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" So fits enthron'd in vegetable pride

66 Imperial Kew by Thames's glittering fide; " Obedient fails from realms unfurrow'd bring

" For her the unnam'd progeny of Spring;

- " Attendant nymphs her dulcet mandates hear,
- "And nurse in tostering arms the tender year,
 "Plant the young bulb, inhume the living seed,
 "Prop the weak stem, the erring tendril lead;
 "Or fan in glass-built fanes the stranger flowers
- "With milder gales, and steep with warmer showers.

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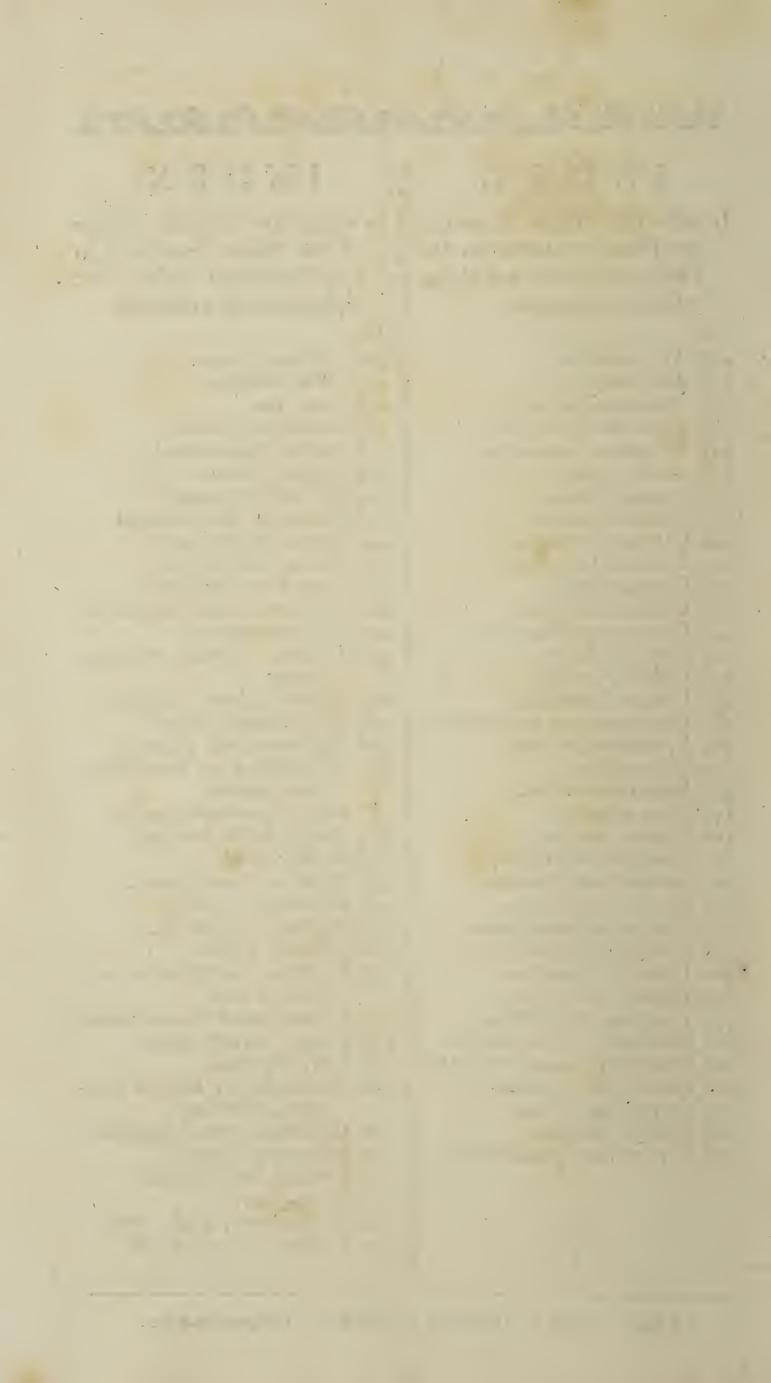
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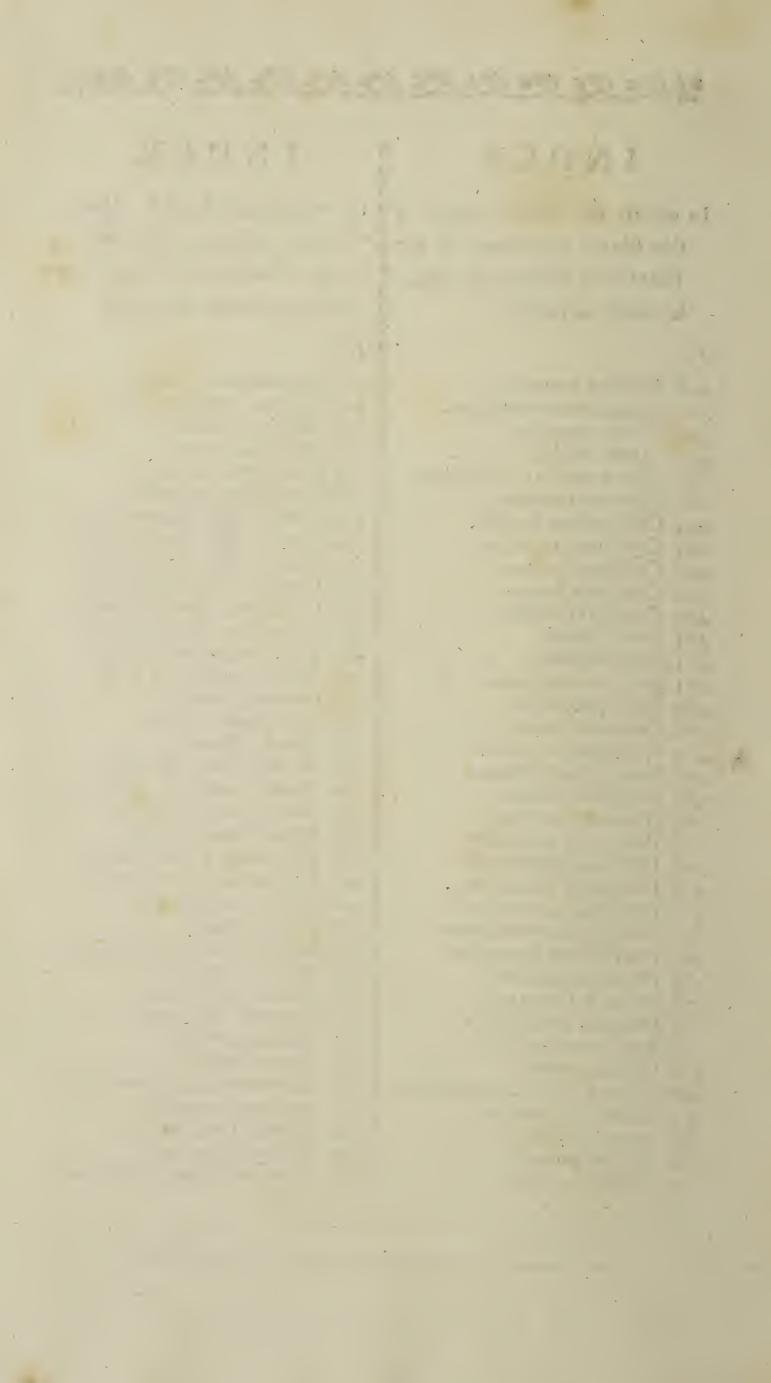
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CAMPANULA PERSICIFOLIA (var. Maxima). GREATEST-FLOWERED PEACH-LEAVED BELL-FLOWER.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. campanulata, fundo clauso valvis staminiseris. Stigma 3stidum. Caps. infera, poris lateralibus dehiscens.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CAMPANULA persicisolia (var. maxima) soliis radicalibus obovatis, caulinis lanceolato-linearibus subserratis sessilibus remotis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 206. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 220.

Mr. Dickson, of Covent-Garden, favoured me last Spring with roots of this plant, received by him from South-Carolina,

ın 1791.

Those who have been accustomed to see the Campanula persicifolia in its single state, now but rarely met with in our gardens,
the two varieties with double slowers having usurped its place,
will perceive in point of general habit a striking similarity
betwixt it and the present plant; the only difference indeed
appears to consist in size, and as size alone forms no specific
character, we have been induced to regard this magnificent
plant as a variety of that species.

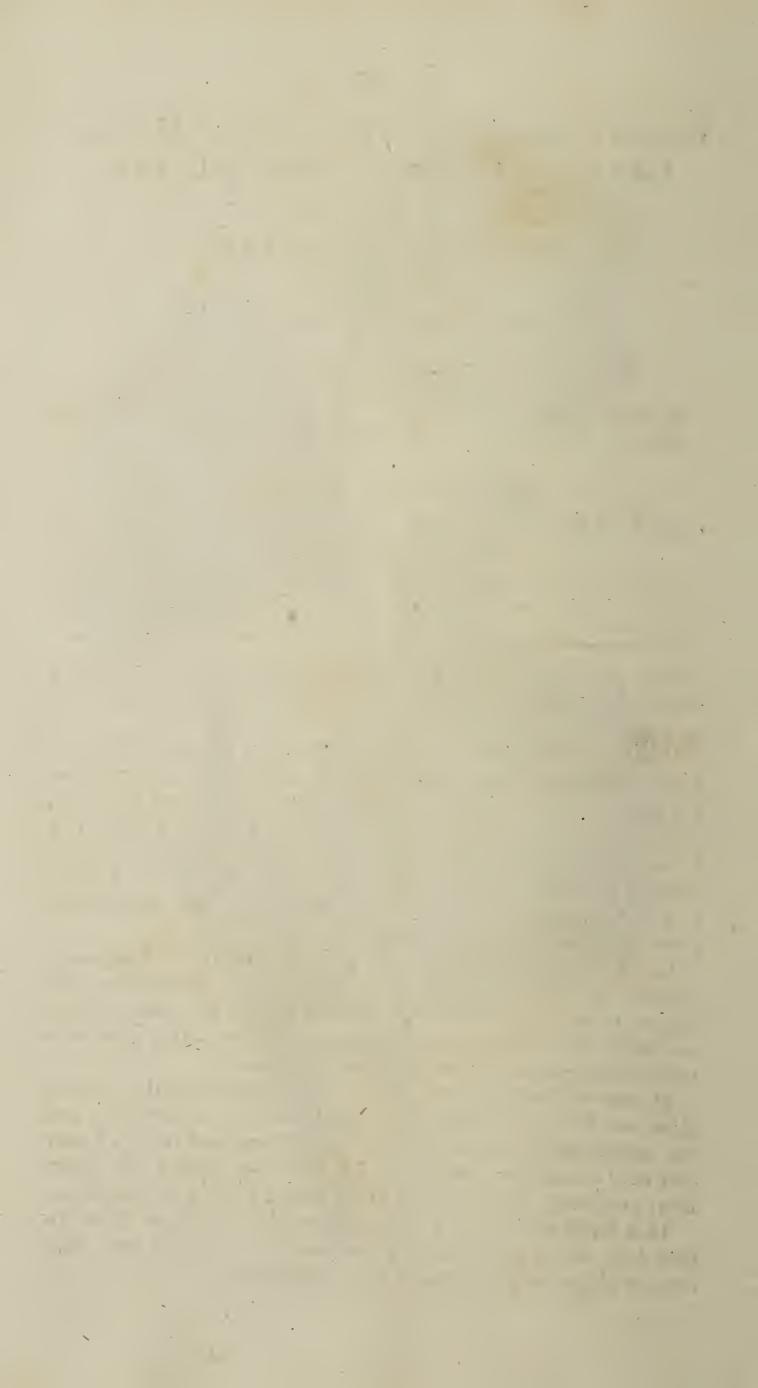
CASP. BAUHINE enumerates a large variety of Campanula persicifolia, which he calls var. major; on consulting the figures to which he refers, we cannot regard his and ours as the same, but are inclined to suppose that the latter plant is a

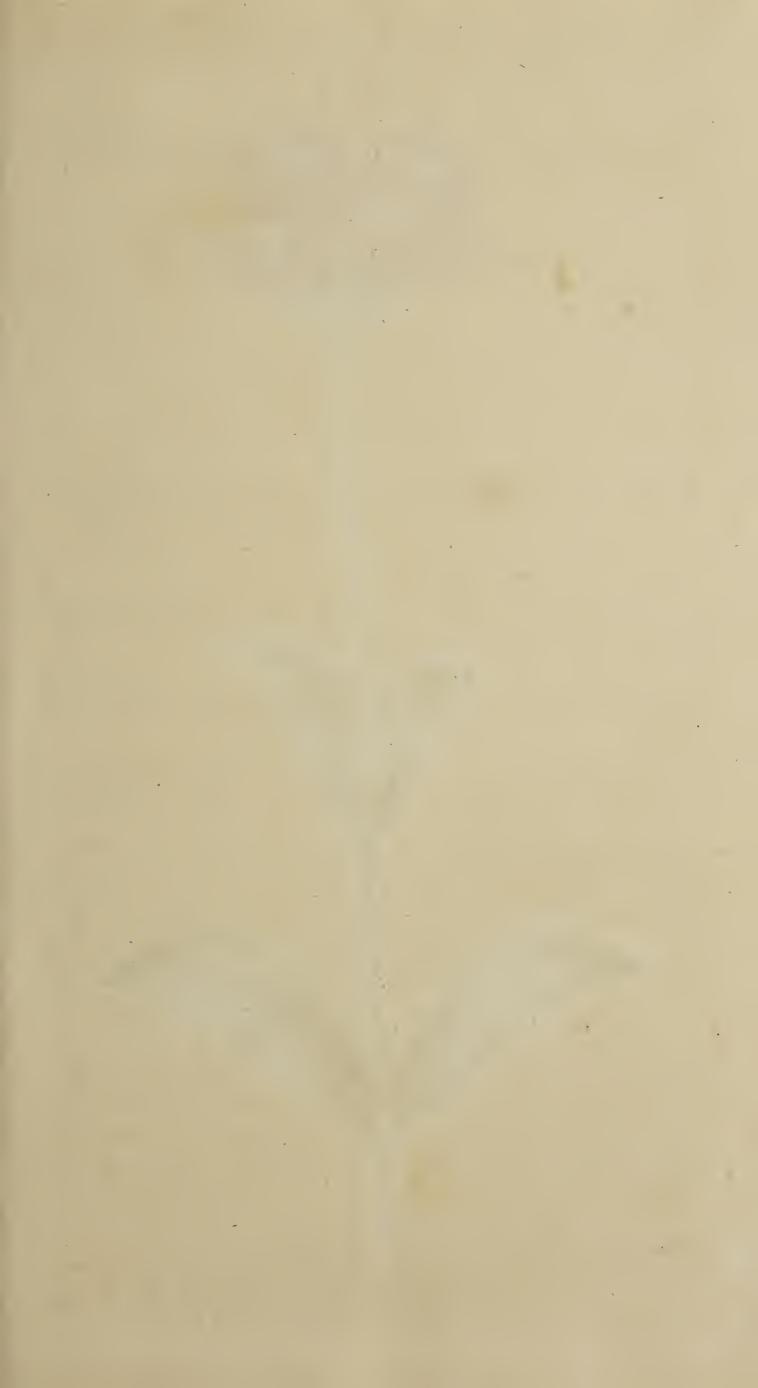
variety altogether new to the European world.

However this may prove, by the introduction of the present plant our flower borders gain a most desirable ornament; and the acquisition is the more valuable, as the plant is very hardy and easy of culture, increasing by its roots, which are somewhat creeping, and may be parted either Spring or Autumn.

In a moist rich soil, it will acquire the height of three or four feet, and produce during the months of August and Sep-

tember abundance of flowers truly magnificent.



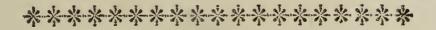




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AGROSTEMMA FLOS JOVIS. UMBEL'D ROSE CAMPION.



Class and Order.

DECANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 1-phyllus, coriaceus. Petala 5, unguiculata. Limbo obtufo, indiviso. Caps. 1-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

AGROSTEMMA Flos Jovis: tomentosa, petalis emarginatis. Linn. Sp. Pl. 625. Art. Kew. v. 2. p. 116.

LYCHNIS coronaria sylvestris. Baub. Pin. 204. Moris. Hist. 2. p. 450. s. t. 36. f. 2.

From the high-flown epithet of Flos Jovis, bestowed on this species of Agrostemma by some of the old Botanists, one would be led to conclude that the plant must be one of a superior order, and superlatively beautiful: such, however, it is not; yet is it sufficiently ornamental to merit a place in every slower-garden, and into which indeed it has been very generally introduced. MILLER cultivated it in 1726.

It is a hardy perennial, a native of the Swiss and Piedmontese mountains, growing to the height of about a foot and a half; its leaves and stalks are covered with a white woolly substance; its slowers, which are bright red and grow in a kind of umbel, are produced in June and July; and its seeds ripen in September.

It prefers a foil moderately stiff, and may be propagated by parting its roots, but feedlings make the best plants, and from feed it may be raised without any difficulty.



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Primula Cortusoides. Cortusa-Leaved Primula.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Involucr. umbellulæ. Corollæ tubus cylindricus: ore patulo.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PRIMULA cortusoides, foliis petiolatis cordatis sublobatis crenatis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 193. Gmel. Sib. v. 4. t. 45.

This very rare species of *Primula*, called *cortusoides*, on account of the similitude of its foliage to that of the *Cortusa Matthioli* of LINNEUS, is a native of Siberia, and figured by GMELIN.

To increase our collection of *Primula's*, now consisting of thirteen distinct species, we purchased this plant about two years since of Messrs. Lee and Kennedy, Nurserymen, at

Hammersmith, who had just received it from abroad.

