the evening, difplaying their beauty, and exhaling their fragrance at a time which will not admit of their being much enjoyed; the prefent fpecies in fome refpects deviates from many of the others, the root is perennial, the flowers which are large and fhewy, though they open in the evening, remain expanded during moft of the enfuing day; the flower-buds, the germen, and the ftalk are enlivened by a richnefs of colour which contributes to render this fpecies one of the moft ornamental and defirable of the tribe.

It is a hardy perennial, growing to the height of three or four feet, with us altogether herbaceous, and therefore improperly called *fruticofa*; a native of Virginia, flowering from June to August: was cultivated in 1739 by Mr. MILLER.

May be propagated by feeds, by parting of the roots, and alfo by cuttings.



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CERINTHE MAJOR. GREAT HONEYWORT.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cerrolle? limbus tubulato ventricofus: fauce pervia. Semina 2, bilocularia.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CERINTHE major foliis amplexicaulibus, corollis obtufiufculis patulis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 187. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 183.

CERINTHE glaber foliis oblongo-ovatis glabris amplexicaulibus, corollis obtufiufculis patulis. Mill. Diet. ed. 6. 410.

CERINTHE flore ex rubro purpurascente. Bauh. pin. p. 258. CERINTHE major. Great Honiewoort. Ger. Herb.

Ancient writers on plants, fuppofing that the flowers of this genus produced abundantly the material of which bees form their wax, gave it the name of *Cerinthe*, which rendered into English would be wax-flower or waxwort, not honeywort, by which the genus has long been, and is now, generally called.

Of this genus there are only two fpecies known, the *major* and the *minor*, both happily diffinguifhed by the different form of their flowers, a part from which it is not common to draw specific differences, though in fome inftances they afford the beft.

The major varies much, the leaves being fometimes fpotted, very rough, and the flowers of a more yellow hue; this is the lott figured by GERARD in his Herbal, who mentions its mowing in his garden (1597). MILLER confiders this as a pecies, but LINNÆUS, HALLER, AITON, and others, regard it as a variety; our figure reprefents the *Cerinthe glaber* of MILLER.

This is an annual, remarkable for the fingular colour of its tollage; its flowers, though not very brilliant, poffefs a coniderable fhare of beauty; both combined render it worthy place in our gardens, more efpecially as it is a plant of eafy culture, coming up fpontaneoufly from felf-fown feeds, and being a native of Switzerland, as well as the more fouthern parts of Europe, feedling plants produced in the Autumn rarely fuffer by our winters. It flowers in July, Auguft, and beptember.

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HYPERICUM MONOGYNUM. CHINESE St. John's-Wort.

POLYADELPHIA POLYANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus. Petala 5. Nett. o. Capfula.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

HYPERICUM monogynum floribus monogynis, flaminibus corolla longioribus, calycibus coloratis, caule fruticofo. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 702. Hort. Kew. v. 3. p. 108.

Of this genus 28 fpecies are enumerated in the Hortus Kewenfis of Mr. AITON, 42 in Prof. MURRAY's ed. of the Syftema Vegetab. and 64 in Prof. GMELIN'S 13th ed. of Linn. Syft. Nat. of the latter number 14 are defcribed with 5 ftyles, 46 with 3 2 with 2 ftyles, and 2 with 1; when the term monogynum was first applied to this fpecies it was a proper one, there being then only one in that predicament, another having fince been difcovered it ceafes to be fo now; fome have indeed doubted the propriety of ufing the word monogynum at all, alledging that in reality there are five ftyles, which manifeftly fhew themfelves above, though they coalefce below; fuch is the opinion of my friend, Dr. GWYN; this is a point on which Botanifts will think differently.

This elegant native of China, now common in our greenhoufes, appears from Mr. MILLER to have been first introduced to this country in 1753, by HUGH, Duke of NORTHUMBERLAND; he tells us, that the plants were raifed in his Grace's curious garden at Stanwick, from whence the Apothecaries garden at Chelfea was furnished with it.

Mr. MILLER has given us a minute defcription of this plant, which he obferves is the more valuable, as it continues in flower great part of the year; he obferves further, that if planted in a very warm fituation, it will live in the open ait, but that those plants which fland abroad will not flower in winter, as those do which which are removed into fhelter in autumn.

It may be propagated by flips from the root, or by layers.



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ONONIS ROTUNDIFOLIA. ROUND-LEAVED REST-HARROW.

Class and Order. DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus : laciniis linearibus. Vexillum striatum. Lerumen turgidum seffile. Filamenta connata absque sisfura.

Specific CharaEter and Synonyms.

ONONIS rotundifolia fruticofa, foliis ternatis ovatis dentatis, calycibus triphyllo-bracteatis, pedunculis fubtrifloris. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 653. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 25.

ONONIS rotundifolia fruticofa, pedunculis trifloris, calycibus triphyllo-bracteatis, foliis ternatis fubrotundis. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. p. 1010.

CICER fylvestre latifolium triphyllum. Baub. Pin. 347. CICER fylvestre tertium. Dod. Pempt. 525.

Prof. JACQUIN, and most modern writers on Botany, confider the Ononis here figured, as the rotundifolia of LINNEUS; it accords certainly with the figure of Dodon. to which that author refers, but is irreconcileable with his defcription; the leaves for example are neither parva, integerrima, nor glabra, the words by which LINNEUS defcribes them; they are indeed evidently ferrated in the figure of Dodon. which he quotes: by the name of rotundifolia, however, this plant is now very generally known in our nurferies, to which its beauty has gained it admiffion. LOBEL tells us in his Adverfaria, printed in 1576, that the plant was then growing in the garden of a Mr. MORGAN; as it is not enumerated in Mr. MILLER'S Dictionary, ed. 6, 4to,* we fufpect that it has been loft out of the country and re-introduced.

Baron HALLER informs us, that it is found wild in abundance at the bottom of the Alps in Switzerland; it is found allo in other parts of Europe.

It flowers in our open borders from May to July, in which it ripens its feeds, by which it is in general propagated, as also by flips; it grows to about the height of a foot and a half, is very hardy, and eafy of culture.

The flowers of his rotundifolia are yellow, and therefore cannot be our plant.



[336] Lotus Hirsutus. Hairy Bird's-Foot-Trefoil.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Legumen cylindricum striatum. Alæ surfum longitudinaliter conniventes. Cal. tubulosus.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

LOTUS hirfutus capitulis fubrotundis, caule erecto hirto, leguminibus ovatis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 691. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 93.

LOTUS polyceratos frutescens incana alba, filiquis erectis craffioribus et brevioribus rectis. Morif. Hist. 2. p. 177. f. 2. t. 18. f. 14.

LOTUS pentaphyllos filiquofus villofus. Baub. Pin. 332.

The Lotus hirfutus, according to LINNEUS, is a native of the South of France, Italy, and the East.

In mild winters it will bear the open border with us, but it is more generally kept in the greenhouse, of which indeed it has long had possession, being cultivated, according to Mr. AITON, in 1683, by Mr. JAMES SUTHERLAND.

It flowers from June to August.

