

I regret, not having been informed of the alleged difference in the action of the white and red bofareiras, while I was at the Cape de Verds, that I might have examined that latter plant upon the spot.

The seeds of each plant were, however, kindly forwarded to me. By Mr. George Miller, and Sir William Hooker most readily and obligingly examined them. Sir William, in a note to me, says, "What you remark as red bofareira and as white bofareira, are both, not only of the genus 'ricinus,' but also of one and the same species,—viz., 'ricinis communis,' the common palma Christi, or Castor-oil plant. In our gardens, as well as abroad, the plants vary, and your two plants vary a little in the form and size of the seed, and especially in the colour, but they are one and the same species."*

It is thus evident that the white and red bofareiras, if they differ at all, can only be varieties of the same species. It is known, however, that certain varieties of other plants, as Thyme, Mint, &c., do yield different properties, and such may be the case with the bofareiras.

* In the West Indies, both white and red varieties are found growing together, and from the same sowing. The plant also growing luxuriantly in Western Canada, induces us to lay the above interesting paper before the Profession, with the hope, that those who may try the bofareira will be kind enough to favour us with their opinions and experience of its use.—[Note by ED. *Up. Can. Jour*]
