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IRIS VARIEGATA. VARIEGATED IRIS.

Glass and Order.

TRIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Corolla 6-partita. Petalis alternis, reflexis. Stigmata petaliformia.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

IRIS variegata corollis barbatis, caule fubfoliofo longitudine foliorum multifloro. Linn. Spec. Pl. p. 56.

IRIS latifolia pannonica, colore multiplici. Baub. Pin. 31.

The yellow variable Fower-de-Luce. Parkinfon Parad. p. 182.

This fpecies of Iris, inferior to few in point of beauty, is a native of the hilly paftures of Hungary, and flowers in our gardens in the month of May, and beginning of June. It is a hardy perennial, requires no particular treatment, and may be eafily propagated by parting its roots in Autumn.

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CACTUS FLAGELLIFORMIS. CREEPING CEREUS.

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Class and Order.

ICOSANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Calyx 1-phyllus, fuperus, imbricatus. Corolla multiplex. Bacca 1-locularis, polyfperma.

Specific Character:

CACTUS flagelliformis repens decemangularis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. 14. p. 460.

CEREUS flagelliformis. Miller's Gard. Dift. ed. 6. 4to.

Grows fpontaneoufly in South-America, and the Weft-Indies, flowers in our dry froves early in June, is tolerably hardy, and will thrive even in a common greenhoufe, that has a flue to keep out the fevere frofts.

It is fuperior to all its congeners in the brilliancy of its colour, nor are its bloffoms fo fugacious as many of the other fpecies.

No plant is more eafily propagated by cuttings; thele MILLER recommends to be laid by in a dry place for a fortnight or three weeks, then to be planted in pots, filled with a mixture of loam and lime rubbifh, having fome ftones laid in the bottom of the pot to drain off the moifture, and afterwards plunged into a gentle hot-bed of Tanners bark, to facilitate their rooting, giving them once a week a gentle watering: this bufinefs to be done the beginning of July.

It is feldom that this plant perfects its feeds in this country: MILLER relates, that it has borne fruit in Chelfea-Gardens.

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GERANIUM REICHARDI. DWARF GERANIUM.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Monogynia. Stigmata 5. Fructus roftratus, 5-coccus.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

GERANIUM Reichardi fcapis unifloris, floribus pentandris, foliis fubreniformibus incifo-crenatis.

GERANIUM Reichardi fcapis unifloris, foliis plerifque oblongis trilobis vel quinquelobis incifo-crenatis. Linn. Syft. Vegetab. ed. Murr. 14. p. 618.

This fpecies of Geranium, fo firikingly different from all others at prefent cultivated in our gardens, has been known for feveral years to the Nurferymen in the neighbourhood of London, by the name of *acaule*, a name we fhould gladly have retained, had not Profeffor MURRAY defcribed it in the 14th edition of $L_{INN \neq US}$'s Syftema Vegetabilum, under the name of *Reichardi*, a name he was difpoled to give it in compliment to a French gentleman, who firft difcovered it in the Ifland of Minorca, and introduced it into the gardens of France.

LINNAUS deferibes many of the Geraniums, as having only five antheræ, though feveral of thofe he thus deferibes have to our certain knowledge ten, the five lowermost of which fielding their pollen first, often drop off, and leave the filaments apparently barren : but in this species (with us at least) there never are more than five, but betwixt each stamen there is a broad pointed barren filament or squamula, fearcely to be diffinguished by the naked eye.

The ufual and best practice is to make a greenhouse plant of this species, though it has been known to remain in the open ground, during a mild winter, unhurt.

It continues to have a fucceffion of bloffoms during the greateft part of the fummer, and may be propagated either by feed or parting its roots.

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