Its bloffoms are of a white colour, which being contrafted with the rednefs of the calyx, gives them a pleafing appearance; CASP. BAUH. informs us, that they are purple alfo.

This fhrub will acquire the height of feveral feet; its flowers are ufually fucceeded by feed-veffels, which in favourable functions produce perfect feeds, by which the plant is eafily propagated, as alfo by cuttings.

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PRUNELLA GRANDIFLORA. GREAT. FLOWERED SELF-HEAL.

Class and Order. DIDYNAMIA GYMNOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Filamenta bifurca : altero apice antherifera. Stigma bifidum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PRUNELLA grandiflora foliis omnibus ovato oblongis fubferratis, calicis labio fuperiore profunde trilobo. Linn. Syft. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel. p. 920. Jacq. Fl. Auftr. v. 4. t. 377.
PRUNELLA prima. Cluf. Hift. xlii.
PRUNELLA cærulea magno flore. Baub. Pin. 261.

The plant here figured, which we have feveral years cultivated in our garden at Brompton, without difcovering in it the leaft difpofition to vary, is undoubtedly the fame as is figured by Prof. JACQUIN, in his *Fl. Auftr.* under the name of grandiflora; he regards it as a diffinct fpecies, and as fuch it is introduced in Prof. GMELIN'S ed. of the Syft. Nat. of LINNÆUS: Mr. AITON, in his Hort. Kew. following LIN-NÆUS, makes it a variety of the vulgaris, a common Englifh plant, which we have never feen to vary much in the fize of its flowers.

Prof. JACQUIN informs us, that it grows wild, mixed with the *laciniata* (a kindred fpecies with yellowifh flowers) on the Alps; it is found alfo in fimilar fituations in various other parts of Europe.

In July and August, it puts forth its large shewy blossom, of a fine purple colour.

Such as are partial to hardy herbaceous plants, of ready growth, which are ornamental, take up but little room, and are not apt to entrench on their neighbours, will be induced to add this to their collection.

It is propagated by parting its roots in autumn,



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Allamanda Cathartica. Willow-Leav'd Allamanda.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Contorta. Caps. lenticularis erecta echinata 1-locularis polysperma. Semina bractizata.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ALLAMANDA cathartica. Linn. Mant. p. 214. Suppl. p. 165. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 252. Ait. Kew. V. 3. p. 489. ORELIA grandiflora. Aubl. Guian. p. 271. t. 106.

This beautiful flove plant (a native of Cayenne and Guiana, where it is faid to grow by the fides of rivers) was introduced to this country in 1785, by Baron HAKE*; it has fince flowered in many of our collections, ufually in June and July.

Stem or trunk fhrubby, upright, climbing to a confiderable height; bark of the old wood pale brown, of the young wood green and fmooth; leaves generally growing four together, lometimes only two, and those opposite, fessile, smooth, and godiy above, paler green beneath, the midrib on the underlide evidently villous, veiny, veins as in Plumeria, terminaing before they reach the margin, chewed difcovering little talle; flowers very large, produced even on young plants, of a fine yellow colour, and fomewhat fpicy fmell, not terminal, but growing from the fides of the branches, fometimes fingly, more frequently three or four together, flanding on fhort coultalks; calyx composed of five leaves, lanceolate, fmooth, unequal, fhort compared with the flower; corolla monopetalous, funnel-shaped, tube nearly cylindrical, limb dilated below and bellying out, on the infide ftriped with orangecoloured veins, above divided into five fegments, which roll

* Ait. Kenu.

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over each other before they open, when open broad, fome what truncated, one fide rounded, the other terminating in a fhort point; at the bafe of the divisions the yellow colour on the infide of the flower becomes nearly white, forming fo many fpots; the mouth of the tube is perfectly clofed with " converging to a point, and which ferve as a covering or fpecies of thatch to five long, pointed, rigid, arrow-fhaped anthera beneath them, which fit on the top of fo many ridges, projecting from the infide of the tube, and which just beneath the antheræ are villous; germen nearly round, with a flight ridge on each fide of it, furrounded at its bafe by a greenifh glandular fubstance; ftyle filiform, the length of the tube of the corolla, enlarging as it comes near to the ftigma; ftigma divisible into three distinct parts, the lowermost of a yellowish hue, in the form of a rim turning downwards, the middle of a dark green colour, fecreting honey in confiderable quantity the fummit, which perhaps is the true fligma, a fhort conicil point, rifing from the centre of the middle part, bifid at top, with a furrow running down each fide of it; feed-velick, according to the figure in AUDLET, are very large and prickly.

Of this genus, which has a confiderable affinity with that of Vinca and Plumeria, only one fpecies is defcribed in LINNEUS'S works, and this is ufually increased by cuttings.



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ARUM TRILOBATUM. THREE-LOBED ARUM.

Class and Order.

GYNANDRIA POLYANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Spatha monophylla cucullata. Spadix fupra nudus, inferne femineus, medio ftamineus.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ARUM trilobatum acaule, foliis fagittato trilobis, flore feffili. Linn. Syft. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 828. Ait. Kew. V. 3. p. 316. Mill. Icon. t. 52. f. 2. ARISARUM amboynicum. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 320. t. 110. f. 2.

Mr. MILLER in his figure of this plant, to which LINNÆUS refers, has been more happy in his reprefentation than in that of many others; RUMPHIUS' figure and defeription accord alfo with our plant, fome of his leaves indeed are more perfectly three-lobed than any we have feen here on the living plant, and to this variation, he informs us, they are fubject.

We learn from Mr. MILLER, that roots of this Arum were brought from Ceylon in the year 1752. It flowers in May and June, and is regarded both by Mr. MILLER and Mr. AITON as a flove plant; we have feen it fucceed very well with the ireatment of a tender green-house plant.

It is one of the leaft of the tribe; its root is like that of the common Arum, and extremely acrid: but the plant is more particularly diffinguifhed by the rich, brown, velvety appearance of its flowers; the length of its tapering fpadix, which on its lower part is full of little cavities, and refembles a piece of metal corroded by long exposure; and by the intolerable flench which the whole of the flower, but more efpecially the fpadix, fends forth.

It is a native of Amboyna, as well as of Ceylon. RUMPHIUS informs us that the roots, fometimes eaten raw by miftake, caufe violent inflammations of the mouth and throat, and that they do not lofe their acrimony even when boiled.

The plant increases freely by offsets from its roots.

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POLYGALA HEISTERIA. HEATH-LEAVED MILKWORT.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA OCTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus: foliolis 2 majoribus alæformibus, ante maturitatem feminis coloratis. Capfula obcordata 2-locularis. Semina folitaria.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

POLYGALA Heisteria floribus imberbibus lateralibus, caule arborescente, foliistriquetrismucronato-spinosis. Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 639. Ait. Kev. v. 3. p. 6.

SPARTIUM africanum frutescens ericæ folio. Comm. Hort. 2 p. 193. t. 97.

THYMBRA capenfis nepetæ Theophrasti foliis aculeatis flore parvo purpureo. Pluk. Alm. 366. t. 229. f. 5. HEISTERIA. Hort. Cliff. 352.