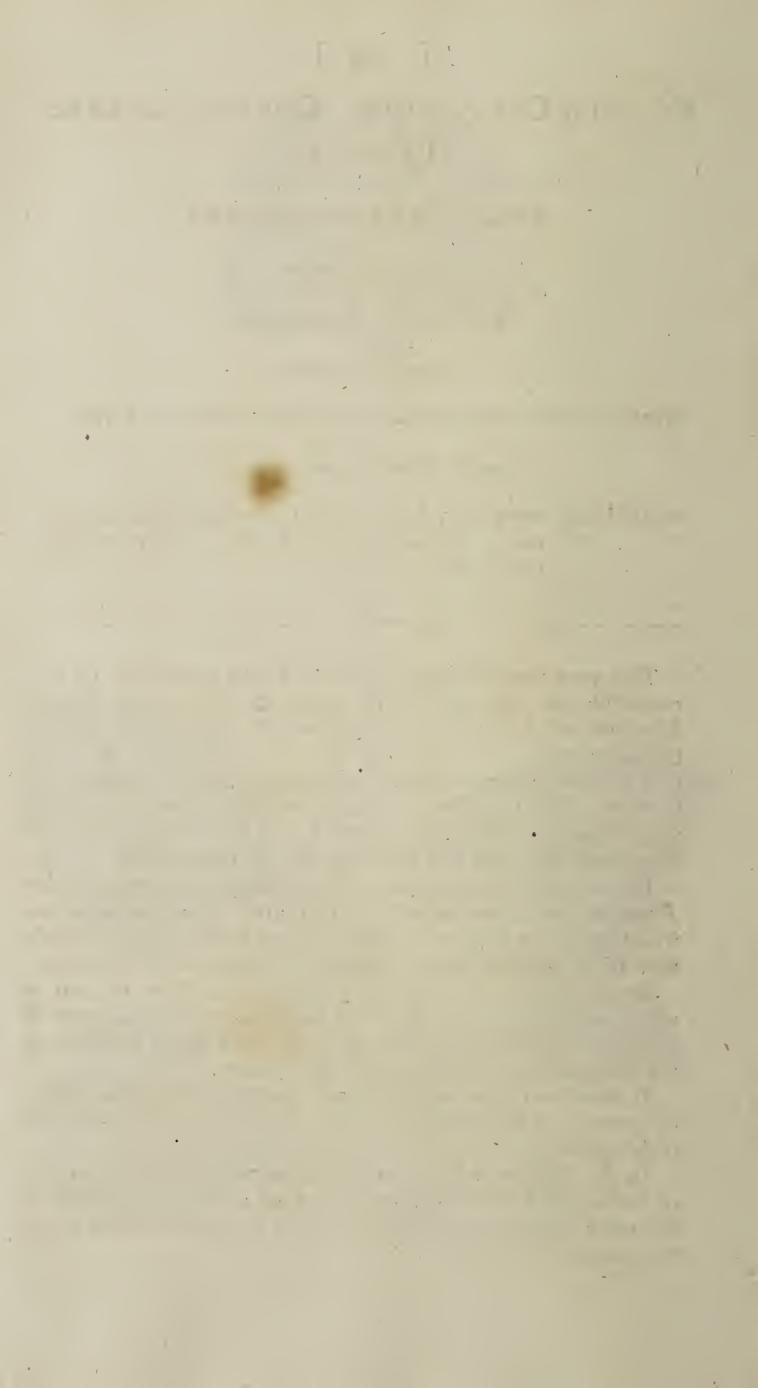
In the wrinkled appearance of its foliage, it approaches the *Primula acaulis*, and others of that division, while, in its inflorescence, the colour of its flowers, and solitary scapus (which rises to an unusual height) it bears an affinity to the farinosa.

Being yet a very rare plant, it will be necessary to treat it with unusual care, to keep it in a pot filled with equal parts of loam and bog-earth, to place it in a moist shady situation in the Summer, and in a frame in the Winter.

It flowers in June and July, and may be raised from seeds, or propagated by parting its roots; but is apt to be lost if not

duly attended to.

In the Winter it loses its leaves entirely, and forms a fort of bulbous hybernaculum under ground; this circumstance is the more necessary to be known, as it subjects the plant to be thrown away as dead.





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LAVANDULA DENTATA. TOOTH'D-LEAV'D LAVENDER.

Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA GYMNOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Calyx ovatus, subdentatus, bractea suffultus. Corolla resupinata. Stamina intra tubum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

LAVANDULA dentata foliis sessilibus linearibus pectinatopinnatis, spica coarctata comosa. Linn. Syst. ed. 14. Murr. 530. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 288.

STŒCHAS dentata: foliis pinnato dentatis. Mill. Diet. ed. 6. 410.

STŒCHAS: folio serrato. Toothed Sticadoue. Ger. Herb. 470. f. 3.

The old Botanists, whom MILLER has followed, made this plant a Stæchas; Linnæus classes it with the Lavenders.

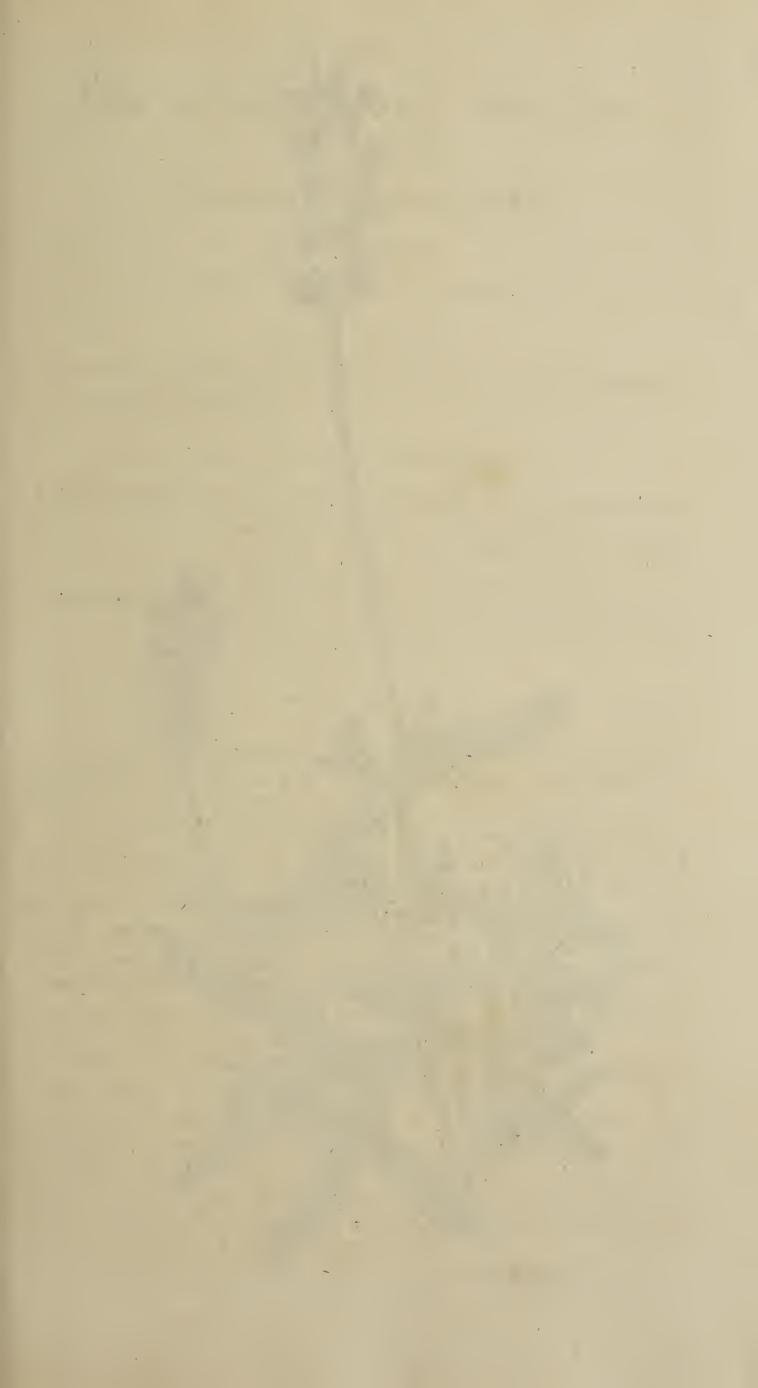
There are few tender plants that have been so long cultivated in our gardens as this; we find it figured in GERARD, who observes that it must be covered in the Winter from cold, or else set in pots or tubs with earth, and carried into houses; thus did they preserve their tender plants before the introduction of green-houses.

MILLER has given a very good account of this plant, which we cannot do better than copy, just observing that he describes the leaves as of a grayish colour, which they can scarcely be said to be, especially if contrasted with those of the pinnata

figured in the present number, and which he had never seen. "The dentata grows naturally in Andalusia in Spain, and " also about Mercia; this has a ligneous stalk, which rises " two or three feet high, furnished with branches on every " fide, which are four-cornered, and garnished with leaves " placed opposite by pairs, indented regularly on both sides, " almost to the midrib, in form of winged leaves; they are of " a grayish colour, have a pleasant aromatic odour, and " biting warm taste. The slowers are produced in scaly spikes " at the end of the branches, standing upon long naked foot-" stalks, they are four-cornered, hairy, and about an inch " long, terminated by a few purplish leaves, in the like man-" ner as the oher forts, which incline me to keep it joined to " them; it flowers great part of the Summer, but the seeds " very rarely ripen in England. It is propagated by flips or

" cuttings."

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LAVANDULA PINNATA. PINNATED LAVENDER.

Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA GYMNOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Calyx ovatus, subdentatus, bractea suffultus. Corolla resupinata. Stamina intra tubum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

LAVANDULA pinnata foliis petiolatis: foliolis cuneiformibus, spica imbricata. Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14.

Murr. p. 530. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 288.

Linn. Fil. Diss. de Lavandula n. 4. t. 1.

LAVANDULA maritima Canariensis, spiça multiplici-cærulea.

Pluk. alm. 209. t. 303. f. 5. Jacq. Pl. rar. ic.

cent. 1. t. 9.

The Lavandula pinnata is a green-house plant, comparatively of modern introduction, a native of Madeira, according to

Masson, and brought to this country in 1777.

It rises to about the same height as the dentata, but differs from it materially in the form and colour of its soliage, which is of a whitish hue, somewhat resembling that of the Othonna pettinata; it differs also in having little or no scent, an equal degree of difference is observable in the spikes and slowers of the two plants, the former are most commonly branched and the latter large and purple, while in the dentata they are small and white; it would be needless to point out several other obvious differences.

The dentata rarely ripens its seeds with us, but the pinnata

does readily, and by them it is best raised.

Both these plants are common to our green-houses; the dentata recommends itself by the neatness and charming fragrance of its leaves, the other is altogether the more shewy plant, though, in this respect, it is not equal to many others; our readers must not expect to find on every plate an Ixia tricolor or a Cistus formosus.

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ERICA VESTITA. (var. Coccinea). RED-FLOWER'D TREMULOUS HEATH.

Class and Order.
OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inserta. Antheræ bisidæ. Caps. 4-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ERICA vestita coccinea, mutica foliis senis linearibus secundis, sloribus axillaribus clavatis villosis. Thunb. Prod. P. 70.

The plant originally introduced to this country, and called vestita in the royal gardens at Kew, where it has slowered since the publication of the Hort. Kewensis is distinguished by its superior height, by having its stems very thickly covered with soliage remarkably fine and delicate, so as to be tremulous on the slightest shake, and by having blossoms of a pure white colour; such is generally understood to be the original and true Erica vestita.

Unfortunately this genus of plants seems to be productive of as many varieties as the *Pelargoniums*, which are now become so numerous that they may be said to be literally "be-" yound the power of Botanists to number up their tribes."

Mr. Loddices, Nurseryman of Hackney, well known for his extensive collection of plants in general, and of this tribe in particular, in the year 1789, raised a crimson variety of this plant from seeds, which, in its general habit, bore a great resemblance to the original vestita; and lately Mr. Williams, Nurseryman, of Turnham-Green, has raised another variety, agreeing with the other in the colour of its slowers, but more distantly related to the true one:—besides these, there is a vestita with purple flowers.

We have given a figure of Mr. WILLIAMS's variety, as the plant we had of him (flowering at a more favourable time

of the year) afforded the best specimen.

In their periods of flowering, these several varieties are not so regular as some others, producing their blossoms during most of the Summer months, and sometimes even in the Winter.

They are all raised with difficulty from cuttings, more readily from seeds, by those who are accustomed to it. The Cape, so fertile in heaths, is the spot which produces them, and from thence seed may sometimes be obtained.

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LINUM AFRICANUM. ' AFRICAN FLAX.



Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus. Petala 5. Caps. 5-valvis, 10-locularis. Sem. folitaria.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

LINUM africanum foliis oppositis lineari-lanceolatis, sloribus terminalibus pedunculatis. Sp. Pl. 401. Ait. Kew. 388. L'Herit. Stirp. nov. tom. 2. tab. 3.

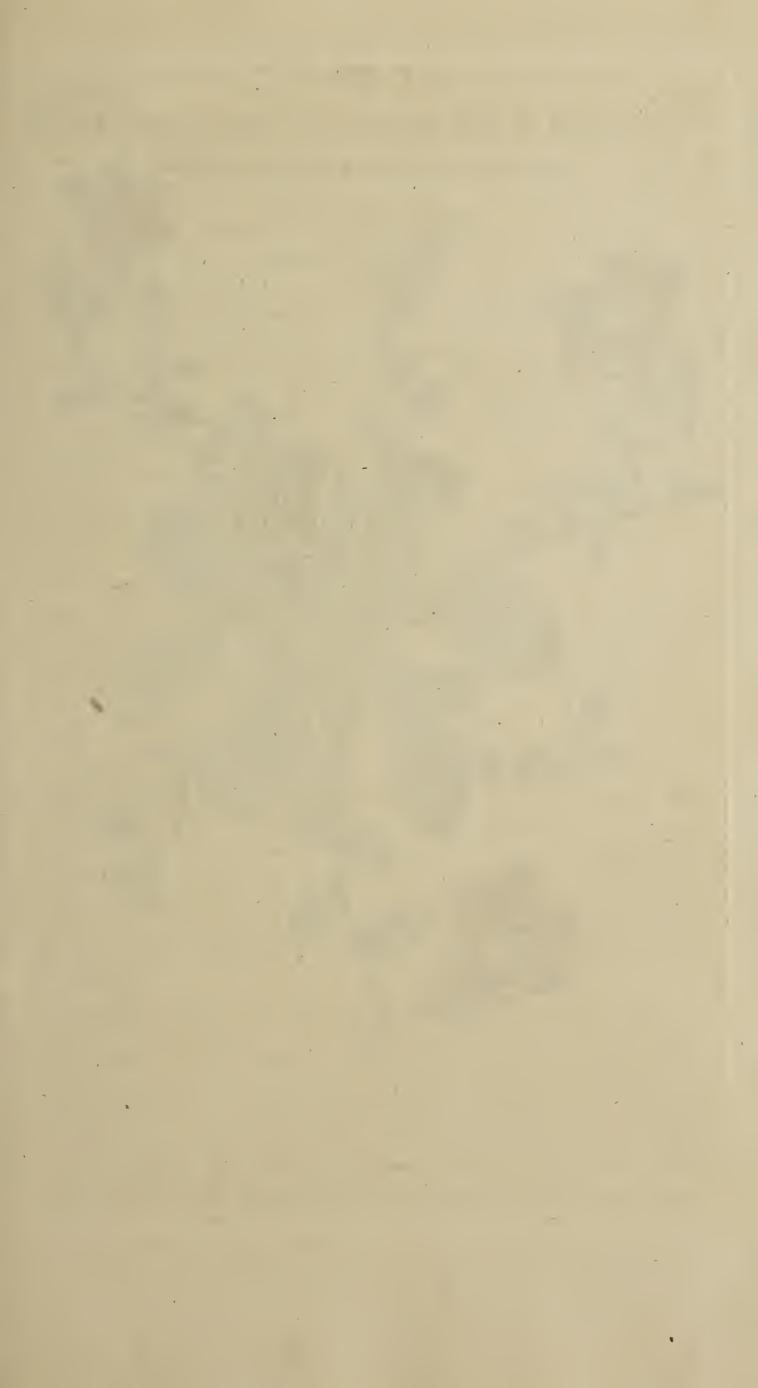
LINUM africanum foliis oppositis lineari-lanceolatis, caule frutescente. Thunb. Prod. p. 57.

The Linum africanum is a very neat and pretty greenhouse plant, arising to the height of two or three seet, and producing during the months of June and July abundance of yellow slowers, the buds of which in particular are very beautiful.

It is a native of Africa, and was introduced to the royal garden at Kew, in 1771, by Monf. RICHARD.

It is usually raised from cuttings, which are struck without difficulty.

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CAMPANULA MOLLIS. SOFT BELL-FLOWER.

Class and Order.
PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Corolla campanulata fundo clauso valvis staminiseris; Stigma trisidum; Caps. infera, poris lateralibus dehiscens.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CAMPANULA mollis capsulis quinquilocularibus pedunculatis, caule prostrato, soliis suborbiculatis, Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 209. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 351.

VIOLA mariana minor cærulea, folio subrotundo, calyce cor-

niculato. Barr. ic. 759.

CAMPANULA rotundifolia hirsuta saxatilis folio molli.

Bocc. sicc. 83.

Mr. FAIRBAIRN has long cultivated this rare species of Campanula at the Apothecaries Garden, Chelsea, where he first raised it from seeds, given him by Mr. Hudson, in 1788, who received them from Spain.

