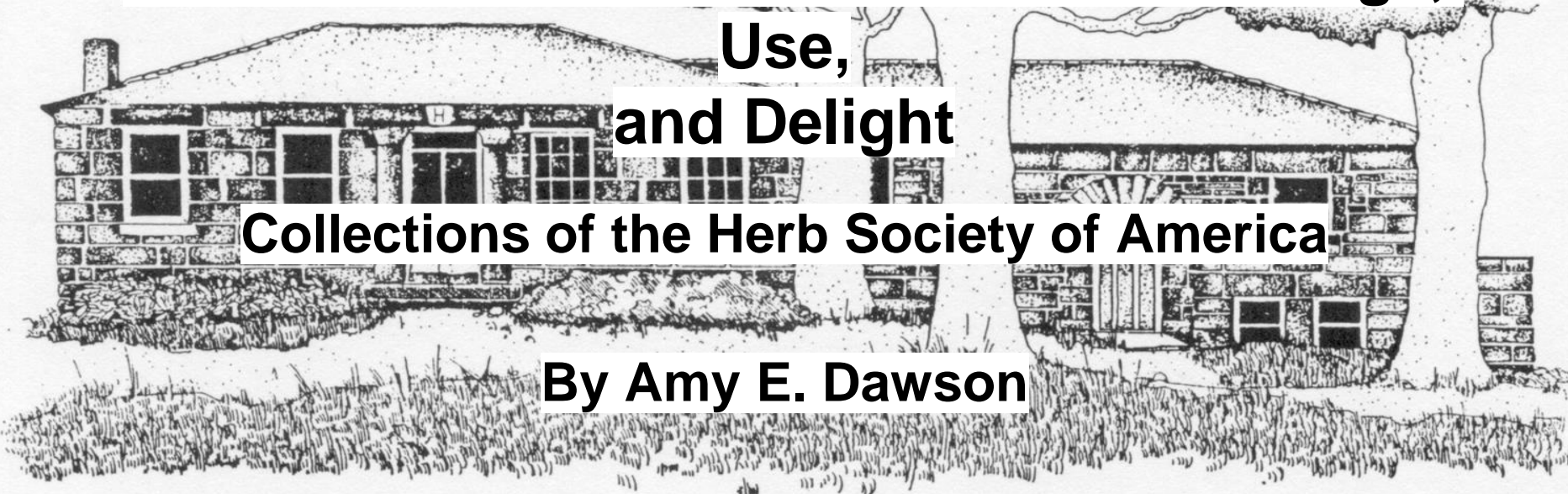




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**By Amy E. Dawson**



# Herb Society of America

The Herb Society of America is dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience of its members with the community.



# HSA—What, why, where, how

- Herb Society of American (HSA) was founded in 1933 to support the study of horticulture, herbs, and herb lore through publications, webinars, conferences, and grant support
- HSA's original home was in rented office space at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society
- In 1988 HSA was looking for a new, permanent home and they purchased Vineyard House from the Holden Forests & Gardens that year after a search for locations all across the country
- HSA is a non-profit members organization with over 2,100 members across the US and six countries with over 44 member units

# Herb Society of America Founders

On August 23, 1933, at the Ipswich, Massachusetts home of Mrs. Albert C. (Anne) Burrage, Jr. *The Society* was formally organized.