After receiving various names, this plant has been finally placed by LINNEUS among the Milkworts; it retains the trivial name of *Heifteria*, inftead of the generic one previously beftowed on it, in honour of Prof. HEISTER, the celebrated German Surgeon.

In Holland it appears to have been long fince known; but was a firanger here, till introduced from the Cape, by Mr. MASSON, in 1787. Ait. Kew.

In the courfe of a few years it becomes a fhrub of confiderable fize, equalling a fmall furze bufh, to which, in its habit, it bears a diftant refemblance; and furze-leaved, in our humble opinion, would have been a more expreffive name than heath-leaved, which Mr. AITON has given it in accordance with COMMELIN's idea.

The purple of the flowers is brilliant in the extreme, and as those are plentifully produced almost the year through, it has very generally obtained a place in collections of greenhouse plants about London.

It is commonly increased by cuttings, but not eafily.



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SCILLA AMÆNA. BYZANTINE SQUILL.

Class and Order. HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character. Cor. 6-petala patens, decidua. Filamenta filiformia.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

SCILLA amæna floribus lateralibus alternis subnutantibus, scapo angulato. Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 328. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 444. Jacq. Fl. Austr. v. 3. t. 218.

HYACINTHUS stellaris cæruleus amænus. Bauh. Pin. 46. HYACINTHUS stellaris Bizantinus. Hort. Eyst. Vern. 2d. ord. fol. 13.

HYACINTHUS stellatus Byzantinus alter five flore Boraginis. The other Starry Jacinth of Constantinople. Park. Parad. p. 128. t. 131. f. 4.

HYACINTHUS stellaris, caulibus pluribus ex eodem bulbo ortis fingulis pluribus floribus oneratis. Morif. Hist. 2. p. 374. f. 4. t. 12. f. 17.

The Scilla amæna, a hardy bulbous plant of fmall growth, is a native of the Levant, and has long been cultivated in this country for ornament, being introduced about the year 1600, by Ep. Lord ZOUCH (vid. Park. Parad. & Lobel. Averf.); when it grows luxuriantly, many flowering ftems will fpring from the fame root, which, when the plant is in flower, are altogether upright; as the feed-veffels advance in fize and weight, they bend down, the bloffoms are violet-coloured, and the germen in the centre of each is diffinguifhed for the palenefs of its colour, a character which did not efcape the obfervation of PARKINSON.

It flowers early in May, and, in favourable fituations, ripens its feeds in the beginning of June.

Is ufually increased by offsets, which are produced in tolerable abundance; will grow in almost any foil or fituation; but will fucceed best if planted in a fandy loam, and a warm heltered part of the garden.

Its feeds are of a pale amber colour, and drop foon.

Though Profeffor JACQUIN figures it in his Fl. Austriaca, he fuspects that it had originally been introduced from Confiantinople.



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[342] Erica Persoluta. Blush-Flowered Heath.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inferta. Antheræ bifidæ. Capf. 4-locularis.

. Specific Character and Synonyms.

- ERICA perfoluta antheris aristatis inclusis, corollis campanulatis, calycibus ciliatis, foliis quaternis. Linn. Mant. p. 230. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 17.
- ERICA subdivaricata. Berg. Cap. 114.
- ERICA perfoluta aristata foliis ternis quaternisque trigonis glabris, floribus umbellatis, calice ciliato. Thunk. Prod. Pl. Cap. p. 73.

The different species and varieties of the African Heaths are now become so numerous, that there is fearcely any period of the year in which some of them may not be found to delight the eye with their bloss: the *perfoluta* here figured is one of those which flower early in the spring; through the months of March, April, and May, its branches are loaded with a profusion of bright purple flowers, which, joined to the lively verdure of its foliage, places it among the most defirable of the tribe.

If fuffered to grow, it will form a fhrub of confiderable height: there is a variety of it, called *alba*, whofe flowers are nearly white, yet not wholly divefted of a red tinge; to this variety the term blufh-coloured, which Mr. AITON has given to the fpecies, feems most applicable.

This heath was introduced, from the Cape, by Mr. MASSON, in 1774. Ait. Kew.

It is increased without much difficulty from cuttings, and is more easily preferved than many of the others.

ANTHOLYZA CUNONIA. SCARLET-FLOWERED ANTHOLYZA. ****************

Class and Order.

TRIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter. Cor. tubulofa irregularis recurvata. Capf. infera.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

- ANTHOLYZA Cunonia corollis rectis, labii quinquepartiti lobis duobus externis latioribus adfcendentibus. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. p. 54. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 66.
- ANTHOLYZA Cunonia corollis fubpapilionaceis : labii lobis duobus externis latioribus adfcendentibus. Linn. Syft. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 87.
- ANTHOLYZA Cunonia foliis enfiformibus glabris ftriatis, fpica oblonga difticha. Thunb. Prod. Pl. Cap. P. 7.
- *p. 7.* CUNONIA floribus feffilibus fpathis maximis. *Butt. cun.* 211. *t.* 1.

CUNONIA Antholyza. Mill. Diet.

Amidst that variety of tender bulbous plants which the Cape affords, there are none whole flowers can boaft a richer fcarlet, than the Antholyza here figured; in their form alfo, there is great fingularity, and in their mode of growth much elegance; to us indeed it is matter of furprife that this plant fhould not be more generally cultivated, efpecially as its culture is attended with fo little trouble: Mr. MILLER, who grew it in 1756, has minutely defcribed it in his Dictionary; he informs us, that it is eafily propagated by offsets, or raifed from feeds; the latter, as the plant flowers in April and May, ripen about the middle of June, and should be fown about the middle of August; the plant with the pot in which it has grown, after it has ripened its feeds, fhould be fet by in a fhed or fome dry place, and in the autumn the largest roots should be felected, and three of them planted in a pot of a moderate fize, keeping them in an open frame till the approach of winter, when they are to be removed into the houfe with other greenhoufe plants.

This fpecies is found wild in Perfia as well as at the Cape.



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ASPALATHUS PEDUNCULATA. SMALL-LEAVED ASPALATHUS.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-fidus : lacinia superiore majore. Legumen ovatum muticum subdispermum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ASPALATHUS pedunculata foliis fasciculatis subulatis glabris, pedunculis filiformibus folio duplo longioribus. L'Herit. Sert. Angl. t. 26. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 16.

• Of the five fpecies of Afpalathus enumerated in the Hortus Kewenfis, four are natives of the Cape; of those, three have been introduced by Mr. MASSON: the albens and candicans in 1774, the present species in 1775.

This is one of the plants figured by Monf. L'HERITIER, in a work of his, entitled *Sertum Anglicum*, containing new fpecies obferved by him during his excursion to this country a few years fince, most of which flowered in the royal garden at Kew.

It will grow to the height of feveral feet, produces abundance of bloffoms, which open during moft of the fummer months, and is propagated by cuttings.



[345] Polygala Bracteolata. Spear-Leaved Milkwort.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA OCTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus : foliolis alæformibus coloratis. Legumen obcordatum biloculare.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

POLYGALA bratteolata floribus cristatis racemosis, brattæis triphyllis, foliis lineari-lanceolatis, caule fruticolo. Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 638. Berg. Cap. 182. Buxb. Cent. 3. p. 4. t. 71. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 4.