According to authors, this plant is found wild in rocky

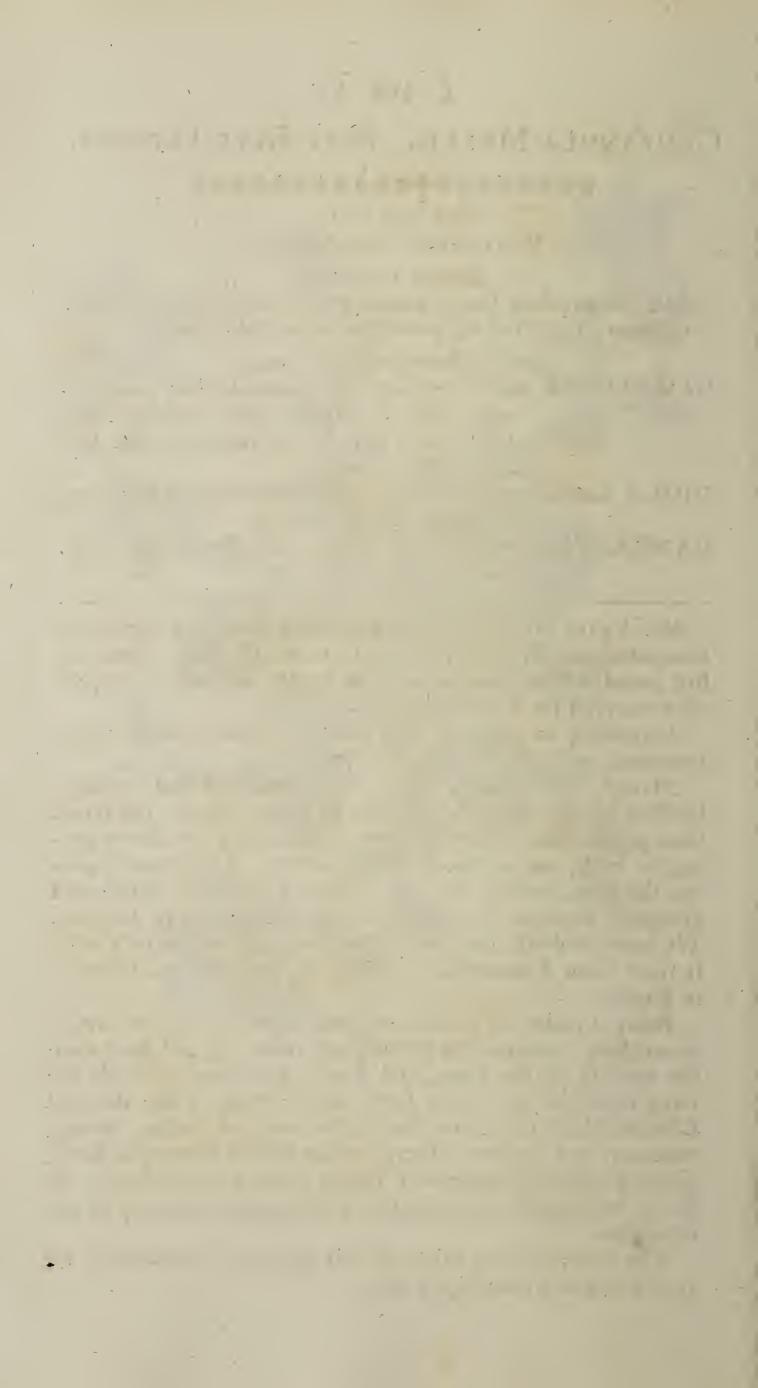
fituations, in Syria, Sicily, and Spain.

Though not a shewy plant, it is both rare and curious; seedling plants, when old enough to slower, throw out on all sides procumbent slowering stems, which die away after ripening the seeds, and are succeeded by others: as this process goes on, the stem, arising from the centre of the plant, slowly and gradually acquires a dwarfish height, and becomes shrubby. We have no doubt but, where the plant grows naturally wild, it must form a beautiful covering to the rocks on which it is found.

Being a native of countries much warmer than our own, it is necessary to make it a green-house plant; it will bear even the warmth of the stove, and slower and ripen its seeds the more freely for it. On a shelf, in the front of the stove at Chelsea, Mr. Fairbairn has it slowering and seeding, Spring, Summer, and Autumn; there in the pots it scatters its seeds, which produce spontaneously young plants in abundance; by seeds, indeed, the plant is easily raised,—with difficulty in any other way.

The leaves of the calyx, in this plant, are remarkable for

their fize and arrow-shaped form.







LAGERSTRŒMIA INDICA. INDIAN LAGERSTRŒMIA.

Class and Order.

POLYANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. 6 petala, crispa. Cal. 6 sidus, campanulatus. Stam. multa, horum 6 exteriora crassiora, petalis longiora.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

LAGERSTRŒMIA Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 495.

Mant. p. 402. Lour. Fl. Cochinchin,
v. 1. p. 340. Thunb. Fl. Jap. p. 224.

Rumpf. amb. 7. p. 61. tab. 28.

SIBI vulgo Fakudsitqua. Kæmpf. amæn. 855.

Of this genus, named in honour of *MAGNUS LAGERSTROEM, Director of the Swedish East-India Company, there is only one species as yet known, and that a native of China, Cochinchina, and Japan; it is described minutely by Thunberg, also by

RUMPHIUS, and very characteristically by KAMPFER.

According to these authors, in its native country it grows to the height of six seet, or more, acquires a stem the thickness of one's arm, and produces slowers the size of the garden Clove, which are very shewy, no wonder therefore that the natives should be in the practice of planting it about their houses and their gardens.

The petals are curiously crisped or curled, each petal refembling, in miniature, a leaf of some of our varieties of

cabbage: Kempfer compares them to the mesentery.

The parts of fructification in this plant vary greatly in point of number, and have no small affinity to those of the genus Lythrum.

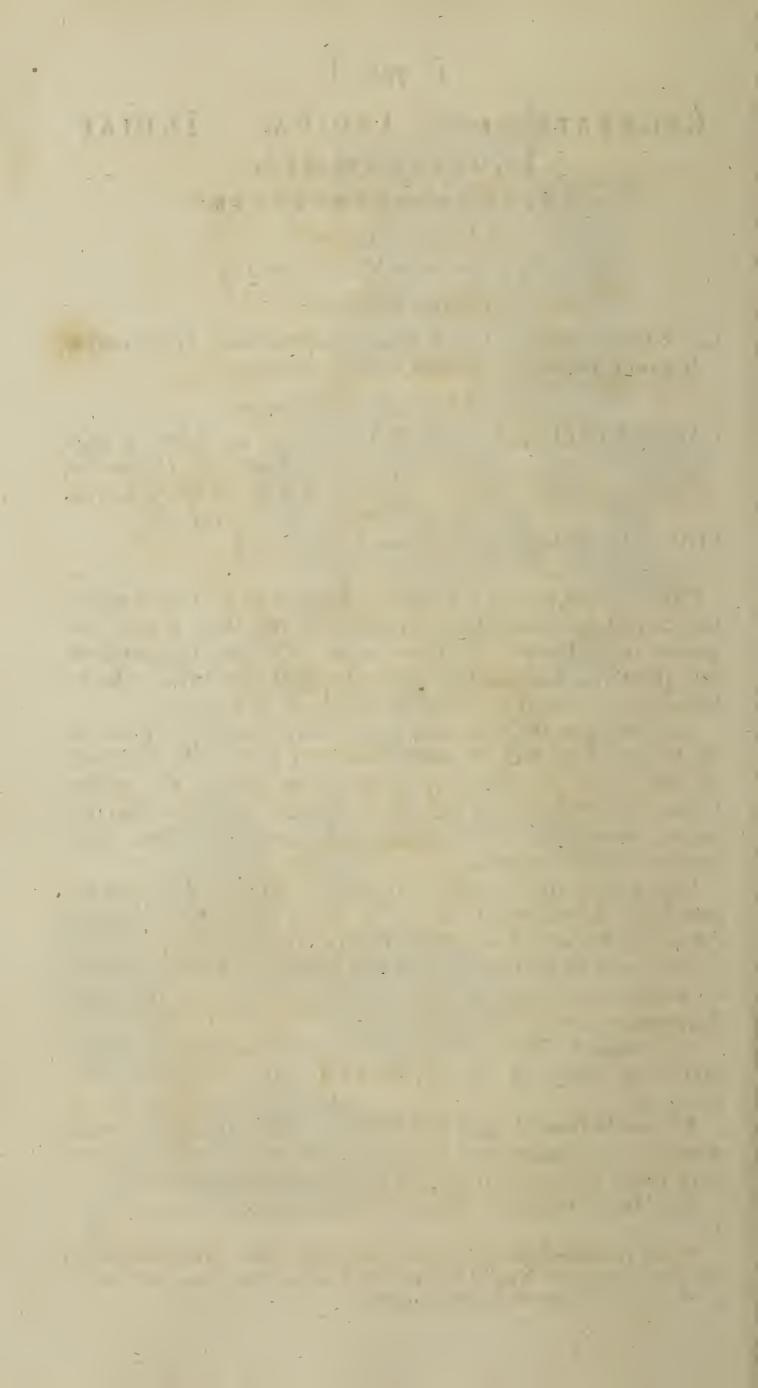
According to Mr. AITON, it was introduced to the Royal Garden at Kew, by HUGH, DUKE of NORTHUMBERLAND,

in 1759.

It flowers from August to October; but in the green-house, where it is recommended by Mr. Alton to be kept, it is not a very ready blower,—in the stove it blossoms more freely.

May be increased, without difficulty, from cuttings.

^{*} For an enumeration of the many advantages which Sweden reaped from this great promoter of Natural History, vide a paper in the Aman. Acad. tom. 4. p. 230. entitled Chinensia Lagerstroemiana.





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CINERARIA CRUENTA. PURPLE-LEAVED CINERARIA.

Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA SUPERFLUA.

Generic Character.

Recept. nudum. Pappus capillaris. Cal. fimplex polyphyllus æqualis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CINERARIA cruenta floribus cymofis, foliis cordatis angulatis fubtus purpurascentibus: petiolis basi auritis. L'Herit. Sert. Angl. n. 11. t. 33. Ait. Kew. v. 3. t. 221. Linn. Syst. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel. p. 1238. Mill. Dist. ed. Mart.

Of the many ornamental greenhouse plants introduced by Mr. Masson, this is one of the most desirable; as a shewy

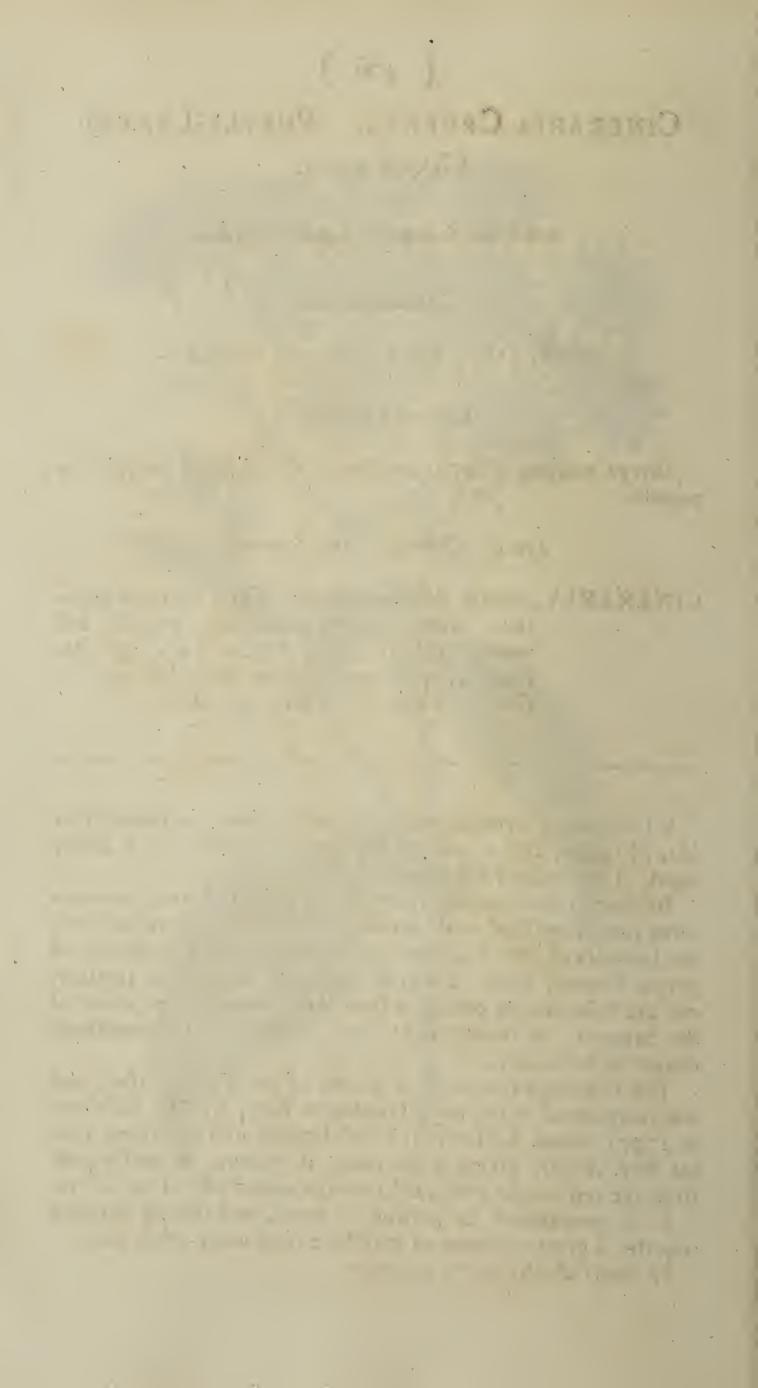
plant, it has indeed few equals.

Its stem is herbaceous, rising to the height of two, or even three feet, surnished with leaves which also are ornamental; the summits of the branches are covered with a profusion of purple slowers, some of which begin to expand in January, and are followed by others in succession through the whole of the Summer; by candle-light they exhibit an extraordinary degree of brilliancy.

The Cineraria cruenta is a native of the Canary Isles, and was introduced to the royal Garden at Kew, by Mr. Masson, in 1777: Mons. L'Heritier first figured and described it in his Sert. Anglic. giving it the name of cruenta, as we suppose, from the red colour which enlivens the under side of the leaves.

It is propagated by parting its roots, and during Summer requires a greater degree of moisture than many other plants.

Its feeds usually prove abortive.







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Rosa Provincialis (var.) Pompone Rose.

Much pains have been taken by the late Mr. AITON in the Hort. Kew. to fettle the different Roses, cultivated in our gardens in his time; in this difficult business, as well as in the whole of his most useful work, he was affisted (as he acknowledges in his dedication) by men more learned than himself; we may consider therefore his account, as far as it goes, to be as perfect as can reasonably be expected in a matter of such

intricacy.

There are two roses (from the names they bear, evidently of French origin, Meaux being the name of a town in France, and pronounced as if written Mo) introduced to our gardens since the time of Miller, and held in very high estimation, viz. the greater and smaller Rose de Meaux of the Hort. Kew. considered by Mr. Aiton as varieties of the Rosa provincialis, the latter of these (the one here figured) is generally known by Nurserymen and others as the Pompone Rose; we received it as such from Mr. Mallet, of Guernsey, a gentleman very conversant in plants, very fond of their culture, and to whose kindness we are much indebted.

This rose from its root throws out numerous stems, which rarely exceed a foot or a foot and a half in height; they are usually straight, rigid, and very prickly; the slowers are smaller than those of any other double rose, generally of the size of those represented on the plate, and particularly distinguished by the brilliant colour of the eye or central petals; a slower of this fort just on the point of expansion is superlatively beautiful.

Mr. Alton makes it a variety of the Rosa provincialis; we have cultivated it many years in our garden at Brompton, and have always found it constant to its principal characters, and to differ in many effential points from the greater Rose de Meaux of the same author.

It requires an open fituation, a pure air, and a light foil;

is improved by manure, and watering in dry Summers.

Its flowers are produced in June, and the plant is increased by suckers, which are not very plentifully produced, nor ex-

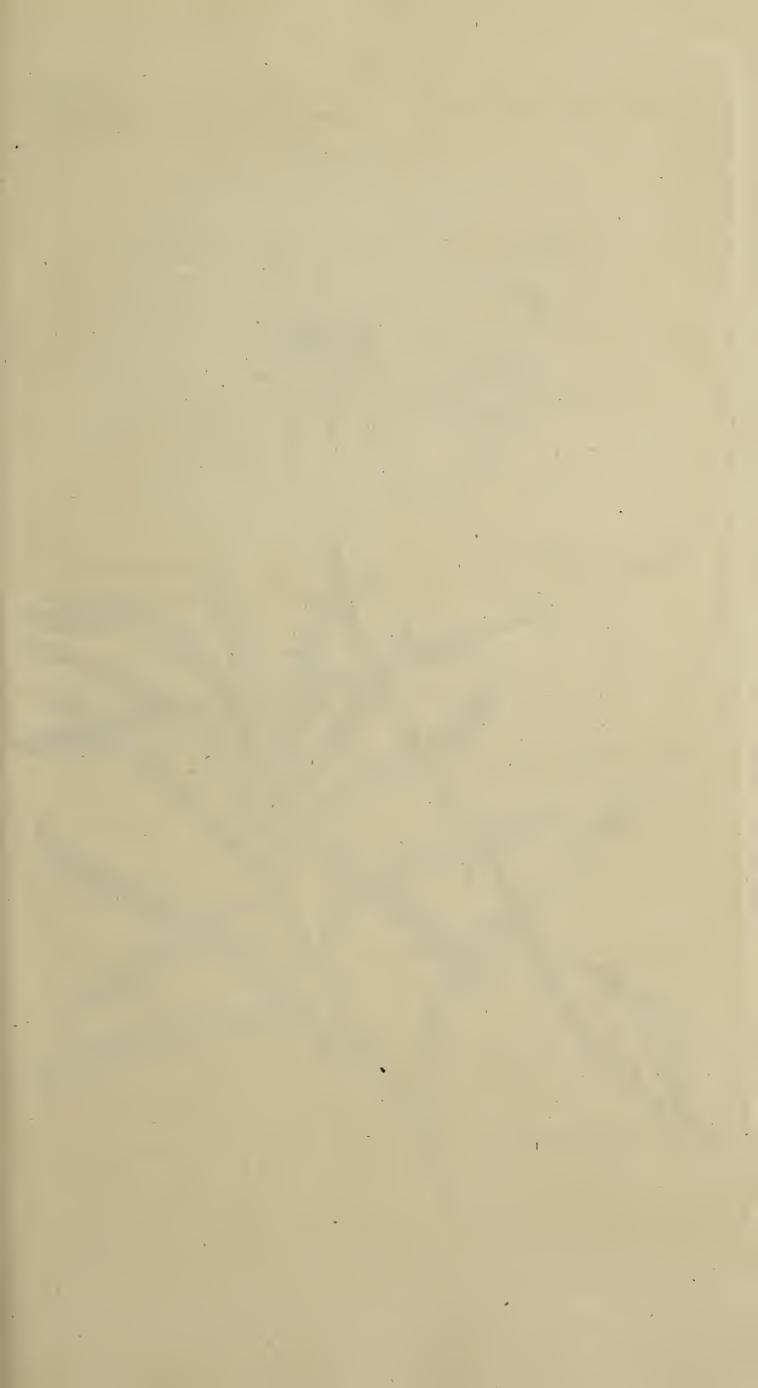
tend to any length.

