Magnolia grandiflora,

THE LARGE-FLOWERED MAGNOLIA.

Synonymes.

Magnolia grandistora,

Magnolier à grandes fleurs, Grossblumige Magnolie, Magnolia tulipano, Magnolia floregranda, Toola, Laurier tulipier, Large Magnolia, Laurel-leaved Magnolia, Large-flowered Evergreen Magnolia, Baytree, Laurel Bay, Big Laurel,

LINNÆUS, Species Plantarum. Du Hamel, Arbres et Arbustes. DE CANDOLLE, Prodromus. MICHAUX, North American Sylva. Don, Miller's Dictionary. Loudon, Arboretum Britannieum. TORREY AND GRAY, Flora of North America. FRANCE. GERMANY. ITALY. SPAIN. SOUTHERN INDIANS. FRENCII LOUISIANA. SOUTH CAROLINA. OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Engravings. Micl. ax, North American Sylva, pl. 51; Audubon, Birds of America, pl. v.; Loudon, Arboretum Britannicum, vol. v., pl. 1; and the figures below.

Specific Characters. Evergreen. Leaves oval-oblong, eoriaecous, upper surface shining, under surface rusty. Flowers ereet, 9-12 petals, expanding.—Don, Miller's Dict.

Description.

"Seest thou the heavenward head Of you magnolia, with its ample boughs And its pure blossoms? Say, dost thou Inhale Its breathing fragrance?" "You Nor can I vie "Yes. Nor can I view That glory of the forest, but my heart Is full of pleasure."

TRAITS OF THE ABORIGINES.

F all the trees of North America, east of the Rocky Mountains, the Large-flowered Magnolia is the most remarkable for the majesty of its form, the magnificence of its foliage, and the beauty of its flowers. It claims a place among the largest trees of the forest, varying from sixty to one hundred feet or upwards, in height, and from two to three feet in diameter. Its head often forms a perfect cone, placed on a clean, straight trunk, resembling a beautiful column; and, from its dark-green foliage, silvered over with milk-white flowers, it is seen at a great distance. The roots are branched, and yet but sparingly supplied with fibres. The bark of the trunk is smooth, grayish, and somewhat resembles that of the beech, and is disagreeably bitter when chewed to a pulp. The leaves vary from six to twelve inches in length, and from three

to four inches in breadth. They are always smooth and shining on their upper sides, and perfectly entire on the edges. They vary in form according to the variety to which they belong, being sometimes oblong, oval, or acuminate, and