To the vaft number of ornamental plants introduced from the Cape of Good Hope by Mr. MASSON, we here add another, imported in 1787; when Mr. AITON publifhed his *Hortus Kewenfis*, it moft probably had not flowered with him, as he does not notice its particular time of blowing: we now fee it in moft of the Nurferymen's collections of greenhoufe plants, flowering from May to July. It is a plant of great fingularity and beauty, the purple of its flowers is brilliant in the extreme.

It is increafed by cuttings.



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[346] PROTEA MELLIFERA. HONEY-BEARING PROTEA.

Class and Order.

TETRANDRIA MONOCYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. 4-petala : interdum bafi vel apice coherentibus. Antheræ lineares vel oblongæ petalis infra apicem infertæ. Cal. propius 0. Nux fupera, 1-locularis, evalvis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PROTEA mellifera foliis lanceolato-ellipticis capituloque terminali oblongo glabris. Thunb. Prot. n. 37. Linn. Syft. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 139. Ait. Kew. vol. 1. p. 127.

LEUCADENDRON repens foliis lanceolatis, floribus oblongis, calycum fquamis glabris. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. P. 135.

3. p. 135. LEPIDOCARPODENDRON foliis angustis brevioribus falignis, calycis fquamis elegantifiimi ex roseo aureo albo atro rubro variegatis, florum plumis albis. Boerh. Lugd. 2. p. 187.

To a magnificent appearance, the bloffom of the Protea joins a flructure extremely curious and interefting; but, at the lame time, difficult to be underftood by fludents, who are apt to confider the whole as one great fimple flower, while in reality it is composed of a number of florets enclosed within a common calyx formed of numerous leaves or fcales placed one over the other, and fitting on one common receptacle, being in fact what Botanist term an aggregate flower, approaching indeed near to a compound one, there being in the flructure and union of the antheræ a confiderable fimilarity to those of the Syngenesia class, much more fo than in the flowers of Plantain, Scabious, Teafel, and others.

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The florets of the prefent fpecies correspond extremely well with the character of the genus Leucadendron in the fixth edition of the Genera Pl. of LINNAUS, but not with that of Protea, as given in the Hort. Kew. and Gmel. ed. Linn. Syft. Nat. to which it is now united; the corolla being most evidently composed of two (not four) petals, the largest of these is trifid at top, each segment of it, as well as the summit of the similar petal, terminates in a twissed kind of plume, not peculiar to this species; of the antheræ, which are long, linear, and form a kind of cylinder, three are attached to the largest petal, the fourth (which appears to be less perfect than the others) to the smaller petal; the germen is enveloped with numerous orange-coloured hairs, having the gloss of the richest fattin; the antheræ terminate in small appendages of a brown colour.

This magnificent fhrub, a principal ornament of the Cape-Houfe at Kew, is a native of the Cape of Good Hope, from whence it was introduced by Mr. MASSON, in 1774 (*Ait. Kew.*); it flowers chiefly in the Spring, and often during the Summer; is propagated principally by layers.

Our drawing was made from a plant raifed from Cape feeds, which flowered this feafon, among a number of others equally curious, in the collection of Mr. BARR, Nurferyman and Florift, near Ball's-Turnpike, Kingfland.

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[347] Oenothera Rosea. Rose-Coloured Oenothera.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Cal. 4-fidus. Petala 4. Capf. cylindrica infera. Sem. nuda.

Specific CharaEter and Synonyms.

OENOTHERA rosea foliis ovatis dentatis, inferioribus lyratis: capfulis clavatis. Ait. Kew. v. 2. P. 3.

OENOTHERA rosea. L'Herit. Stirp. Nov. tom. 2. t. 6.

Of the feveral different fpecies of this genus growing in our garden at this prefent writing (eleven in number) two only are of a red or purple colour, the one here figured, and another with a larger flower, which we purpofe foon to publish under the name of *purpurea*.

The prefent fpecies, Mr. AITON informs us, was introduced in 1783 by Monf. THOUIN, from Peru.

It has been confidered as a greenhoufe plant, and a perennial; we find it to be more hardy than greenhoufe plants in general, and fcarcely entitled to the diffinction of a perennial.

It may be increased by cuttings and feeds, the latter of which are plentifully produced. It-rarely exceeds a foot in height; its rofe-coloured flowers expand during the whole of the day, and are produced during most of the Summer months.

To guard against accidental feverity of weather, fow its feeds in the Spring with tender annuals; when the plants have acquired a proper age and the feason is favourable, plant them out fingly in the open border.



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Calceolaria Fothergillii. Fothergill's Slipper-Wort.

Clafs and Order. Diandria Monogynia.

Generic CharaEter.

Corolla ringens inflata. Capfula 2-locularis, 2 valvis. Calyx 4-partitus æqualis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CALCEOLARIA Fothergillii foliis fpathulatis integerrimis, pedunculis fcapiformibus unifloris. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 30. tab. 1. Linn. Syft. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel. p. 39.

To this fpecies of Calceolaria the trivial name of Fothergillii has been given in honour of Dr. JOHN FOTHERGILL, who introduced it in 1777, with feveral other rare plants from Falktand-Iflands, where it is a native.

In the Hortus Kewenfis of Mr. ALTON it was first figured, and minutely defcribed.

This plant of great fingularity and beauty particularly merits a place in the collections of the curious; its principal flowering feafon is 'in May, but it will often bloffom much later in the Summer.

It is not to be had in perfection, nor even preferved, without great attention, joined to a peculiar treatment; feveral times it has been nearly loft from this country. Mr. AITON makes it a biennial greenhoufe plant; it, no doubt, is one of those plants which are liable to be killed in very fevere weather, and thereine it is neceffary to keep a pot of it at least, during the Winter, either in the greenhoufe or a well-fecured frame; but the plant will be found to fucceed best in the open ground, provided it be planted in bog-earth, in a fituation that is moift and moderately fhady; with us it has proved perfectly perennial.

With care it may be propagated by layers and cuttings, but with most certainty in the former mode; poffibly it may be tailed from feeds, they ripen here, but are as fine as dust.

[349] Solanum Laciniatum. Cut-Leav'd Nightshade.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Corolla rotata. Antheræ fubcoalitæ, apice poro gemino dehifcentes. Bacca 2-locularis.

Specific CharaEter and Synonyms.

SOLANUM laciniatum caule fruticofo inermi glaberrimo, foliis pinnatifidis: laciniis lanceolatis acutis, paniculis axillaribus binis ternifve. Ait. Hort. Kew. v. 1. p. 247.

Mr. AITON in his Hort. Kew. mentions this plant as being a native of New-Zealand, on the authority of Sir JOSEPH BANKS, and that it was introduced in 1772; he regards it as a flove plant; it has been fince found to be more hardy than he imagined, and not to require more heat than the greenhouse affords; in the Summer it will fland abroad, and even ripen its fruit in the open air.

It is a plant of fome beauty, but is more remarkable for having its antheræ feparating widely from each other, and thereby lofing the character of a *Solanum*, fo far as it depends on that circumftance. The berries when ripe are of the fize of a fmall plum, and of a yellowifh green hue; their pulp is fweet, in fome finall degree refembling that of a fig, whether it be fo innocent we do not take on us to affert.

