

An Account of a Book.

VII. *Flora Noribergensis, &c. being a Catalogue of such Plants as not only grow Spontaneously about Nuremberg, but also of such Exoticks as the Physick Garden of that City hath lately raised, with the Figures and Descriptions of many of the most rare, Opera Johannis Georgii Volckameri, M. D. Noriberg. 1700. 4to. p. 408.*

THE *Author* dedicates this Book to Dr *Peter Hotton* and Dr *Casper Commelin*, two eminent *Physicians*, and very expert *Herbarists*, the first, *Botanick Professor* of the *Leyden Physick Garden*, the other of *Amsterdam*, having received several favours from them the last year, when he was to visit the curious *Gardens* in *Holland*.

In his *Preface* to the *Reader* he says we must not wholly lay the *Characteristical* distinction of *Plants*, in the *Seeds* or *Flowers* alone, but oftentimes on the whole *Plant*, and to prove it he gives you some instances of 3 or 4 *Plants* whose *Flower* or *Seed* do not wholly answer the general Rule. He also advises the *Lovers* of *Botany* to be very wary in the distinction of the *Plante Gymnospermæ* from the *Angiospermæ*, especially such whose *Flower* produces but one *Seed*. The last generally are inclosed with a treble covering, whose outer *Coat* may be taken away without detriment to the *Seed*, which you cannot without prejudice do to the first or *Gymnospermæ*, which have only two *Skins*: This he promises to demonstrate very clearly in some *Tables* he will suddenly publish in relation to the affinity of *Plants*, which he will bring into such a method, that many unknown *Families*, as well as single *Plants*, shall be hereby reduc'd into such a method, as will not easily

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admit of any *Anomalous* or *Heteroclite* Tribes. He concludes with a grateful acknowledgment of such *Persons* who have communicated either *Plants* or *Seeds* to him; amongst these, (besides the two before-mention'd) are

Dr *John Bohm*, a Physician at *Venice*, and a Skilful Botanist.

Dr *Daniel Beckerus*, very knowing in *Anatomy* and *Botany*, particularly in reducing *Plants* to their proper *Classes*.

Dr *John Mauritius Hoffman*, Publick Professor of *Anatomy*, *Chymistry* and *Botany* in *Altorf*, a worthy Successor to his celebrated Father.

Dr *William Sherard*, Fellow of *St Johns* in *Oxford*, who by his Travels abroad, has made vast acquisitions in *Natural History*, and particularly in *Botany*.

Dr *Christ. Theoph. Scheurl*, chief Physician of *Nuremberg*, a person very expert in the knowledge of wild *Plants* about that *City*.

Dr *J. Baptista Triumphetti*, Botanick Professor at *Rome*.

D. *Felix Abbas Vialis*, Professor of the ancient *Physick* Garden at *Padua*.

Amongst the *Botanick Books*, the *Author* mentions a *Manuscript Herbal* which he has, of that laborious *Naturalist*, *Conradus Gesner* in 3 vol. containing the lively *Paintings* of *Exotick* as well as *Alpine Plants*, with short descriptions to them; the same Book I find lately taken notice of in Dr *Tournefort's* *Institutiones Rei herbariæ*, p. 664. communicated to him by the afore-mentioned curious Botanist *Dr Sherard*, who saw it at *Nuremberg* in the *Author's* hands.

Let us now bring you into the *Garden*, where at the same view you are entertained with variety of *Plants* both *Foreign* and *Domestick*, amongst them several very rare. These he ranges in an *Alphabetical* order, giving you several synonyms to each, particularly those of the two great *Botanick Brothers*, *John* and *Caspar Bauhines*,
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Matthiolum, Columna, Clusius, with several other Foreigners, and in many places our also celebrated Countrymen, as *Gerrard Parkinson, Johnson*, with the worthy *Mr Ray, Morifson, Plukenet, Sloan, &c.* He generally adds to each Plant its *season of Flowring*, and *place* where it naturally grows, and if a *Native*, where, and its *German* name, and whether *Annual* or *Perennial*, and sometimes a comparative distinction, and often whether *ever green*, or loses its Leaves. To each *Genus* he gives you the several characteristicks of *Mr Ray, Dr Morifson, Herman, Amman* and *Rivinus*, to which he adds a general description of each Species, with the *Culture* and best way of propagating, encreasing and preserving each Foreign Plant; to many of the last he has given entire *Descriptions*, and also very good *Figures*, most of them being rare, it may not be amiss to give a Catalogue of them in the same Alphabetical order we find them.

Althea African. frutescens fl. aureis cochleatis pendulis minoribus Fl. Norib. 24. fig.

Apocynum humile aizoides Monstrosum Africanum, Fl. Nor. 39 fig.

After *Novæ Angliæ altissimus hirsutus floribus omnium maximis Fl. Nor. 50. fig. & P. B. Pr.*

After *African. cæruleus fruticans foliis angustioribus rigidis Fl. Nor. 50. fig.*

Chrysanthemum Africanum frutescens spinosum Fl. Nor. 105. fig.

Chrysanthemum Conyzoides Curassav. Abrotani fæm. flore aurantio F. Nor. 106. & P. B. pr app.

Colutea Africana vesicaria vesiculis compressis flosculis atrorubentibus Fl. Nor. 118. fig.

Dracocephalo affinis Americana trifoliata Terebinthinæ odore Fl. Nor. 145 fig.

Elichrysium Afric. multiflorum tenuifolium frutescens Fl. Nor. 148.

Ficoides seu Ficus humilis fol. triangulari lucido robusto flore aureo Fl. Nor. 165. fig.

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Ficoides Africana procumbens latifolia annua floribus argenteis minoribus *Fl. Nor.* 166. fig.

Gnaphalium Africanum fætidum latifolium maximum flore argenteo *Fl. Nor.* 194. fig.

Gnaphalium Afric. floribus minimis albicantibus inodorum *Fl. Nor.* 194. fig.

Jacobea Afric. fruticans oblongis foliis angustis integris incanis *Fl. Nor.* 224. fig.

Jacobea Afric. Stæbes facie, flore ampliore, petalis radialibus trifidis *Fl. Nor.* 224. fig.

Jacobea Afric. fruticescens fl. amplo purpureo elegantissimo, Senecionis folio *Fl. Nor.* 225. fig.

Jacobea Afric. annua minor, Senecionis fol. florib. suavementibus *Fl. Nor.* 225. fig.

Jacobea Afric. perennis, integro oblongo folio glauco *Fl. Nor.* 226. fig.

Jacobea Afric. fruticans fol. Abrotani seu Crithmi, major *Fl. Nor.* 225. fig.

Jacobea Afric. fruticans fol. Abrotani seu Crithmi minor *Fl. Nor.* 225.

Kali Aizoides Canariense procumbens, Portulacæ pallescentibus succulentis foliis aspergine rorida perpetuo madidis *Fl. Nor.* 226. fig. *Pluck. Tab.* 303. fig. 4.

Portulaca lanuginosa procumbens, vermiculatæ foliis *Americana.* *Fl. Nor.* 341. fig.

Sideritis incano oleæ folio, flosculis ex incarnato candescentibus montis Libani *Fl. Nor.* 353. fig.

Sinapi luteum Chelidonii Querno folio filiqua hirsuta *Fl. Nor.* 355. fig.

Sinapi Syracum filiqua nodosa glabra, semine ruffo *Fl. Nor.* 635. fig.