The roots should not be divided oftener than once in three years; if the old wood be cut down every year, after the plant has done blowing, this rose will throw out more vigorous shoots and blossom more freely.

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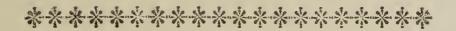


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CALENDULA TRAGUS. BENDING-STALKED MARIGOLD.



Glass and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA NECESSARIA:

Generic Character.

Recept. nudum. Pappus o. Cal. polyphyllus subæqualis. Sem. disci utplurimum membranacea.

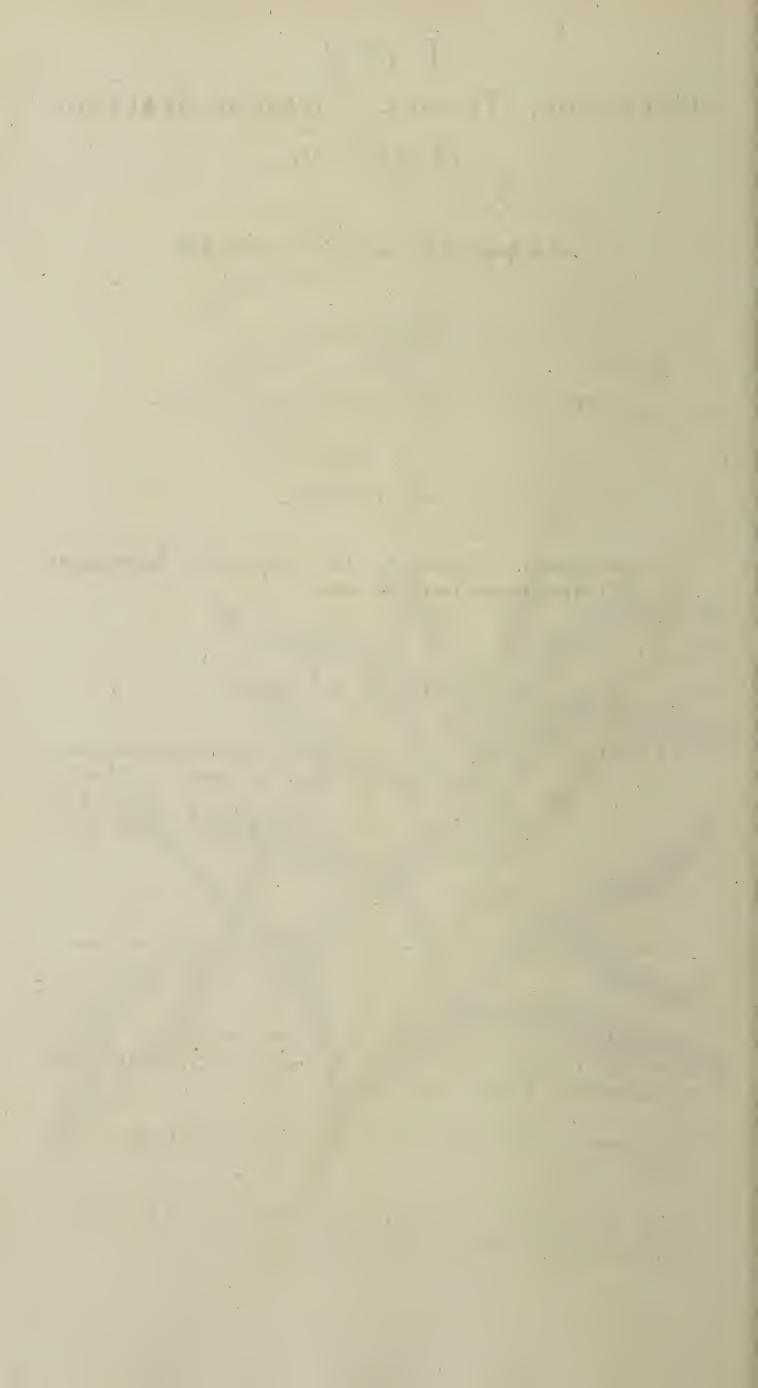
Specific Character and Synonyms.

CALENDULA Tragus caulescens foliis alternis linearibus subintegerrimis pilosiusculis, seminibus suborbiculatis. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 271. Linn. Syst. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel. v. 2. p. 1272. Mill. Diet. ed. Mart.

This species of Marigold, a plant not uncommon in our collections of greenhouse plants, is a native of the Cape, and was introduced by Mr. MASSON in 1774.

It flowers in May and June, and is raised with facility from cuttings.

The only account we have of this plant is in the Hort. Kezv. of Mr. Alton, where it is first described.







AMARYLLIS AUREA. GOLDEN AMARYLLIS.

Glass and Order.

HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. hexapetaloidea, irregularis. Filamenta fauci tubi inserta, declinata, inæqualia proportione vel directione. Linn. Fil. p. 415.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

AMARYLLIS aurea corollis basi tubulosis sexpartitis, laciniis linearibus undulatis, staminibus corolla brevioribus. L'Herit. Sert. Angl. p. 14. t. 15.

AMARYLLIS aurea floribus pedicellatis erectiusculis, corollis infundibuliformi-clavatis subhexapetalis: laciniis lineari-lanceolatis, staminibus pistilloque rectis, foliis linearibus erectis canaliculatis margine reflexo glabro. Linn. Fil. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 419. Mill. Diet. ed. Mart.

Mr. Alton in his Hort. Ketv. informs us, that this elegant species of Amaryllis was introduced from China, by John Fothergill, M. D. in 1777, that it is a stove plant, and slowers from August to September.

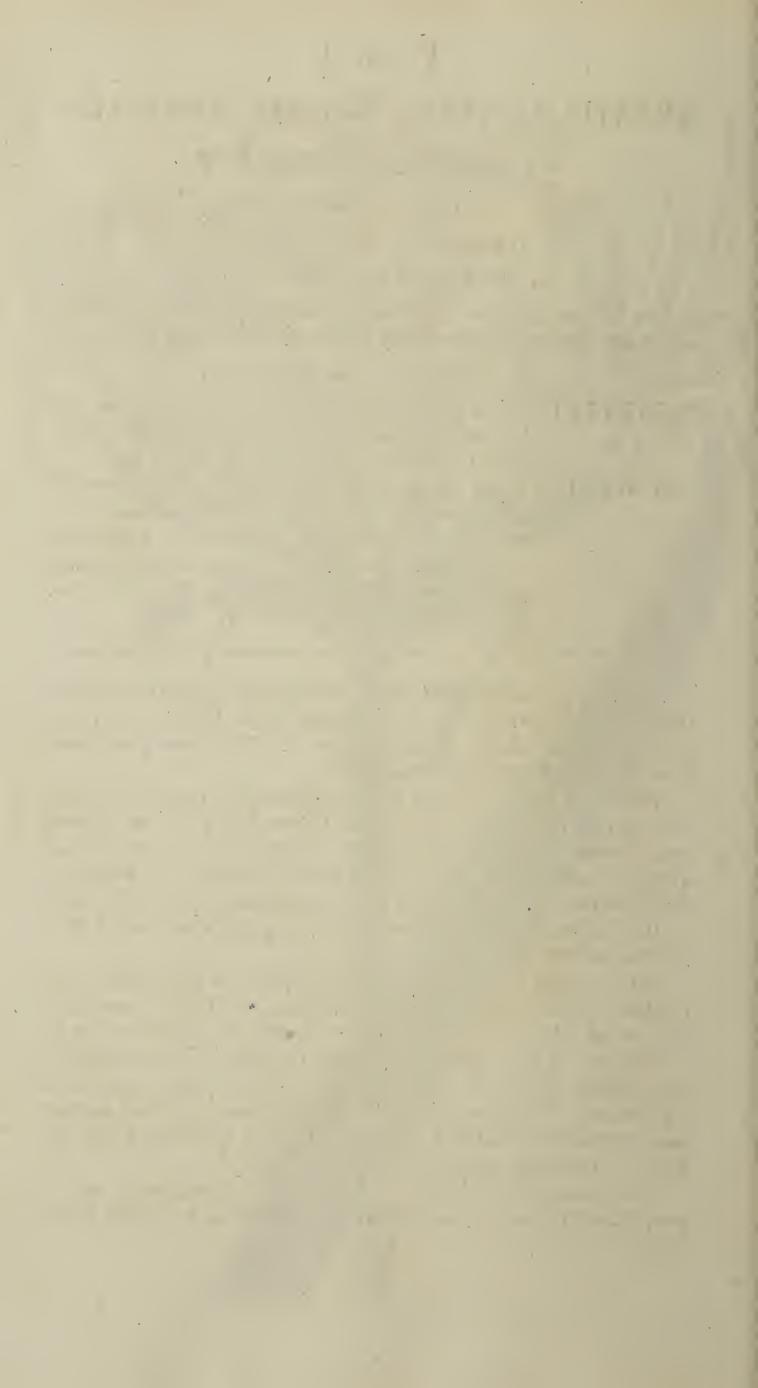
There are but few of the Chinese plants that require the heat of a stove; the present species would no doubt live in a good greenhouse, but the general practice confirms the propriety of giving it more heat, particularly when coming into blossom; the slowering indeed of many greenhouse plants, especially those of the bulbous and tuberous kinds, is greatly improved by a

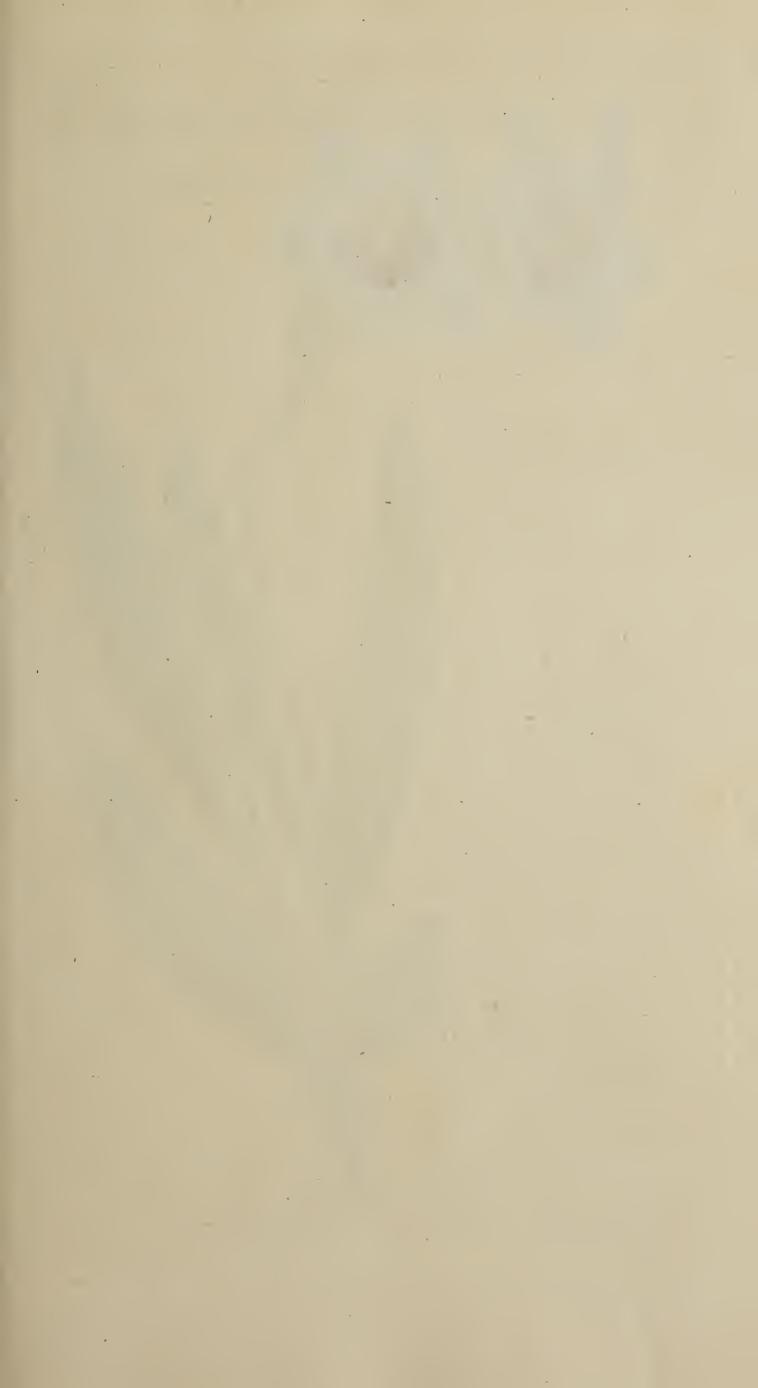
practice of this fort.

Such as wish to see a minute description of this plant, may consult the Hort. Kew. of Mr. Alton, or Prof. Martyn's edition of Miller's Dictionary; it will be sufficient for us to observe, that it grows to about the size of the Amaryllis formosissima, that it is characterised by the upright growth of its slowers, which are of a pale orange colour, having narrow and somewhat undulated segments, with a greenish keel; its style is very long, and its stigma bright red.

Like many other bulbs, it blows very irregularly, and is propagated by offsets, which are produced in tolerable abun-

dance.







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IXIA RUBRO-CYANEA. RED-BLUE IXIA.

Class and Order.

TRIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. 6-partita, patens, æqualis. Stigmata 3, erectiusculopatula.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

1XIA rubro-cyanea foliis oblongo-lanceolatis villosis plicatis distichis, spatha trivalvi, corollæ limbo patentissimo. Facq. Ic. rar. 2. t. 285. Collett. 3. p. 268.

IXIA rubro-cyanea foliis oblongo-lanceolatis plicatis villosis, scapo foliis breviore, spathis tubo brevioribus. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 5. Willden. p. 198.

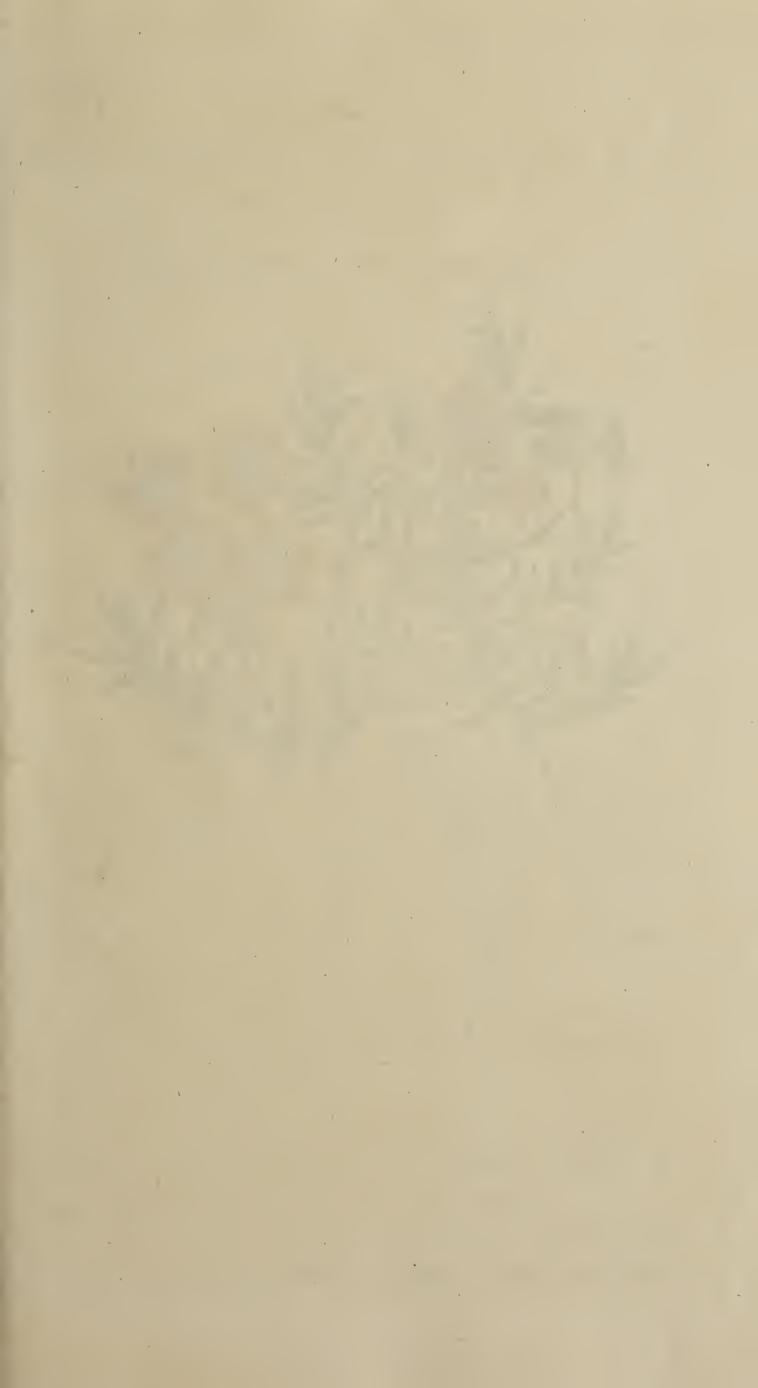
The Ixia here represented was drawn last Summer from a specimen unusually fine, which slowered with Mr. Colvill, Nurseryman, King's-Road, May 24, 1797; it appears to be a very distinct species, not less distinguished for the singularity than the brilliancy of its colours, and is one of those recently imported from the Cape by way of Holland.