It flowers during most of the Summer, and is eafily increased by cuttings or feeds.



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ERICA VENTRICOSA. PORCELAIN HEATH.

Class and Order. Octandria Monogynia.

Generic Character. Calys 4-phyllus. Corolla 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inferta. Antheræ bifidæ. Capf. 4-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms. ERICA ventricofa mutica, foliis quaternis trigonis ciliatis, floribus ventricofis glabris. Thunb. Prod. Cap. p. 71.

Of the many new Heaths which have been introduced within their few years, none have excited greater admiration than the prefent one; its bloffoms, though they cannot boaft the grandeur or richnefs of colour fo ftrikingly difplayed in the *crintheides*, and fome others, pleafe more on a near infpection, they have indeed a delicacy and beauty which are indeferibable; we have given to it the Englifth name of Porcelain Heath, as the flowers have fomewhat the appearance of porcelain, or enamel.

This fpecies has been introduced from the Cape, fince the publication of the Hortus Kewenfis; we faw it in bloffom many years fince, in the Royal Garden at Kew; feveral varieties of it have been raifed from Cape feeds by Mr. LODDIGES, Nurferyman, at Hackney, differing in the hairinefs of their leaves, fize and colour of their bloffoms; but the beft variety we have feen is the one here reprefented.

In point of form the bloffoms refemble those of the *ampul*lacea, but they are not fo large, and have no viscidity; the fligma is enclosed within the mouth of the flower, and the peduncles are usually naked; in fome very luxuriant specimens we have observed a scale or two on them.

It is with Heaths, in fome refpects, as it is with fruit trees: one leafon they will produce bloffoms most abundantly, they feem indeed to overblow themfelves, the next few appear; in different years the bloffoms of the fame heath will vary alfo confiderably in fize. The *ventricofa* is a free blower, and will in general produce flowers in abundance, for two or three months, from June to September.

Those who posses the knack of striking heaths, raise it by cuttings without much difficulty.

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SAXIFRAGA MUTATA. SAFFRON-COLOUR'D SAXIFRAGE.

Class and Order. DECANDRIA DIGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Calyx 5-partitus. Corolla 5-petala. Capf. 2-roftris 1-locularis polyfperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

SAXIFRAGA mutata foliis radicalibus aggregatis lingulatis cartilagineo-ferratis, caule racemofo foliofo, calyce villofo et vifcido. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed.14. Murr. p. 411. Jacq. Ic. Pl. rar. Fafc. 9-

LINNEUS has arranged feveral diffinct fpecies of Saxifrage under the Saxifraga Cotyledon, but very properly feparates this; though in the general form of its foliage it is as nearly related to it as moft of the others; from four of them it is indeed perfectly diffinct, inftead of the fawed cartilaginous edge, it has only fine foft hairs, more efpecially towards the bafe; towards the extremity there is fome appearance of little teeth, but widely differing from those of the others. The whole plant is covered with viscid hairs; the stalk about a foot high, is much branched; but the great peculiarity of this plant confifts in its flowers, the petals being long, narrow, and pointed, and of a faffron colour, of a deeper tint when they first open, and gradually changing to a pale yellow; the beauty of the flowers is heightened by a glandular fubfrance in the centre of each, which when the flower expands is of a bright purple colour.

This rare species of Saxifrage is a native of the Alps of Switzerland and Italy; we raifed it with difficulty from feeds fent us by Mr. DAVAL, of Orbe, in Switzerland; it was three years before the plants flowered; those now in bloom in my garden, June 15, bid fair to produce feeds in abundance; the plant may alfo be produced from offsets, in the fame way as the *Saxifraga Cotyledon*, vulgarly called *Pyramidal Sedum*, and requires a fimilar treatment; though an Alpine plant, it must be fheltered from much wet and fevere frosts.

Baron HALLER defcribes it with fpots on the petals; those certainly did not exist on our plants.



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[352] Oenothera Purpurea. Purple Oenothera.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-fidus. Petala 4. Capf. cylindrica infera. Sem. nuda.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

OENOTHERA *purpurea* foliis ovato-lanceolatis glaucefcentibus integerrimis, capfulis felfilibus, fligmate atro-purpureo.

The fpecies of Oenothera here figured is the one we mentioned in treating of the *rofea*, a very ornamental fpecies, introduced to the Royal Garden at Kew, from the weftern coaft of North-America, in 1791.* We have given to it the name of *purpurea*, it being the only one in our gardens with purple flowers.

It is diftinguished by three principal characters, the glaucous appearance of its foliage, the purple hue of its bloffoms, and the dark colour of its ftigma.

It flowers during the months of July and August, and ripens its feeds in September; is an annual of ready growth, and worthy of being more generally introduced to the flowergarden; its feeds should be fown in the spring, with other tender annuals, and the seedlings when of a proper age planted out fingly in the open border, where they will acquire the height of two feet, and produce abundance of bloss which, like those of the *rosea*, open during the day as well as in the evening.

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MAHERNIA INCISA. CUT-LEAV'D MAHERNIA.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Calyx 5-dentatus. Petala 5. NeEt. 5 obcordata filamentis fuppofita. Capfula 5-locularis.

Specific Character.

MAHERNIA inci/a caule hispidulo, foliis lanceolatis incifis, ftipulis integerrimis.

In point of fize and mode of growth, this beautiful fpecies comes near to the *pinnata* already figured in this work; but differs effentially in the fingular hifpidity of its ftalks, the form of its leaves, and the colour of its flowers.

The flalks to the naked eye difcover a manifeft roughnels, a magnifying glafs fnews this roughnels to be of a fingular kind, that they are befet on every fide with little protuberances, from whence iffue tufts of pellucid hairs, and here and there a fingle hair is difcoverable with a fmall red vifcid globule at its extremity; a portion of the flalk, when highly magnified, fomewhat refembles that of the creeping Cereus. The leaves, which are not fo manifeftly hairy as the flalk and calyces, are deeply jagged on the edges, and bear fome little affinity in their appearance to thole of the *Pelargonium tricolor*. The flowers, when in bud, are of the richeft crimfon imaginable; as they open they incline to a deep orange, and finally become of a vellowifh hue.

As this plant produces abundance of bloffoms, they may be feen in all their flates during most of the Summer and Autumnal months.

The plant from whence our drawing was taken, flowered this Summer with Mr. COLVILL, Nurferyman, King's-Road, it requires the fame treatment as the *pinnata*, is probably a native of the fame country, and may be propagated by cuttings in the fame manner.





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MIMULUS AURANTIACUS. ORANGE MONKEY-FLOWER.

Generic Charaster. Calys 4-dentatus prifmaticus. Cor. ringens: labio superiore lateribus replicato. Capf. 2-locularis polysperma.

Specific Charatter. MIMULUS aurantiacus caule erecto fruticolo tereti, foliis ovato-lanceolatis obtufiulculis.

The prefent species of *Mimulus*, equal in point of shew to most of the inhabitants of our greenhouses, to which situation it is adapted, flowered this Summer with Mr. COLVILL, Nurseryman, King's-Road.

