

The natives had doubtless got the peach trees and fig trees from the *English* colony of *Carolina*, before the *French* established themselves in *Louisiana*. The peaches are of the kind which we call *alberges*; are of the size of the fist, adhere to the stone, and contain so much water that they make a kind of wine of it. The figs are either blue or white; are large and well enough tasted. Our colonists plant the peach stones about the end of *February*, and suffer the trees to grow exposed to all weathers. In the third year they will gather from one tree at least two hundred peaches, and double that number for six or seven years more, when the tree dies irrecoverably. As new trees are so easily produced, the loss of the old ones is not in the least regretted.

The orange trees and citron trees that were brought from *Cape François* have succeeded extremely well; however I have seen so severe a winter that those kinds of trees were entirely frozen to the very trunk. In that case they cut the trees down to the ground, and the following summer they produced shoots that were better than the former. If these trees have succeeded in the flat and moist soil of *New Orleans*, what may we not expect when they are planted in