It is propagated in the same way and succeeds with the same treatment as other Ixias; care must be taken when it comes into slower that it be not too much exposed to the sun, for

that will render its beauties of very short duration.

Description.—Stalk from fix to nine inches high, round, villous, leafy; Leaves plaited, villous, very strongly so below; Spathæ three-leaved, one large, forming a kind of sheath to the germen, the other two narrower and somewhat shorter on each side of it, all of them villous; Flowers usually three or four, about the size of those of the Gladiolus securiger, or rather larger; Tube about half an inch in length, dingy purple; Brim divided into sive spreading segments, upper part of a sine ultramarine blue on the inside, the lower part the richest crimson, dazzling the eye of the beholder; Filaments three, placed round the Pistil; Antheræ yellow above, purple below; Style projecting somewhat beyond the Antheræ; Stigma trisid, each segment expanding so as to be nearly slat, and edged with strong hairs.

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PHLOX SUBULATA. AWL-LEAVED PHLOX, or Lychnidea.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. hypocrateriformis. Filamenta inæqualia. Stigma trifidum. Cal. prismaticus. Caps. 3-locularis, 1-sperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PHLOX subulata foliis subulatis hirsutis sloribus oppositis. Linn. Sp. Pl. p. 217.

LYCHNIDEA blattariæ accedens virginiana minor repens hirsutis Camphoratæ foliis, floribus sikulosis in umbellam sitis. Pluk. Phyt. t. 98. 2.

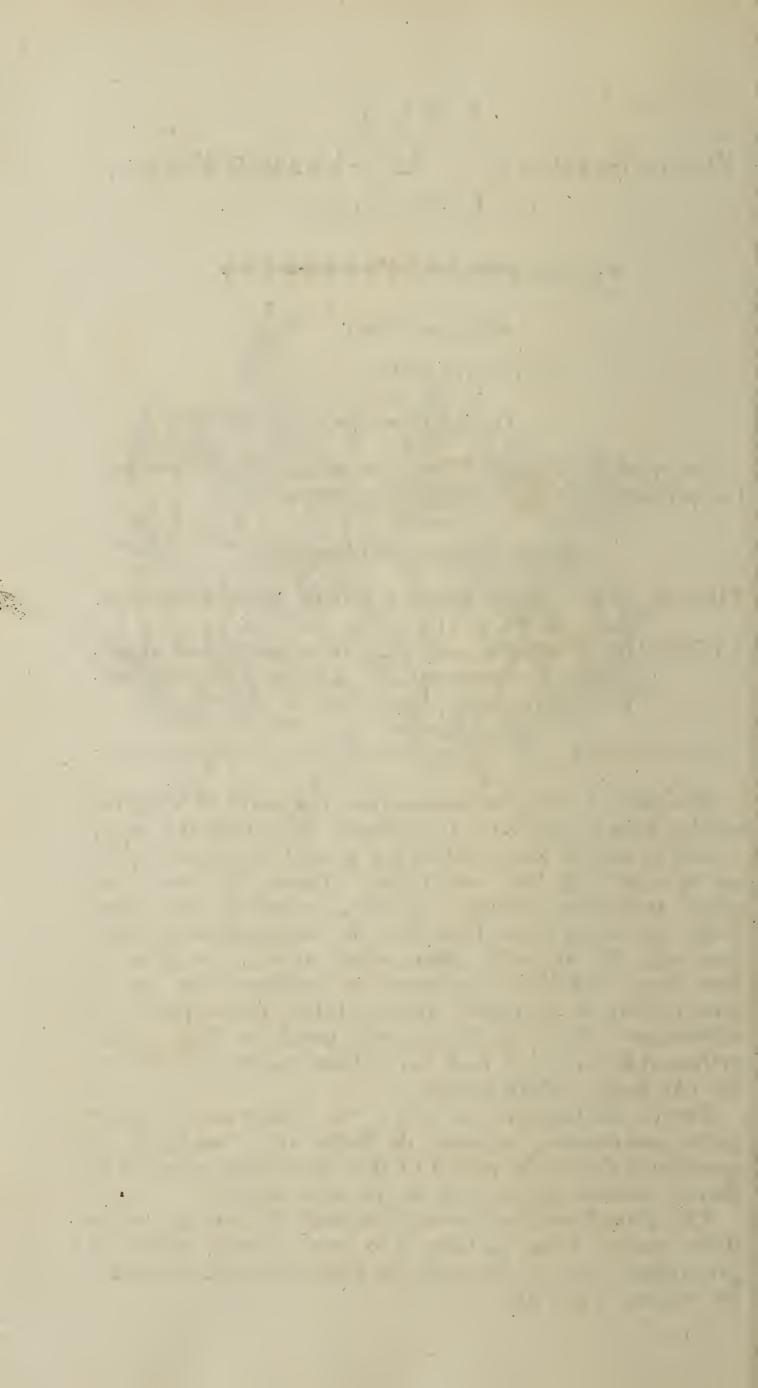
This plant, a hardy herbaceous one, is a native of Virginia, and has been introduced to this country within these few years.

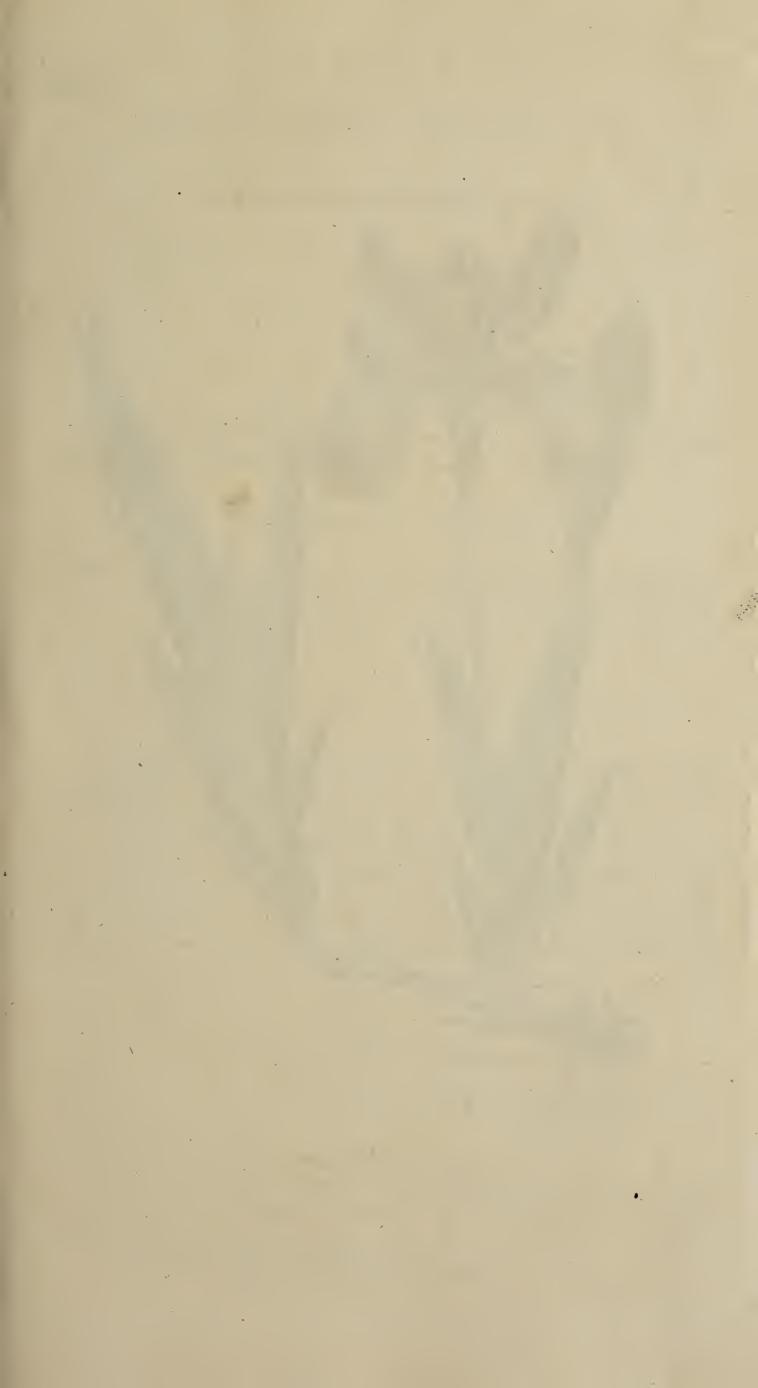
Left to itself its stems trail on the ground, the young shoots are of a reddish hue, and slightly villous, the leaves are edged with hairs, subulate, opposite, recurved, and rather fleshy, producing others from their alæ, becoming as the plant grows old of a brownish colour, which renders the plant in fome degree unfightly; the flowers are produced from one to three or four in an umbel, drooping before they expand, the calyces are villous, the flowers pale purple or flesh colour, enlivened by an eye of dark but brilliant purple disposed in a star-like form, antheræ yellow.

Flowers the beginning of May; the flowers are extremely pretty, but delicate, requiring the shelter of a hand-glass or greenhouse during the period of their blossoming, which is of

shorter duration than in most of the other species.

This plant should be renewed frequently by cuttings, which strike readily; it may be suffered to grow either in its natural procumbent way, or be made to appear to more advantage by training it to a stick.







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IRIS CRISTATA. CRESTED IRIS.

Class-and Order.

TRIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Corolla 6-partita inæqualis, laciniis alternis, geniculato patentibus, stigmata petaliformia cucullato bilabiata.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

IRIS cristata corollis barbatis, barba cristata, caule subunissoro longitudine soliorum, germinibus trigonis, petalis subaqualibus. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 70. Smith Spicil. t. 13.

It appears from the Hort. Kew. where this plant is first and minutely described, that it is a native of North-America, and was introduced by Peter Collinson, Esq. in 1756.

Authors have described this plant as having a creeping root, but perhaps not with strict propriety; to us it appears to increase much in the same way as most others of the genus, with this difference, that when it grows luxuriantly it throws out longer shoots; as these are always above ground and throw out sibres from their under side, they are to be regarded as stalks rather than roots; in the *Iris chinensis* it is very different, there the root is truly creeping.

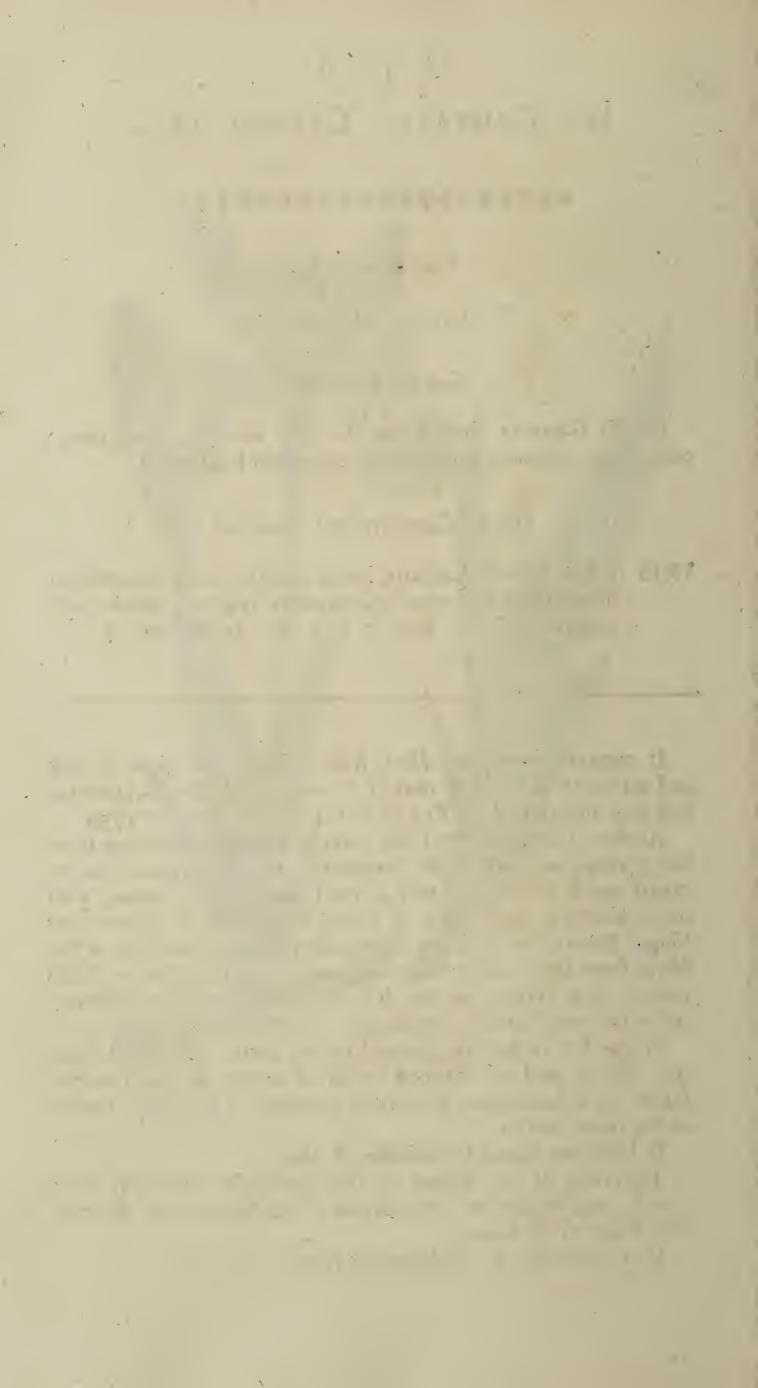
If the Iris cristata be planted in bog earth, in a moist situation (for it will not succeed at all in a dry one) and has the shelter of a hand-glass in severe weather, it will grow readily

in the open border.

It bloffoms about the middle of May.

The tube of the flower in this species is unusually long, tender, and brittle in the extreme; the flowers are delicate, with little or no scent.

It is increased by dividing its roots.





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Pelargonium Ternatum. Ternate Crane's-Bill.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA HEPTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus: lacinia suprema definente in tubulum capillarem, nectariferum, secus pedunculum decurrentem. Cor. 5-petala, irregularis. Filam. 10, inæqualia; quorum 3 (raro 5) castrata. Fructus 5-coccus, rostratus; rostra spiralia, introrsum barbata. L'Herit. Geran.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

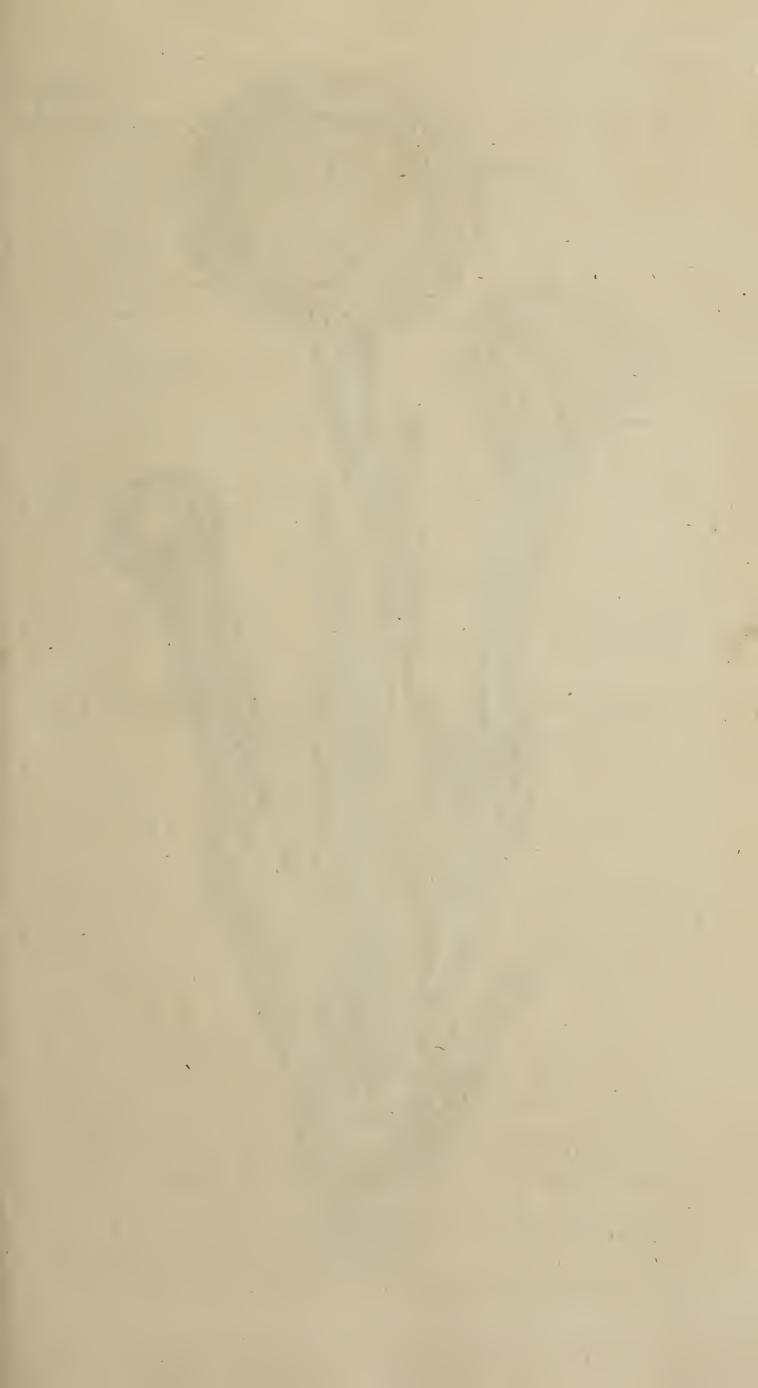
GERANIUM ternatum caule fruticoso hispido, foliis oppositis ternatis: foliolis cuneatis inciso-trifidis serratis scabris. Linn. Suppl. p. 306. Cavan. diss. 4. t. 107. f. 2.