Stalk about three feet high, much branched, fhrubby, round, the young wood green, with a tinge of purple toward the lower part of each joint, flightly vifcid, as it becomes older changing to a light brown colour, and difcovering manifest fiffures; branches alternately opposite, flower-bearing quite to the bafe; leaves oppofite, feffile, flightly connate, ovato-lanceolate, fomewhat blunt at the extremity, this bluntness is particularly apparent when contrasted with a leaf of the ringens, toothed or flightly fawed on the edge, fmooth, veiny; flowers inodorous, large, nearly twice the fize of those of the ringens, uniformly pale orange, growing in pairs from the alæ of the leaves, standing on footstalks about half the length of the calyx; calyx five-angled and five-toothed, tube of the flower within the calyx, narrow, cylindrical, pale yellow, bent a little downward, gradually expanding, and dividing into two lips, the upper lip divided into two, the lower lip into three fegments, all of them irregular, the two uppermoft very much fo; at the base of the middle segment of the lower lip are two prominent ridges, of a fomewhat deeper colour ; flamina four, two long, two fhort ; antheræ deep orange, cruciform, within the flower ; ftigma white, two-lip'd, lips clofed or expanded according to its age; ftyle filiform; germen oblong; at the bafe of the germen is a gland of confiderable fize which fecretes much honey.

This plant flowers during most of the Summer, and is increased by cuttings. We know not with certainty of what country it is a native.

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OENOTHERA PUMILA. DWARF OENOTHERA.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic CharaEter

Cal. 4-fidus. Petala 4. Capf. cylindrica infera. Sem. nuda.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

- OENOTHERA pumi! foliis lanceolatis obtufis glabris fubpetiolatis, caulibus proftratis, capfulis acutangulis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 258. Ait. Kew. v. 2, p. 4.
- p. 358. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 4. OENOTHERA foliis radicalibus ovatis caulinis lanceolatis obtufis, capfulis ovatis obtufis. Mill. Ic. t. 188.

LYSIMACHIA filiquofa glabra minor mariana angustioribus foliis. Plak. Mant. 123.

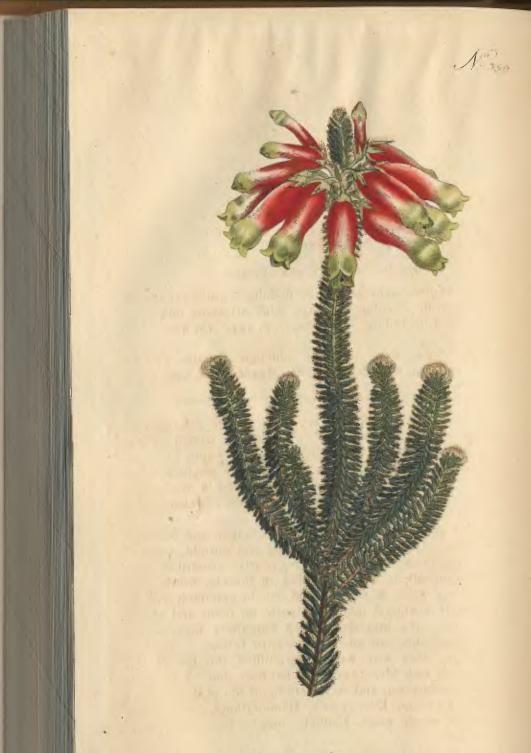
From all the fpecies of Oenothera with yellow flowers hitherto introduced to this country, the prefent one is diftinguifhed by the inferiority of its fize; in its moft luxuriant flate it rarely exceeds a foot in height, and as it commonly grows it is far more humble: from a perennial root it fends out many flowering flems, which are productive of bloffoms in regular fucceffion from April to July: thefe are open in the morning as well as in the evening, which renders the plant more ornamental and defirable: for the border of a fmall garden, or for rock-work, it is extremely fuitable, if not fo fhewy as fome others; it is very hardy, of ready growth, not apt to encroach, flowers during moft of the fummer months, and is readily propagated by feeds, cuttings, or dividing of the roots in autumn.

Is a native of North-America, and was cultivated here by Mr. MILLER in 1757. Ait. Kew.

The flalks cannot be confidered as profirate, though LINNEUS defcribes them as fuch; adfcendentibus would be a more appropriate term.



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ERICA MASSONI. MASSON'S HEATH.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cul. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inferta. Antheræ bifidæ. Capf. 4-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ERICA Maffoni antheris muticis inclusis, corollis cylindricis groffis, floribus capitatis, foliis octofariis imbricatis pubescentibus. Linn. Suppl. p. 221. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 23.

ERICA Maffoni foliis quaternis oblongis ferratis villofis, floribus cylindricis vifcofis. Thunb. Prod. Cap. p. 71.

This very magnificent African Heath is first defcribed in the Suppl. Pl. of the younger LINNAUS, and named in honour of Mr. MASSON, whole exertions at the Cape, where he refided many years as collector of the natural productions of that fertile fpot, have fo eminently contributed to render the royal collection at Kew, in this tribe of plants especially, rich in the extreme.

This Heath grows to a confiderable height, and becomes much branched, the branches are long and upright, covered clofely with numerous hoary leaves, nearly cylindrical, moft of thefe terminate in a large umbel of flowers, which continue a long while in bloom, and are fo extremely vifcous that fcarcely a winged infect can fettle on them and efcape with its life; the formidable wafp fometimes becomes its viftim, as we once had an opportunity of feeing.

When the Hort. Kew. was first published, this species had not flowered with Mr. AITON, it has since done so in many collections near town, and no where in greater perfection than at Meffrs. LEE and KENNEDY'S, Hammersmith, on some one or other of whose plants blossons may be seen during most of the summer.

It is raifed from cuttings with extreme difficulty, is not fo eafily kept as fome others, and is more fusceptible of injury from moifture.

[357] Briza Maxima. Great Quaking Grass.

Class and Order.

TRIANDRIA DIGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 2-valvis, multiflorus. Spicula difficha : valvulis cordatis, obtufis : interiore minuta.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

BRIZA maxima fpiculis cordatis, flofculis feptendecim. Linn. Syft. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 115. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 103.
GRAMEN tremulum maximum. Bauh Pin. 2. PHALARIS pratenfis altera. Pearle Graffe. Ger. emac. p. 87.

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The Graffes are in general more regarded for utility than ornament, yet in the latter point of view many of them have engaged the attention of the curious, and long held a place in the flower-garden, to which they have a twofold claim, as they not only decorate the garden when frefh, but the mantle-fhelf when dry; to thefe purpofes the prefent fpecies of Briza has long been applied: JOHNSON tells us, in his time, 1633, "it was fowen yearlely in many of the London gardens."

This fpecies, a native of Spain and Italy, bloffoms in June and July, and ripens its feeds in August.

Where it has once feeded it comes up fpontaneoufly, without the trouble of fowing it; autumnal feedlings make the ftrongeft plants, they are liable however to be cut off in very fevere feafons; fhould that happen, fow more feed in the fpring with your other annuals.





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ERICA BACCANS. ARBUTUS-FLOWERED HEATH.

