

but rather smaller than the walnut, being about the size of a middle acorn, and of an oval form; the shell is easily cracked, and the kernel shaped like that of a walnut. This tree grows chiefly near the Illinois River.

The **HICKORY** is also of the walnut kind, and bears a fruit nearly like that tree. There are several sorts of them, which vary only in the color of the wood. Being of a very tough nature, the wood is generally used for the handles of axes, &c. It is also very good fire wood, and as it burns, an excellent sugar distills from it.

FRUIT TREES.

I need not to observe that these are all the spontaneous productions of nature, which have never received the advantages of ingrafting, transplanting, or manuring.

The **Vine**, the **Mulberry Tree**, the **Crab Apple Tree**, the **Plumb Tree**, the **Cherry Tree**, and the **Sweet Gum Tree**.

The **VINE** is very common here, and of three kinds; the first sort hardly deserves the name of a grape; the second much resembles the Burgundy grape, and if exposed to the sun a good wine might be made of them. The third resembles Zante currants, which are so frequently used in cakes, &c. in England, and if proper care was taken of them, would be equal if not superior to those of that country.

The **MULBERRY TREE** is of two kinds, red and white, and nearly of the same size of those of France and Italy, and grow in such plenty, as to feed any quantity of silk worms.

The **CRAB APPLE TREE** bears a fruit that is much larger and better flavored than those of Europe.

The **PLUM TREE**. There are two sorts of plums in this country, one large sort of a purple cast on one side, and red on the reverse, the second totally green, and much smaller. Both these are of a good flavor,