This very distinct species of *Pelargonium*, a native of the Cape, and which takes its name of *ternatum* from the form of its leaves, has been added to our collections of greenhouse plants within these few years, and of course is not enumerated in the *Hort. Kew.* of Mr. AITON.

In the unufual roughness of its stalks, as well as in its whole habit, it differs very materially from the rest of the tribe; its slowers, which are large and shewy, are produced in June and July.

It is raised from cuttings without difficulty.

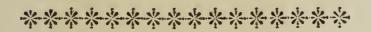
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XERANTHEMUM FULGIDUM. GREAT YELLOW FLOWERED XERANTHEMUM.



Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA SUPERFLUA.

Generic Character.

Recept. paleaceum. Pappus setaceus. Calyx imbricatus, radiatus, radio colorato.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

XERANTHEMUM fulgidum fruticosum erectum, soliis oblongis margine tomentosis. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 180.

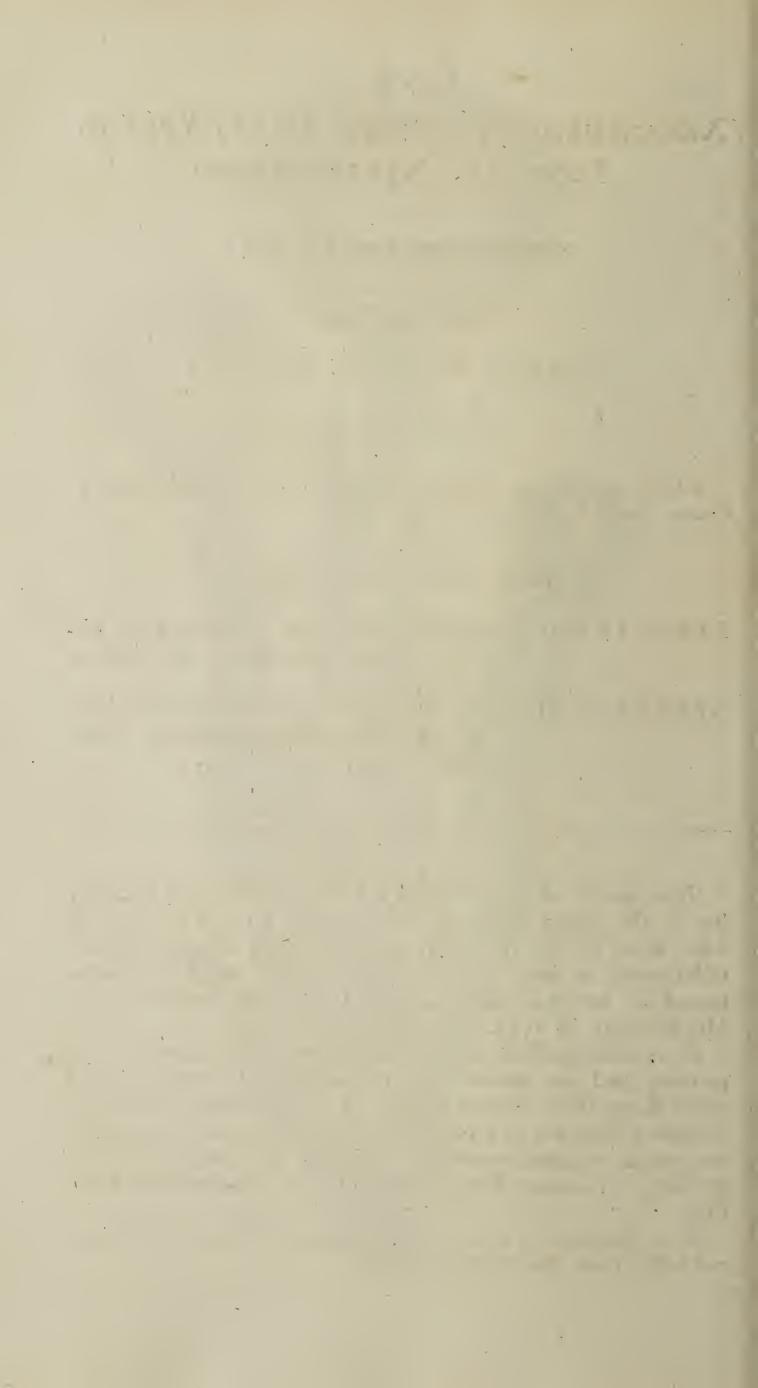
XERANTHEMUM fulgidum foliis lato-lanceolatis convolutoincumbentibus, floribus nonnullis. Linn. Suppl. p. 365.

This species of Xeranthemum is first described, and minutely so, in the Suppl. Plant. of the younger Linnaus; in the Hort. Kew. of Mr. Alton it has obtained a different specific description, as may be seen above; in that work it is mentioned as being a native of the Cape, and introduced by Mr. Masson in 1774.

It is distinguished by the remarkable uprightness of its growth, and the unusual fize of its flowers, which exceed those of any other known species of Xeranthemum in our collections; they are of a fine yellow or gold colour, very glossy, and make a grand appearance either in the greenhouse when growing, or among similar plants on the mantle-shelf when dry.

Is propagated by cuttings; care must be taken that it does

not suffer from too much moisture.







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PHLOX SETACEA. FINE-LEAVED PHLOX.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. hypocrateriformis. Filamenta inæqualia. Stigma 3-fidum. Cal. prismaticus. Caps. 3-locularis 1-sperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PHLOX fetacea foliis fetaceis glabris, floribus folitariis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 200. Sp. Pl. 217. LYCHNIDEA blattariæ accedens virginiana camphoratæ congeneris glabris foliis. Pluk. Alm. 233. t. 98. f. 3.

This tribe of plants, of which there is scarcely one that is not ornamental, are chiefly natives of North-America; such is the present species, brought from Carolina by Mr. John Fraser in 1788, now introduced to most of the collections about town,

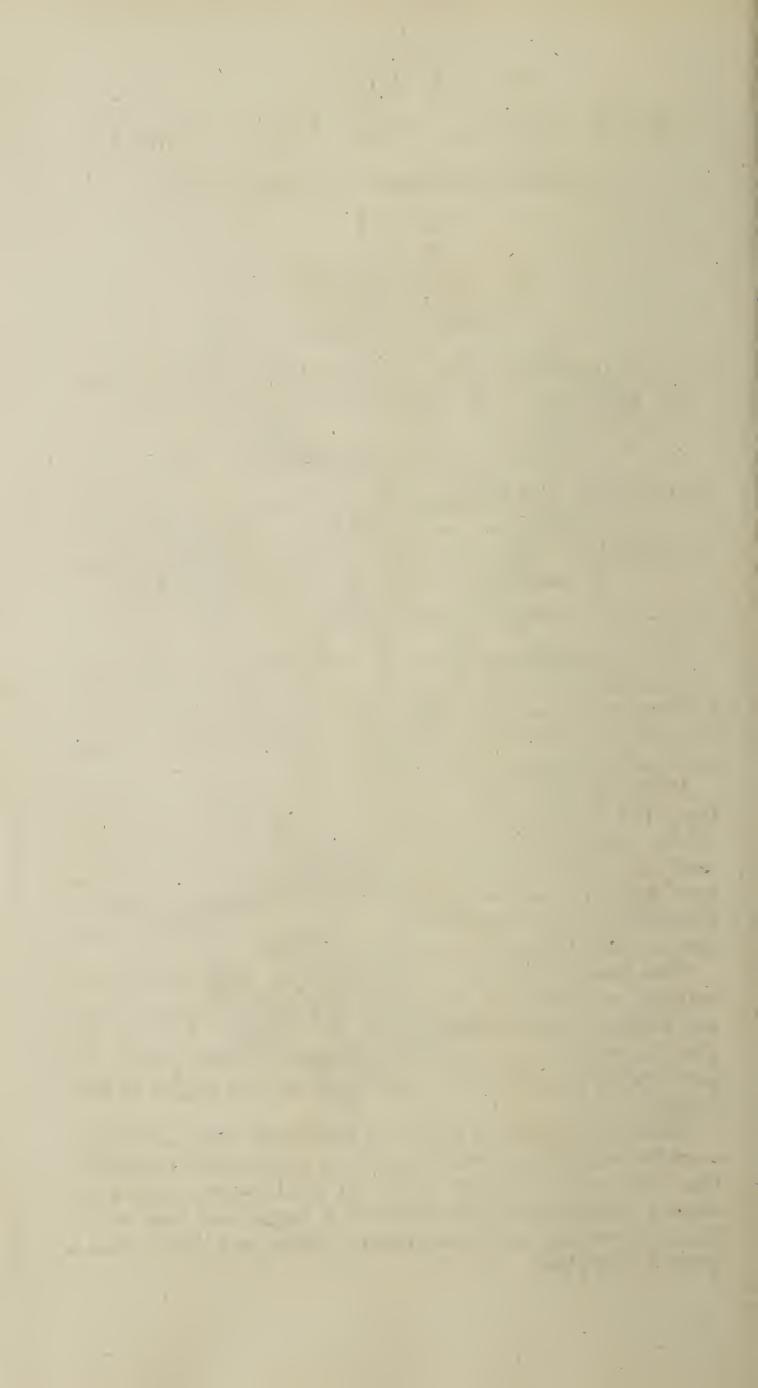
and usually treated as a green-house plant.

Its stalks, when supported, rise to the height of about a foot, if lest to themselves, trailing on the ground; they are thickly covered with leaves, which are longer and, for the most part, since, and more hairy than those of the subulata, sigured pl. 411, and in the month of May the whole plant, if successfully treated and carefully tied up, forms a highly ornamental bush of purple flowers.

This species, like most of the others, is easily raised from cuttings, which should be struck early in the spring, as such will become slowering plants the next season; to have this plant in perfection, it is necessary to renew it thus yearly, old plants being less productive of slowers, and less perfect in their

foliage.

Plants are frequently kept in green-houses that would succeed better, and blow more freely, with a less tender treatment; thus this species of Phlox, which in mild winters would live abroad, requires only the shelter of a frame, and may be regarded therefore, with many others, rather as a frame than a green-house plant.







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IRIS MARTINICENSIS. MARTINICO IRIS.

Class and Order.

TRIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. 6-petala, inæqualis, petalis alternis geniculato-patentibus. Stigmata petaliformia, cucullato-bilabiata.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

IRIS martinicensis imberbis, foliis linearibus, petalis basi soveolis glandulosis, germinibus trigonis. Thunb. Diss. 6. Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 92. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 72.

From an aversion to the changing of long-established names, we have followed Linnaus, Aiton, and Thunberg, in considering this plant as an Iris, though in our private opinion it is not such; whoever will carefully examine its fructification, will find it correspond in its several parts with those of a plant well known in our nurseries by the name of Moræa Northiana; and they will be found, in our humble opinion, to be two plants belonging to a new and distinct genus.

This species is a native of the West-India islands, and was introduced to the royal garden at Kew in 1782, by Mr.

ALEXANDER ANDERSON, from St. Lucia.

Is usually kept in the stove, plunged in the tan, where it slowers in May and June, and for the most part ripens its seeds, by which it is readily increased.

Is more remarkable for the curious structure than the beauty

of its flowers.







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Celsia Urticæfolia. Nettle-Leaved Celsia.

Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus. Cor. rotata. Filam. barbata. Caps. 2-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CELSIA urticæfolia caule frutescente, foliis ovato-lanceolatis, ferratis.

In the 70th number of this work, we figured and described a plant under the name of Celsia linearis, so called by Professor Jacquin; observing at the same time that doubts might be entertained as to its being a true Celsia; whether it be such, or whether it be a distinct genus, the present plant in its generic characters comes as nearly to it as possible: as a species, it is perfectly and most obviously distinct.

In the royal garden at Kew, where we saw it in slower this spring, 1798, it is called urticæfolia: Mr. Alton informed me, that it was first discovered by Mr. Menzies, in South-

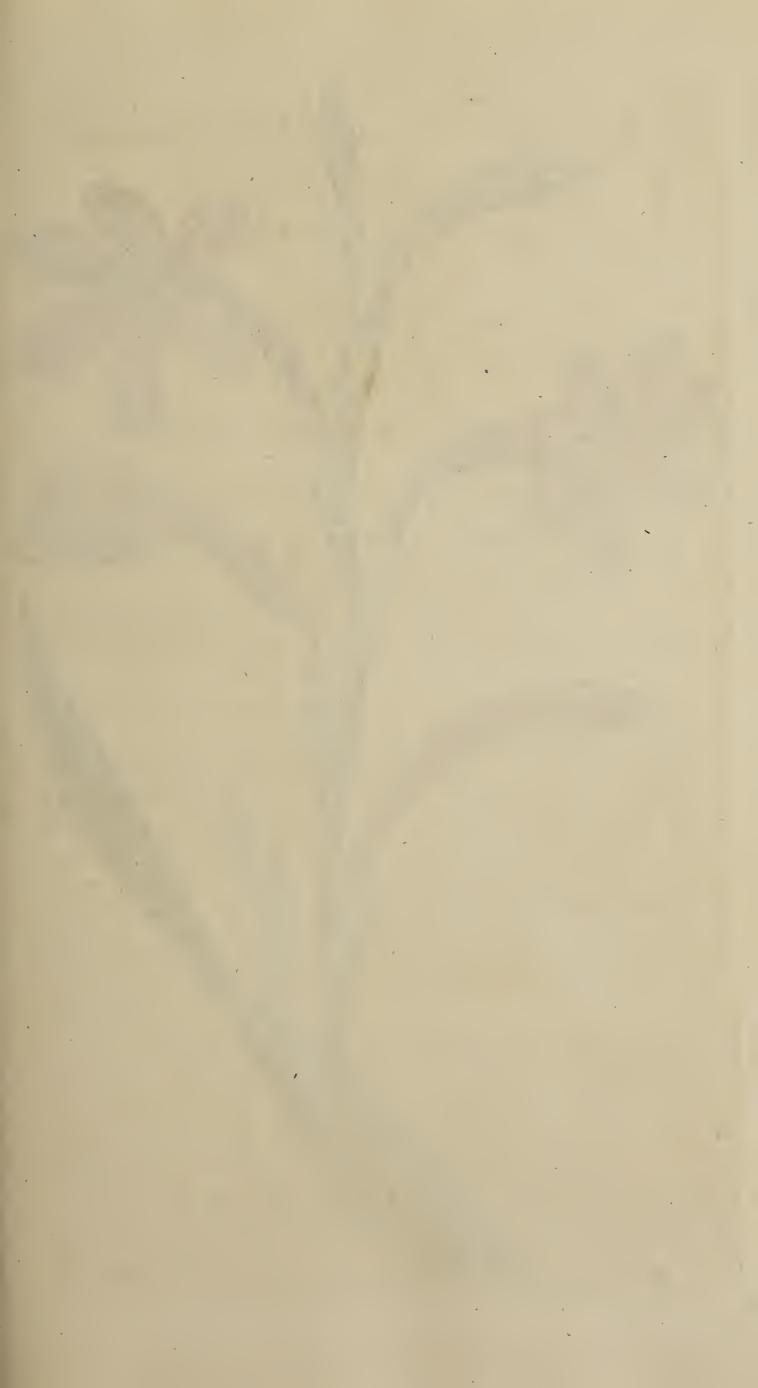
America, by whom it had lately been introduced.

The extreme brilliancy of its flowers renders it a very ornamental plant; being of quick and ready growth, it will foon be common in our green-houses, most probably on the borders of our flower-gardens also; for we suspect that it will prove much more hardy than the Celsia linearis; it is a much stronger plant also, and in the open ground will grow to the height of several seet.

It flowers and feeds during most of the summer; is readily

raised from cuttings, as well as from seeds.

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ANTHOLYZA MERIANA. RED-FLOWERED ANTHOLYZA.

Class and Order.

TRIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. tubulosa, irregularis, recurvata. Caps. infera.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ANTHOLYZA Meriana corollis infundibuliformibus, foliis ensiformibus. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 87. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 67.

MERIANA flore rubello. Trew. Ebret. t. 40.

WATSONIA Meriana floribus infundibuliformibus subæqualibus. Mill. Diet. ed. 6. 410.

Mr. MILLER informs us in his Dictionary, that he raised this most elegant species of Antholyza from seeds sent him by his friend Dr. Job Baster, which succeeded in the Chelsea garden in 1756; conceiving it to be a distinct genus, he named it Watsonia, in honour of Mr. (afterwards) Sir WILLIAM WATSON; Dr. TREW, of Nuremberg, figured it in his Icones by Ehret, under the name of Meriana, from Sybilla Meriana, the celebrated semale Dutch naturalist, so eminently distinguished for the productions of her pencil; Linneus ranges it with the Antholyza's, preserving the trivial name of Meriana.