Class and Order. Octandria Monogynia.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inferta. Antheræ apice bifidæ pertufæ. Capf. 4-locularis. 4-valvis polyfperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

- ERICA baccans antheris criftatis inclusis, corollis globofocampanulatis calyce colorato inclusis, foliis imbricatis. Linn. Mant. p. 233.
- ERICA baccans antheris cristatis, corollis globofo-campanulatis tectis, ftylo incluso, foliis ternis imbricatis. Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 366. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 18.
- ERICA baccans cristata foliis quaternis linearibus ferrulatis, floribus umbellatis calyce ovato æquante. Thunb. Prod. p. 74.
- ERICA Africana glabra fruticofa arbuti flore. Seb. Muf. 1. p. 32. t. 21. f. 3.

SEBA, a Dutch writer, appears first to have noticed this Heath; he figures it in his Museum, and diffinguishes it by the name of Arbutus-flowered, which Mr. AITON has retained.

This very elegant and ornamental fpecies grows to a confiderable height, and in favourable fituations produces abundance of flowers early in the fummer, which are remarkable, though not peculiarly fo, for being enveloped with a calyx of the fame colour.

It is a native of the Cape, and was introduced by Mr. MASSON in 1774*.

Is raifed from feeds, which it ripens with us more freely than most of the African Heaths, a fortunate circumstance, as it is fearcely possible to firike its cuttings.

Seedling plants rarely flower till they are three years old.

* Ait. Kew.

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CONVOLVULUS ALTHÆOIDES. SILKY-LEAVED CONVOLVULUS.

Generic Character. Cor. campanulata plicata. Stigmata 2. Capf. 2-locularis: loculis difpermis.

Specific Character and Synonyms. CONVOLVULUS althæoides foliis cordatis finuatis fericeis: lobis repandis; pedunculis bifloris. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 202. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 211. var. β. CONVOLVULUS argeneus Althææ folio. Baub. Pin. p. 295. CONVOLVULUS Althææ folio. Chul. Hid. p. aliv. for

CONVOLVULUS Althææ folio. Cluf. Hift. p. xlix. fig. PAPAVER cornutum luteum minus. Ger. Herb. p. 294. f. 4. CONVOLVULUS argenteus elegantiffimus foliis tenuiter incifis. Tournef. Inft. 85.

The name of *Althæoides* and the defcription of LINNÆUS accord much better with the figure of this plant, as given by CLUSIUS, than with the plant itfelf as cultivated in our gardens: whether the foliage of our plant becomes fmaller and more finely divided by cultivation; whether it be a diffinel fpecies, as MILLER affirms, or a permanent variety, as Mr. AITON makes it, we have not been able fatisfactorily to afcertain; the former gives no defcription of the radical leaves of his *clegantiffimus*, and we have not found in any of our gardens a variety different from the one here figured. This fpecies of Convolvulus, though cultivated here by J. TRADESCANT in 1656, is far from being common, which is the more furprifing, as the plant is eafy of culture and productive of flowers at once large and beautiful, and peculiarly interefting from the extreme variablenefs of its filky foliage, expanding into the moft elegant forms imaginable.

Mr. STEVENS, of Camerton-Houle, near Bath, informs me that it grows abundantly on the mountains near Victri, foutheaft of Naples, and in the Ifle of Capri, mixed with Convolvulus Cneorum, Lithofpermum fruticofum, &c. and in the adjacent iflands and continent, forming a beautiful ornament to the fhrubs it entwines: CLUSIUS obferved it in Spain and Portugal.

It flowers with us in June and July, and is increased without difficulty by parting its roots, which are of the creeping kind, in fpring or autumn. It is ufually kept in the greenhouse, but will fucceed very well in the open border, guarding it against the unufual feverity of weather.



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[360] HIBISCUS SPECIOSUS. SUPERB HIBISCUS.

Clafs and Order.

MONADELPHIA POLYANDRIA.

Generic CharaEter.

Cal. 2-plex: exterior polyphyllus aut multifidus. Capf. 5valvis, 5-locularis: loculis polyfpermis ramis 1-fpermis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

HIBISCUS fpeciofus foliis glabris palmatis: laciniis lanceolatis ferratis, caule pedunculis calicibulque lævibus. Ait. Hort. Kew. 2. p. 456. Linn. Syft. Nat. ed. Gmel. p. 1063.

Those who "admire Nature's clocks more than her watches," will view, we prefume, with some pleasure our representation of this very superb species of Hibiscus, a native of Carolina, and cultivated here by Dr. JOHN FOTHERGILL, in 1778.

This fpecies is altogether herbaceous, and from a perennial root yearly throws up a flem to the height of many feet, clothed with foliage of a beautiful form and fmoothnefs, and fupporting at its fummit feveral flowers, diffinguifhed for their grandeur and richnefs of colour; thefe ufually bloffom in August, and if the plant be kept in the flove, as it most commonly is, are followed by ripe feeds, by which it is most commonly propagated.

In the *Hort. Kew.* it is marked as a greenhoufe plant; it may no doubt be preferved in the greenhoufe; there is even no impediment to its growing in the open border, if placed in a warm and fheltered fituation; and the only motive for keeping it in the flove is its being found to flower there more advantageoufly, and to ripen its feeds with more certainty.

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MONANDRIA. Monandria Monogynia. OPEZIA racemofa.

Monandria Digynia.

Blitum virgatum.

DIANDRIA.

Diandria Mo ogynia.

Calceolaria pinnata. ---- Fornergillii. Iafminum officinale. ----- odoratiffimum. Jufficia nafuta. Monarda fiftulofa, var. Salvia aurea. Syringa vulgaris. Verbena Aubletia*. Veronica decuffata.

TRIANDRIA.

Triandria Monogynia.

Antholyza Cunonia. Crocus vernus. Gladiolus communis. ------ cardinalis. ------ triftis. Iris ochroleuca. ---- perfica. ---- pumila. ---- pavonia. ---- fambucina.

* Some Plants of this genus have two, others four flamina;-the prefent one has four.

---- fpuria. ---- fufiana. ---- variegata. ---- verficolor. Ixia Bulbocodium. ----- chinenfis. ---- crocata. ----- flexuofa. ----- longiflora.

Triandria Digynia.

Briza maxima.

Iris fibirica.

TETRANDRIA.

Tetrandria Monogynia.

Buddlea globofa. Catefbæa fpinofa. Ixora coccinea. Protes mellifera. Scubiofa stropurpurea. Struthiola erecta.

PENTANDRIA.

Pentandria Monogynia.

Allamanda cathartica. Anagallis Monelli. Azalea nudiflora, var. Campanula carpatica. --- grandiflora. Cerinthe major. Chironia baccifera. ----- frutefcens. Convolvulus althæoides,

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Convolvulus linearis. _____ Nil. _____ purpureus. ______ tricolor. Cyclamen Coum. Cynogloffum Omphalodes. Diofma uniflora. Dodecatheon Meadia. Goodenia lævigata. Heliotropium peruvianum. Hyofcyamus aureus. Ipomœa coccinea. - Quamoclit. Lyfimachia bulbifera. Phlox divaricata. Phylica ericoides. Plumbago rofea. Plumeria rubra. Portlandia grandiflora. Primula acaulis, pl. marginata. - villofa. Pulmonaria virginica. Solanum laciniatum. Soldanella alpina. Spigelia marilandica. Strelitzia Reginæ. Verbafcum Myconi. Vinca rofea.

