

when I consider that the small collection communicated to me, consisting of about one hundred and fifty specimens, contained not above a dozen plants well known to me to be natives of North America, the rest being either entirely new or but little known, and among them at least six distinct and new genera. This may give an idea of the discerning eye of their collector, who had but little practical knowledge of the Flora of North America, as also of the richness of those extensive regions in new and interesting plants, and other natural productions.

The descriptions of those plants, as far as the specimens were perfect, I have inserted in the present work in their respective places, distinguishing them by the words "*v. s. in Herb. Lewis.*" Several of them I have had an opportunity of examining in their living state, some being cultivated from seeds procured by Mr. Lewis, and others since my arrival in England from seeds and plants introduced by Mr. Nuttall.

Here I cannot refrain from drawing the attention of future botanists travelling those regions, to two highly interesting plants, of which I have only seen imperfect specimens. The first is what Mr. Lewis in his journals calls "the Osage Apple," or "Arrowwood of the Missouri." This is a tree, or rather shrub, with leaves resembling those of a pear-tree, but broader in proportion; they are alternate, and have a recurved thorn near their base; the flowers are of separate sexes, and appear in axillary, peduncled, globular catkins, which produce a depressed globular fruit, in size and colour resembling an orange, in interior structure approaching near to the genus *Morinda*. This shrub, on account of its fruit