It is unnecessary for us to describe this plant minutely here, since Mr. MILLER has done it so well in his Dictionary; it will be sufficient for us to observe, that it is a much stronger plant than the Antholyza Cunonia, already sigured in this work, and that though the colour of its slowers is not so splendid, the whole plant possesses more elegance.

It requires the same treatment as the Cape bulbs, succeeds very well, and produces plenty of offsets when planted in

light fandy bog-earth.

Flowers in May and June, and is propagated by offsets.

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ALYSSUM MONTANUM. MOUNTAIN ALYSSUM, or MADWORT.

Class and Order.

TETRADYNAMIA SILICULOSA.

Generic Character.

Filamenta quædam introrsum denticulo notata, silicula emarginata.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ALYSSUM montanum caulibus herbaceis, diffusis soliis sublanceolatis punctato echinatis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 590. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 382. Facq. Fl. Austr. t. 37.

ALYSSUM subfruticosum, foliis ellipticis scabris. Hall. Hist.

Helv. num. 492.

THLASPI saxatile incanum luteum serpillisolio minus. Bauh. Pin. 107.

In this work we have already figured three species of Alysfum, faxatile, deltoideum, and utriculatum, the yellow, the purple, and bladder-podded, all of them plants adapted to decorate the small borders of the slower-garden, or any kind of rock-work; to which purposes the present more rare species, an inhabitant of the mountainous parts of Switzerland and Austria, is also applicable.

The Alyssum montanum is a small procumbent plant, of the perennial kind, with hoary leaves curiously embossed with little prominent points, having the summits of its branches about the end of April covered with a profusion of bright yellow slowers, which usually go off without producing any perfect seed, though in its wild state it is sufficiently fertile, as is

evident from Professor Jacquin's figure.

Through want of feeds, it may be increased without difficulty from cuttings; requires the same treatment as other rare Alpine plants.

Was cultivated by Mr. MILLER in 1759. Ait. Kew.

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XERANTHEMUM CANESCENS. ELEGANT XERANTHEMUM.

Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA SUPERFLUA.

Generic Character.

Recept. paleaceum. Pappus setaceus. Cal. imbricatus radiatus; radio colorato.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

XERANTHEMUM canescens fruticosum, foliis imbricatis, ovato-subulatis glabris. Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 750. Amæn. Acad. 6. Afr. 60.

XERANTHEMUM incanum, foliis subrotundis, flore purpureo. Burm. Afr. 183. t. 68. f. 1.

Our plant accords exactly with specimens of Xeranthemum canescens of Linnaus in the Herbarium of Sir Joseph BANKS; though it does not agree so well in some respects

with the Linnæan description as could be wished.

It is a weak, branched, and widely-spreading plant if left to itself, and does not appear to advantage in a collection, unless carefully tied up to a stick; nor is it a plant that succeeds well with every one: Mr. BARR, Nurseryman, Ball's-Pond, near Hackney, manages it better than any one that we have seen; and his superior success appears to have arisen from his keeping it in a warmer situation than others, on a shelf in the front of his stove, for it requires more warmth than the green-house affords; thus situated, it begins slowering with him in the autumn, and continues in blossom all the winter and fpring; when the flowers are out of bloom they droop, but will continue a long while in the plant in that state, and even continue to expand and look beautiful when the sun shines on them.

It is a native of the Cape, recently introduced, and is pro-

pagated by cuttings.

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CENTAUREA AUREA. GOLDEN CENTAURY, or KNAPWEED.

Class and Order.

Syngenesia Polygamia Frustranea.

Generic Character.

Recept. letosum. Pappus plumosus vel capillaris. Cor. radii infundibulisormes; longiores, irregulares.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CENTAUREA aurea calycibus simplicissime spinosis: spinis patentibus, slosculis æqualibus, foliis hirtis, inferioribus pinnatisidis. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 265.

Though cultivated by Mr. MILLER so long since as 1758, this species of Centaury appears to have been but little known; it is sufficient in the Hort. Kew. of Mr. Alton, without a reference to any author; it is there mentioned to be a native

of the South of Europe.

It is a hardy herbaceous plant, growing to the height of about two feet, and producing on the summits of the stalks fine, bold, magnificent flowers, of a beautiful yellow or gold colour; these making their appearance in August and September, contribute not a little to enrich the borders of the slower-garden, at that time on the decline.

Grows readily in almost any soil or situation, and is easily

increased by parting its roots.

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GREWIA OCCIDENTALIS. ELM-LEAVED GREWIA.

Class and Order.

GYNANDRIA POLYANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Monogyna. Cal. 5-phyllus. Petala 5: basi squama nectarisera. Bacca 4-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

GREWIA occidentalis foliis subovatis, floribus solitariis. Linn.
Syst. Vegetab. 826. Ait. Hort. Kew. v. 3. p. 313.

GREWIA corollis acutis. Hort. cliff. 433. Duham. arb. 1.
p. 276. t. 108.

ULMIFOLIA arbor africana baccifera, floribus purpureis.

Pluk. alm. 393. t. 237. f. 1.

ULMI FACIE ARBUSCULA æthiopica, ramulis alatis, floribus purpurascentibus. Comm. bort. 1. p. 165. t. 85. Seb. thes. 1. p. 46. t. 29. f. 3. Raj. dendr. 13.

LINNEUS gave to this genus the name of Grewia, in honour of Dr. Nehemiah Grew, the celebrated author of the Anatomy of Vegetables, &c. Of the several species enumerated by authors, few have been introduced into our collections; "the one here figured, which has been long* and very " generally cultivated as a green-house plant, will grow to the " height of ten or twelve feet; the stem and branches are very " like those of the small-leaved Elm, the bark being smooth, " and of the same colour as that when young; the leaves are " also very like those of the Elm, and fall off in autumn; the " flowers are produced fingly along the young branches from " the wings of the leaves, and are of a bright purple colour. " In winter, the plants should be placed in the green-house, " for they are too tender to live abroad in England; but they " should have as much free air as possible in mild weather, as " they only require to be protected from frost; and after the leaves " are fallen, they will require very moderate watering, but in " fummer they should have it more constantly in dry weather." Miller's. Diet.—This species is a native of the Cape, is propagated by cuttings or layers, and flowers most part of the summer.

^{*} Cultivated in the royal garden at Hampton-Court in 1692. Ait. Kew.

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ARTICULAR HEATH. ERICA ARTICULARIS.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inserta. Antheræ apice 2-fidæ, pertusæ. Caps. 4-locularis, 4-valvis polysperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ERICA articularis antheris bifidis inclusis, corollis campanulatis calyce colorato brevioribus, foliis ternis linearibus lævibus appressis. Linn. Mant. 1. p. 65.

ERICA articularis antheris cristatis, corollis ovatis acuminatis, stylo incluso calyce longiore, foliis ternis. Linn. Syst.

Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 366.

ERICA articularis aristata, foliis ternis ovatis glabris, floribus racemosis, caule erecto. Thunb. Prod. Pl. Cap. p. 72. Linn. Syft. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel. p. 626.

The Erica here figured is first described in Linn. Mant. 1. and so satisfactorily, that there can be no doubt of its being the plant intended by LINNÆUS; the specific characters of MURRAY and THUNBERG, published since, are very inapplicable.

This heath is one of the least of its kind, it is not unusual to fee plants of it full of bloffoms not more than eight or ten inches high, its leaves (growing usually in threes) are lanceolate, smooth, concave on the inside, pressed to the stalk, standing on fuch fhort footstalks, that they may be said to be almost sessile: Flowers numerous on the fummits of the branches, somewhat drooping: Peduncles furnished with two upright bracteæ placed opposite to each other, of a pale red colour tipped with green: Calyx larger than the corolla, fomewhat bell-shaped, spreading, four-leaved, each leaf ovate and pointed, green at the base and **fomewhat** fomewhat wrinkled, middle part nearly white, upper part bright pink colour, each legment marked at its extremity on the under fide with a green calyx-like fubstance, and terminating in a reddish mucro or point: Corolla within the calyx, tube nearly ovate and white, limb spreading, divided into four segments, ovate, long-pointed, and pink-coloured: Stamina eight, enclosed within the tube of the Corolla: Antheræ at first bright red, afterwards brown: Awns two, short and somewhat bisid: Germen green: Style the length of the tube: Stigma somewhat large and blunt.

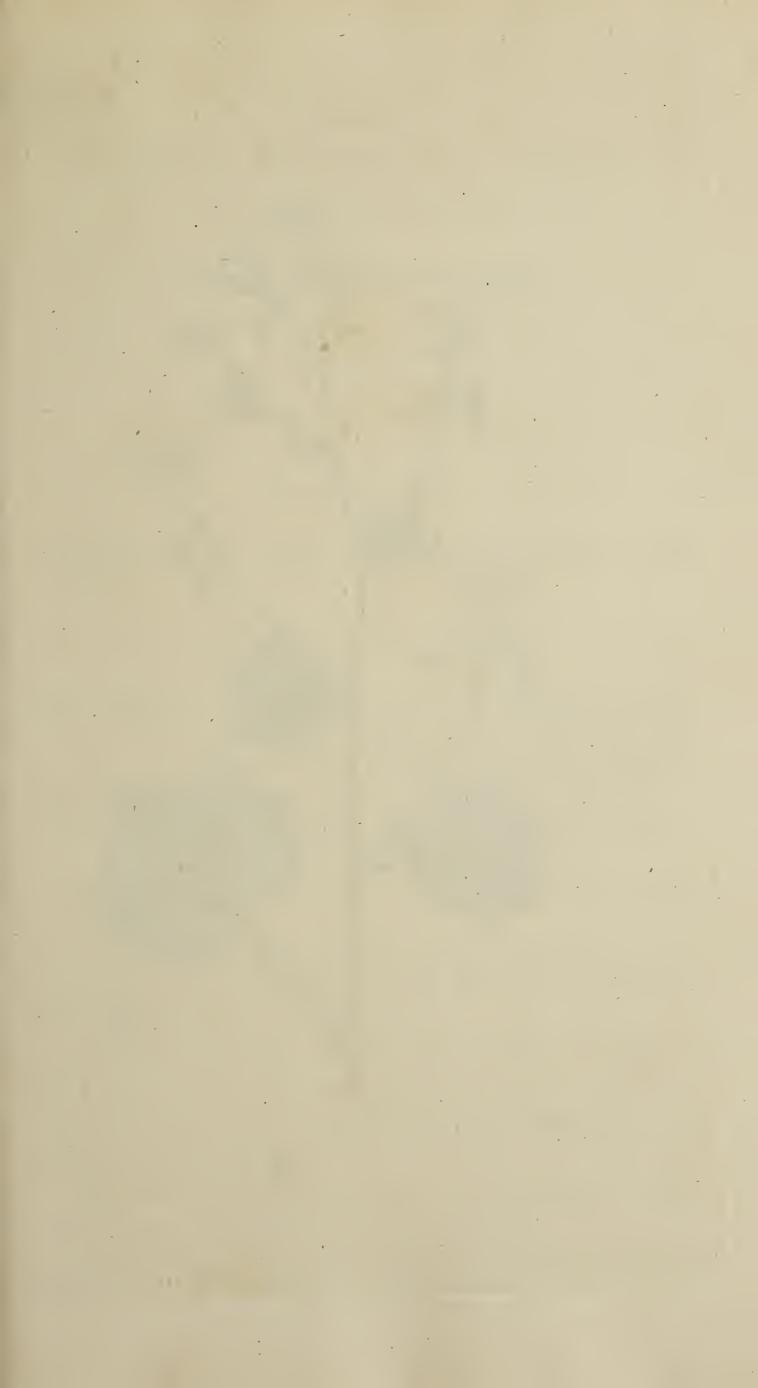
A vein of great peculiarity runs through the whole of this plant, which is a native of the Cape, of modern introduction, flowers early in the spring, often in the depth of winter, and

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SAXIFRAGA ROTUNDIFOLIA. ROUND-LEAVED SAXIFRAGE.



Class and Order.

DECANDRIA DIGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus. Cor. 5-petala. Capf. 2-rostris, 1-locularis, poly-sperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

SAXIFRAGA rotundifolia foliis caulinis reniformibus dentatis petiolatis, caule paniculato. Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 413. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 81.

SANICULA montana rotundifolia major. Bauh. Pin. 243.

A hardy, perennial, herbaceous species of Saxifrage, growing spontaneously in Switzerland and other parts of Europe,

cultivated here in 1597 by GERARD.

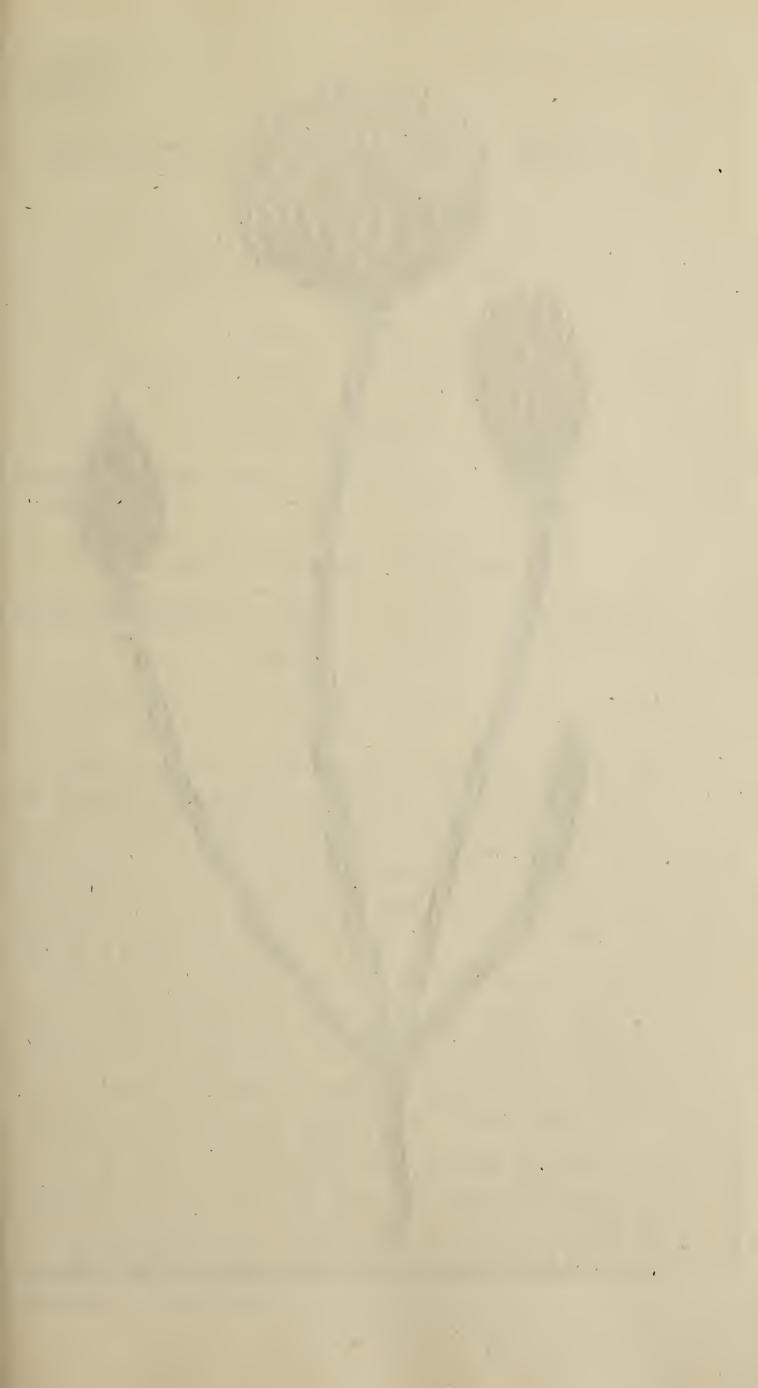
Of this numerous and beautiful tribe of plants, we know of none whose flowers in point of prettiness can vie with those of the present species; they are marked with numerous fine dots, like those of the London Pride, (Saxifraga umbrosa) but in a superior style of beauty, and appear to great advantage when viewed with a magnisser.

The leaves, in point of form, do not correspond so exactly

with the name rotundifolia as one would expect.

This species succeeds best in a situation somewhat moist and shady, with a soil inclined to stiffness, slowers in May and June, and is increased by parting its roots in autumn.

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XERANTHEMUM SESAMOIDES. SUPERB XERANTHEMUM.



Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA SUPERFLUA.

Generic Character.

Recept. paleaceum. Pappus setaceus. Cal. imbricatus radiatus: radio colorato.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

XERANTHEMUM sesamoides ramis unissoris imbricatis soliis linearibus. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 750.

To Mrs. Gosling, of Whitton, near Hounslow, appertains the honour of raising this species of Xeranthemum, and of thereby introducing one of the most delectable plants that ever decorated the British green-house; this was about the year 1795, last Summer (1797) it slowered with Messrs. Grim-wood and Wykes, Nurserymen, Kensington, and again much stronger this present season, there being at least twenty blossoms on a single plant of it.

This is not one of those beauties, which meteor-like, dazzle the eye and vanish, but one which continues to display its charms from the time of its first budding to the full expansion of its blossoms, a period of two or three months; in any of these its different states, if gathered, and carefully dried, it will make a most valuable addition to similar plants for de-

corating apartments in the Winter.

It is a native of the Cape, from whence Mrs. Gosling obtained its feeds, flowers in May and June, and may be increased by cuttings; in this way Mr. Wykes has succeeded in propagating it: but as there are few that equal him in a knowledge of exotics, so there are few that exercise the same ingenuity in their culture, or equal him in success.







CYTISUS FOLIOLOSUS. LEAFY CYTISUS.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA:

Generic Character.

Cal. 2-labiatus: 2 Legumen basi attenuatum (plurimis) æquales

Specific Character and Synonyms.

