

*Louisiana* produces several kinds of *maiz*, namely *flour-maiz*, which is white, with a flat, and shrivelled surface, and is the softest of all the kinds; homony corn, which is round, hard, and shining; of this there are four sorts, the white, the yellow, the red, and the blue; the *maiz* of these two last colours is more common in the high lands than in the *Lower Louisiana*. We have besides small corn or small *maiz*, so called because it is smaller than the other kinds. New settlers sow this corn upon their first arrival, in order to have whereon to subsist as soon as possible; for it rises very fast, and ripens in so short a time, that from the same field they may have two crops of it in one year. Besides this, it has the advantage of being more agreeable to the taste than the large kind.

*Maiz*, which in *France* is called *Turkey Corn*, (and in *England* *Indian Corn*) is the natural product of this country; for upon our arrival we found it cultivated by the natives. It grows upon a stalk six, seven, and eight feet high; the ear is large, and about two inches diameter, containing sometimes seven hundred grains and upwards; and each stalk bears sometimes six or seven ears, according to the goodness of the ground. The black and light soil is that which