Pentandria Digynia.

Apocynum androfæmifolium. Gentiana acaulis. Stapelia variegata.

Pentandria Trigynia.

Turnera angustifolia. Viburnum Tinus.

Pentandria Pentagynia.

HEXANDRIA.

Hexandria Monogynia.

Allium defcendens. Alftræmeria Pelegrina. Ligtu. Amaryllis Atamafco.

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Amaryllis equeficia. ____ formolinima. lutea. _____ farnienfis. vittata. Anthericum Liliaftrum. Bulbocodium vernum. Cyrtanthus anguftifolius. Erythronium Dens Canis. Fntillaria imperialis. Hemerocallis flava. folya. Hyacinthus botryoides. _____ comofu._____ racemofus._____ Lachenalia tricolor. Leucojum vernum. Lilium bulbiferum. ---- candidum. Catefbæi. ---- chalcedonicum. Narciffus angustifolius. _____ Bulbocodium. _____ biflorus. Ionquilla. ------ incomparabilis. _____ major. _____ minor. ------ odorus. _____ triandrus. Ornithogalum aureum. --- nutans. Scilla amæna. ---- campanulata. Tradescantia virginica.

Hexandria Trigynia. Trillium feffile.

HEPTANDRIA.

Heptandria Monogynia:

Difandra proftrata.

OCTANDRIA.

OEtandria Monogynia.

Daphne Cneorum. Epilobium anguftiffimum. Erica ampullacea. _____ baccans. _____ cerinthoides. _____ grandiflora. _____ herbacea, Erica Maffoni. — perfoluta. — ventricofa. Fuchfiz coccinea. Michauxia campanuloides. Ocnothera fruitcofa. — pumila. — purpurea. — rofea. Pafferina grandiflora. Tropæolum majus. — minus.

Octandria Trigynia.

Polygonum orientale.

Decandria Monogynia.

Caffia Chamæcrifta. Dais cotinifolia. Fagonia cretica. Kalmia anguftifolia. ______ glauca. ______ hirfuta. ______ latifolia. Sophora tetraptera.

Decandria Digynia.

Decandria Trigynia.

Silene pendula.

DODECANDRIA. Dodecandria Trigynia. Refeda odorata.

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Dodecandria Dodecagynia.

Sempervivum arachnoideum. ______ monanthes. ______ tortucfum.

ICOSANDRIA.

Icofandria Monogynia. Amygdalus nana. Cactus flagelliformis, Myrtus toinentofa.

Icofandria Pentagynia.

Mefembryanthemutt	aureum.
	barbatum.
	bicolorum.
	dolabriform
	pinnatifidun
	viridiflorum.
Pyrus spectabilis.	

Icofandria Polygynia.

POLYANDRIA.

Polyandria Pentagynia.

Aquilegia canadenfis. Nígella damafcena.

Polyandria Polygynia.

Adonis vernails. Anemone Hepatica, hostenfis. fylveftris. Clematis integrifolia. Hel:eborus hyemalis. lividus. niger.

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Liriodendron Tulipifera. Ranunculus aconitifolius, pl. ______ acris, pl. ______ amplexicanlis. ______ gramineus. Trollius afiaticus.

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DIDYNAMIA.

Didynamia Gymnofpermia. Dracocephalum denticulatum. Lamium Orvala. Meliffa grandiflora. Origanum Dictamnus. Prunella grandiflora. 'Teucrium latifolium.

Didynamia Angiospermia.

Antirrhinum alpinum. purpureum. fparteum. triphyllum. trifte. Browallia elata. Buchnera vifcofa. Celfia linearis. Erinus alpinus. Lantana aculeata. Manulea tomentofa. Mielianthus minor. Mimulus ringens. aurantiacus. Selago ovata.

TETRADYNAMIA.

Tetradynamia Silicu'ofa.

Alyffum deltoideum. halimifolium. faxatile. utriculatum. Draba aizoides. Iberis gibraltarica. umbellata.

Tetradynamia Siliquofa.

Arabis alpina. Cheiranthus maritimus. mutabilis.

Monadelphia Pentandria.

Erodium incarnatum.

Hermannia alnifolia. ______althæifolia. ______lavandulifolia.

Monadelphia Heptandria.

Pelargonium acetofum. betulinum. bicolor. ceratophyllum. cordifolium. echinatum. glutinofum. tetragonum. tricolor.

Monadelphia OEtandria.

Aitonia capenfis.

Monadelphia Decandria.

Geranium anemonefolium. ______ angulatum. ______ lanceolatum. ______ peltatum. ______ Radula. ______ Reichardi. ______ ftriatum.

Monadelphia Polyandria.

Camellia japonica. Hibifcus Rofa finensis. ______fpeciofus. ______fyriacus. ______Trionum. Lavatera trimeftris. Sida criftata.

DIADELPHIA.

Diadelphia Hexandria.

Fumaria cava. _____ glauca. _____ folida.

Diadelphia Octandria.

Diadelphia Decandria.

Anthyllis tetraphylla. Afpalathus pedunculata. Borbonia crenata. Colutea arborefcens. --- frutefcens. Coronilla glauca. valentina. Cytifus Laburnum. _____ feffilifolius. Genista triquetra. Glycine bimaculata. ----- coccinea. ------ rubicunda. Hedyfarum obfcurum. Indigofera candicans. Lathyrus articulatus. _____ odoratus. _____ tingitanus. ----- tuberofus. Lotus hirfutus. _____ jacobæus. tetragonolobus. Lupinus luteus. - perennis. Ononis fruticofa. ----- Natrix. ----- rotundifolia. Robinia hispida. Spartium junceum. Trifolium incarnatum.

POLYADELPHIA.

Polyadelphia Dodecandria.

Monfonia speciosa.

Polyadelphia Polyandria.

SYNGENESIA.

Syngenefia Polygamia Æqualis. Catananche cærulea. Crepis barbata. Scorzonera tingitana.

Syngenefia Polygamia Superflua.

After alpinus. ——— tenellus. Bellis perennis, fl. pl.

INBEX.

Chryfanthemum indicum. Cineraria Amelloides.

Ianata. Gnaphalium eximium. Senecio elegans. Tagetes patula. Tuffilago alpina. Tanaeetum flabelliforme. Zinnia multiflora.

Syngenefia Polygamia Neceffaric.

Othonna pectinata.

Sygenefia Monogamia.

Lobelia Cardinalis. ——— furinamenfis. Viola pedata.

GYNANDRIA.

Gynandria Diandria.

Cypripedium acaule. album. Epidendrum cochleatum. Limodorum tuberofum.

Gynandria Triandria.

Ferraria undulata. Sifyrinchium Iridioides.

Gynandria Pentandria.

Paffiflora alată. ______ cærulea. ______ ciliata.

Gynandria Polyandria.

Arum trilobatum.

Polygamia Monoccia.

Mimofa myrtifolia. verticillata.

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