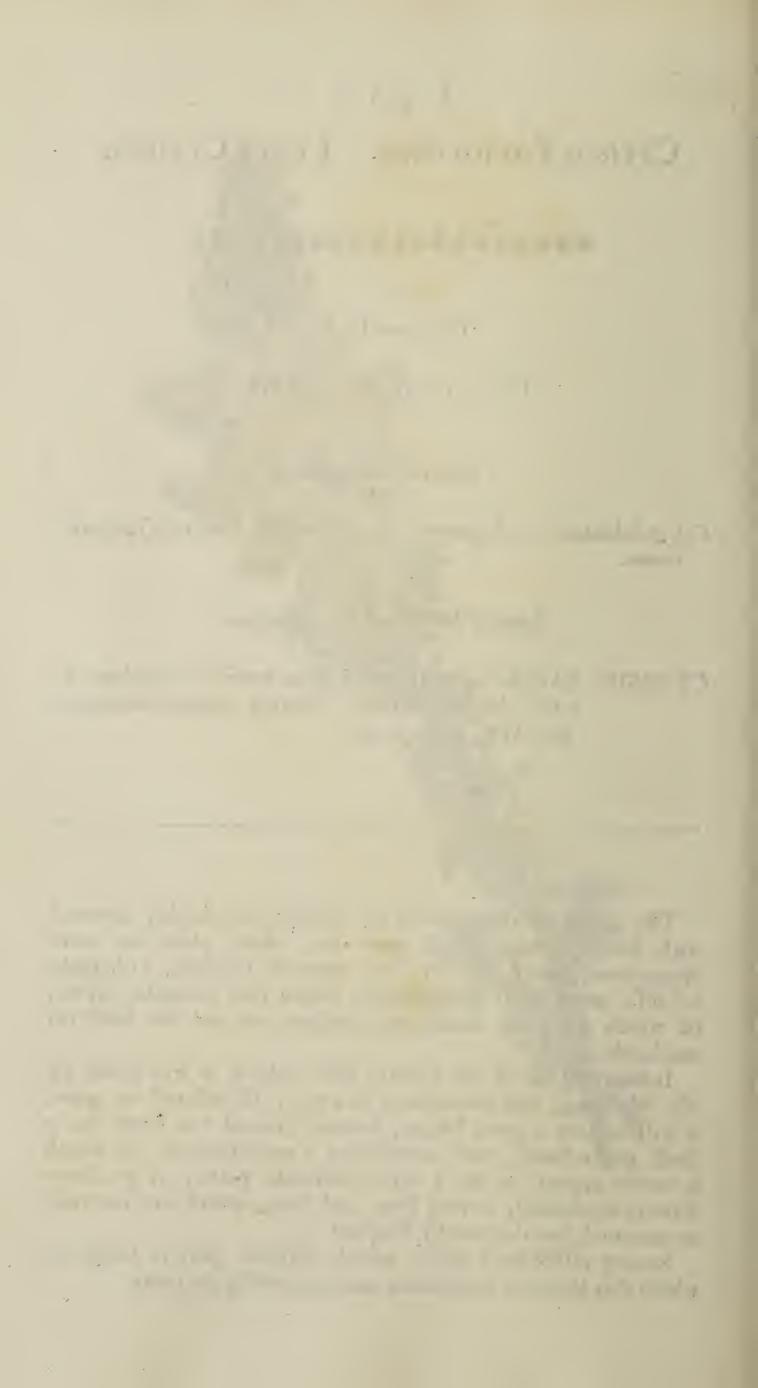
CYTISUS foliolosus racemis terminalibus erectis, calycibus villosis; laciniis falcatis, foliolis obovato-oblongis. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 49.

The stalks in this species of Cytisus are thickly covered with small leaves, which gives the whole plant an outre appearance, hence Mr. Alton's name of foliolosus, so happily hit off; many other peculiarities attend this charming shrub, of which its long deciduous bracteæ are not the least remarkable.

It is a native of the Canary Isles, where it was found by Mr. Masson, and introduced in 1779; if suffered to grow, it will acquire a great height, become indeed too large for a small green-house, and more sit for a conservatory, for which it would appear to be a most desirable plant; it produces slowers abundantly during May and June, which are not only ornamental but deliciously fragrant.

Strong established plants usually produce perfect seeds, by

which this shrub is increased; cuttings rarely succeed.







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HIPPOCREPIS BALEARICA. SHRUBBY HORSE. SHOE VETCH:

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA

Generic Character.

Pericarpium multiloculare, compressum, altera sutura pluries emarginatum, curvum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

HIPPOCREPIS balearica leguminibus pedunculatis confertis fubarcuatis lanceolato oblongis margine exteriore repandis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14: Murr. p. 671. Jacq. Misc. 2. p. 305: pl. rar. ic. cent. 1. t. 5.

HIPPOCREPIS balearica leguminibus pedunculatis confertis glabris margine exteriore lobatis, foliis calycibusque pilosiusculis, caulibus ancipitibus. Ait. Hort. Kew. v. 3. p. 61.

Professor Jacquin is the first who figured and described this species of Hippocrepis, inserted by Professor Murray, in the Syst. Vegetab. and enumerated also in the Hort. Kew. of Mr. Alton, with a new and different specific description.

It is a native of Minorca, as its name implies, and was introduced to the royal garden at Kew, by Monf. Thourn,

in 1776.

Though not so ornamental as many of our rarities cultivated for shew, it is sound in most collections of green-house plants, recommending itself rather by the elegance of its soliage than the beauty of its slowers; the latter appear in May and June, and with us are sparingly succeeded by seed-vessels.

The plant is propagated either by feeds or cuttings.

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DAPHNE COLLINA. NEAPOLITAN MEZEREON.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. o. Cor. 4-sida, corollacea, marcescens, stamina includens. Bacca, 1-sperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

DAPHNE collina floribus terminalibus sessilibus, foliis obovatis obtusis, superne glaberrimis, inferne pilosis. Smith. Spicil. Fasc. 2. p. 16. t. 18.

CHAMELÆA alpina, folio inferne incano. Baub Pin. 462.

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CHAMELÆA incana et lanuginosa. Bauh. Hist. 1. 586. THYMELÆA saxatilis Oleæ solio. Tournes. Inst. 594.

Though the present species of Mezereon has till within these sew years been a stranger to our gardens, and escaped the enumeration even of Linnæus, it was well known to many of the older Botanists; indeed it was impossible that a plant so common * as this is in some parts of Italy, could escape the observation of the many excellent Botanists, which

that country has produced, or been visited by.

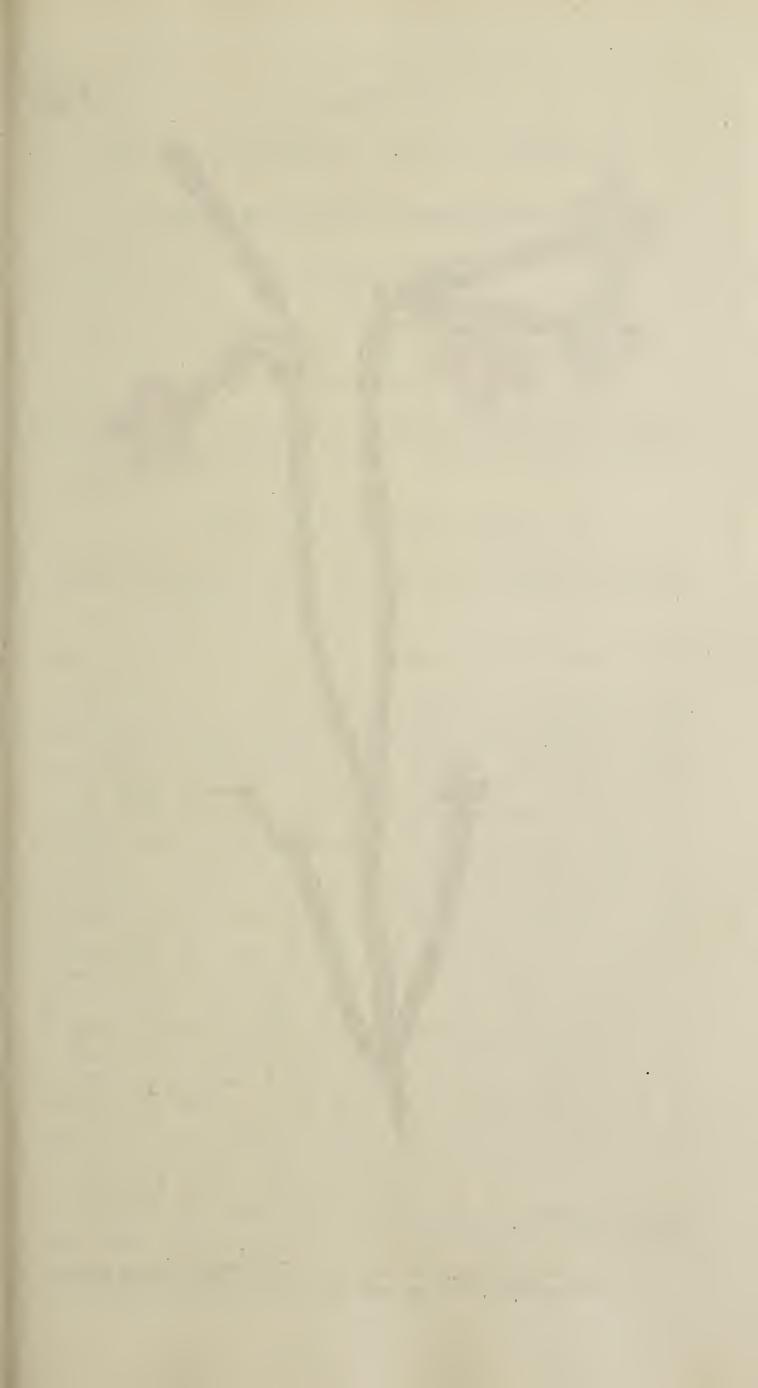
Though not so ornamental a shrub as many, it is a very desirable acquisition, on account of the earliness of its slowering and agreeable scent, its soliage also is ornamental, its upper surface being of a fine gossy green; the cultivated plant does not answer to the description of authors, in regard to folia subtus incana; the slowers, in point of colour, are not so brilliant as those of the common Mezereon, and soon change to a saded purple; before they expand, they are covered with a fine silky down.

Mr. Græffer was the first who introduced this novelty, by sending seeds of it to Messrs. Lewis and Mackie, Nurserymen, Kingsland, who, as far as we can learn, first had the shrub for sale; it is usual to treat it as a green-house plant; in mild winters it will bear to stand abroad; it slowers from January to April, is not difficult of culture, and is usually propagated by grafting it on the common Mezereon, or Spurge

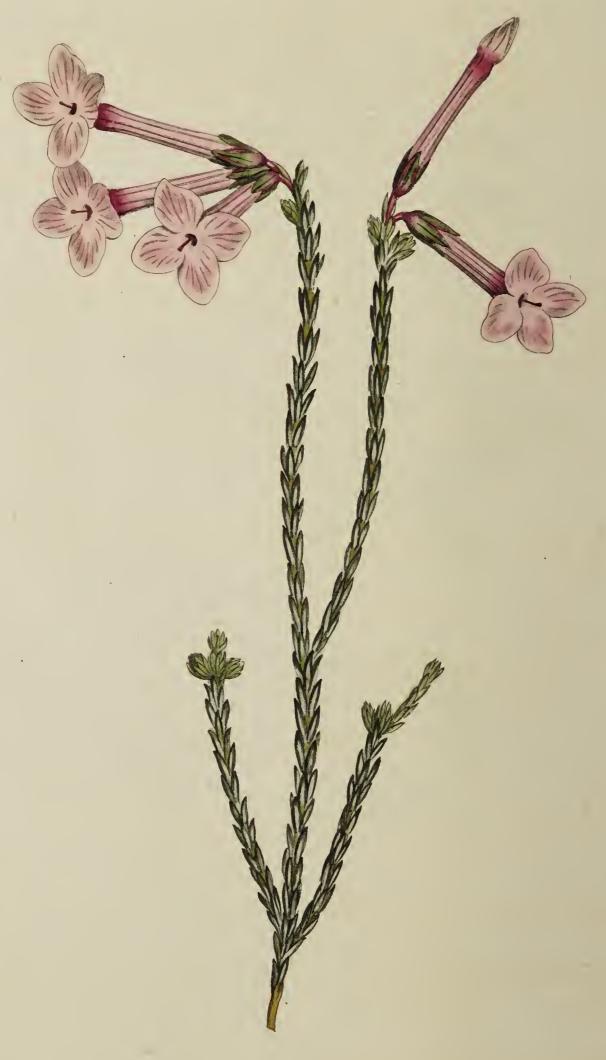
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^{*} This most beautiful shrub covers the hills and sields on the banks of the Vulturnus, as the Furze does our commons in England. Smith. Spicil. p. 16.

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ERICA AITONIA. AITON'S HEATH.



Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inserta; Antheræ apicæ bifidæ pertusæ. Caps. 4-locularis 4-valvis, polysperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ERICA Aitonia foliis subternis subappressis, calycibus glutinosis, limbo corollæ maximo.

Description. Stem shrubby, rising to the height of several feet, together with the branches slender, and requiring support; leaves for the most part in threes, upright, and rather pressed to the stalk, somewhat linear, bluntish, with a slight mucro, glossy, and extremely viscid, having a groove down the middle of each; base pale green; slowers terminal, about three or four; peduncles red; calyx extremely glossy and glutinous, with a groove down the middle of each segment; tube of the corolla an inch or more in length, cylindrical, a little enlarged at the top, striped with red lines, and somewhat sluted, limb very large, at first white, changing to a pale red, divided into sour segments, which are ovate and obtuse; stamina within the tube; stigma projecting a little beyond it.

Mr. Masson discovered this very curious species of Erica at the Cape, where Lieut. Col. Paterson informs me that it has been found in one spot only, at Swartsberg, near the warm bath, in a moist situation; it has been named Aitonia, at the desire of Mr. Masson, in commemoration of his much

valued and most excellent friend.

It differs so widely from the rest of the genus, that some have been ready to regard it as a distinct genus, but certainly on no good grounds.

Is propagated by cuttings, but as yet is very rare.

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JUSTICIA PERUVIANA. PERUVIAN JUSTICIA.

Class and Order.

DIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. ringens. Caps. 2-locularis: seminum retinaculis 2-valvis: valvis longitudinalibus unciculatis: Stam. anthera solitaria.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

JUSTICIA peruviana spicis axillaribus et terminalibus, foliis ovatis acutis. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. Willd. p. 97.

JUSTICIA peruviana foliis ovatis acutis: spicis brevibus axillaribus et terminalibus, sloribus tribracteatis. Cavan. Icon. 1. p. 17. n. 26. t. 28.

DESCRIPTION. Stalk about two feet and a half high, nearly round, pubefeent, swelled at the joints, branched; branches opposite, nearly upright; leaves opposite, standing on footstalks, ovato-lanceolate, veiny, smooth on the under side, above covered with short hairs; slowers large, of a pale violet colour, growing in clusters in the alæ of the leaves, intermixed with lanceolate bracteæ about the length of the calyx; the upper lip contracted near its extremity; where it is forked, the lower lip trisid, segments obtuse, the base of the middle segment reticulated with white veins; antheræ greenish, cells parallel with and somewhat distant from each other; style the length of the stamina, nectar copious.

Our description and figure were taken from a plant which flowered at Brompton, August 18, 1796, in the stove of the Marchioness of Bute, and which had been raised from seeds, communicated by Prosessor Ortega, of Madrid, and sent

originally from Peru.

It is properly a flove plant; may be increased by seeds, which it produces in abundance, or by cuttings; slowers during the autumnal months.







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LINUM QUADRIFOLIUM. FOUR-LEAVED FLAX.



Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus. Petala 5. Caps. 5-valvis, 10-locularis. Sem. solitaria.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

LINUM quadrifolium foliis quaternis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 303.

LINUM africanum rubiæ foliis quaternis stellatis. Raii Suppl.

Our plant accords exactly with the Linum quadrifolium of Linnaus, and as such it is regarded at the royal garden, Kew, where we saw it in flower this spring, 1798; it agrees also with the description of Ray, so far as relates to its specific character, quoted by Linnaus, but the slowers of Ray's plant are described as blue, it is most probably therefore the quadrifolium of Linnaus, but not of Ray.

The stalks of this species rise to the height of about two feet, are much branched at their summits, on which are produced numerous yellow slowers, smaller than those of *L. arboreum* or *slavum*, to either of which, as an ornamental plant, it must be allowed to be inferior; yet it is not without its share

of elegance and beauty.

It is a native of the Cape, newly introduced to our green-houses, slowers in May and June, and is readily increased by cuttings.





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JUSTICIA COCCINEA. SCARLET-FLOWERED JUSTICIA.

Class and Order.

DIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. ringens. Caps. 2-locularis: seminum retinaculis 2-valvis: valvis longitudinalibus unciculatis. Stamina anthera solitaria.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

JUSTICIA coccinea fruticosa, corollis bilabiatis, labio superiori indiviso, foliis bracteisque spicarum ellipticis acuminatis, antheris parallelis. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 26.

JUSTICIA coccinea foliis ovatis glabris integerrimis, spicis terminalibus verticillatis: floribus sessilibus. Linn. Syst. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel. p. 35.

JUSTICIA coccinea. Aublet. Guian. 10. t. 3.

Of the several species of *Justicia* cultivated in our stoves, the present excels in magnificence and show; it rises to a considerable height, and produces its blossoms early in the spring, when it slowers in perfection; the spikes are of the size of those represented on the plate, the drawing of which was made from a plant which slowered with Messrs. Whitley and Barrit, Nurserymen, Old-Brompton.

It is a native of South-America, and was introduced to the

royal garden at Kew in 1770. Ait. Kew.

Is propagated without difficulty by cuttings.