Mrs. Burrage



Mrs. Brown



Mrs. Bratenahl



Mrs. Norton



Mrs. Cole



Mrs. Greenslet



Mrs. Mitchell

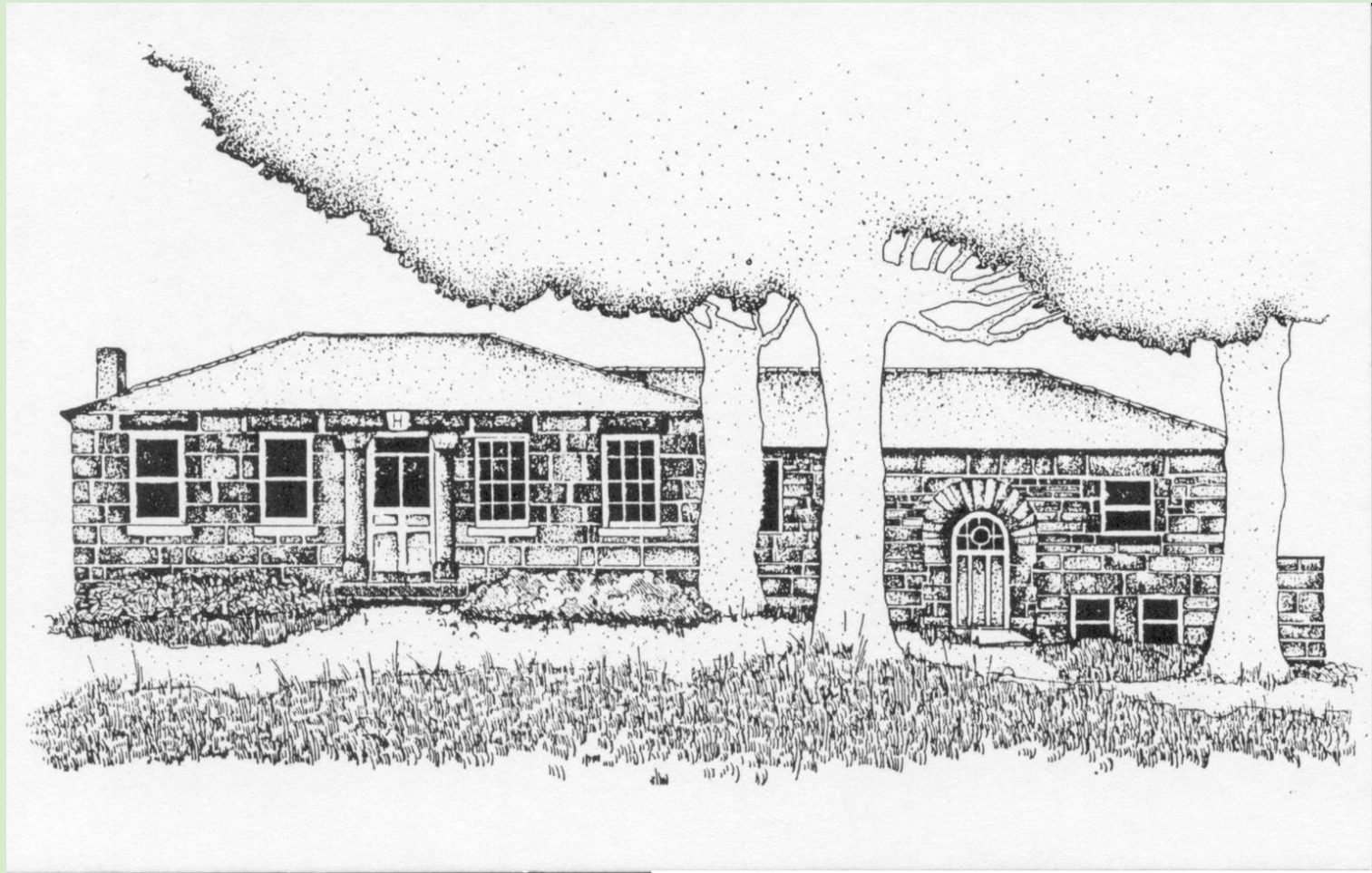


Dr. Anderson



*Florence Brown Bratenahl (1884 – 1940) worked with landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., to lay out the entire Cathedral Close at the Washington National Cathedral Garden.*















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## Western Reserve Unit

WRHS was founded on May 22, 1943 and shortly after its founding became a unit of The Herb Society of America.

WRHS owns and operated the herb gardens at the Holden Forests and Gardens, formerly known as the Cleveland Botanical Gardens.



Knot Garden at the Holden Forests and Gardens.

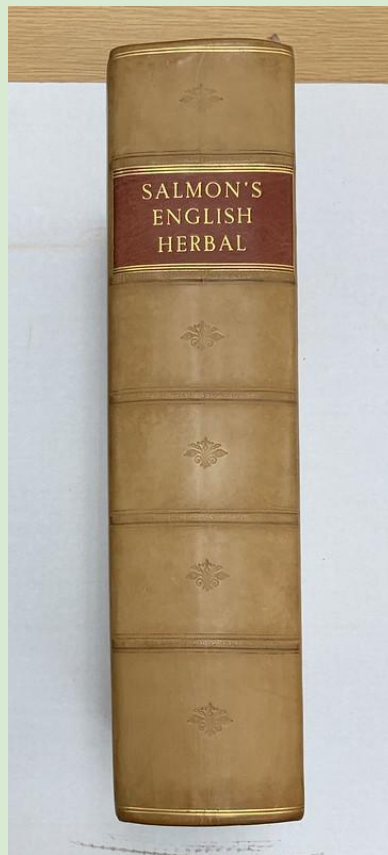
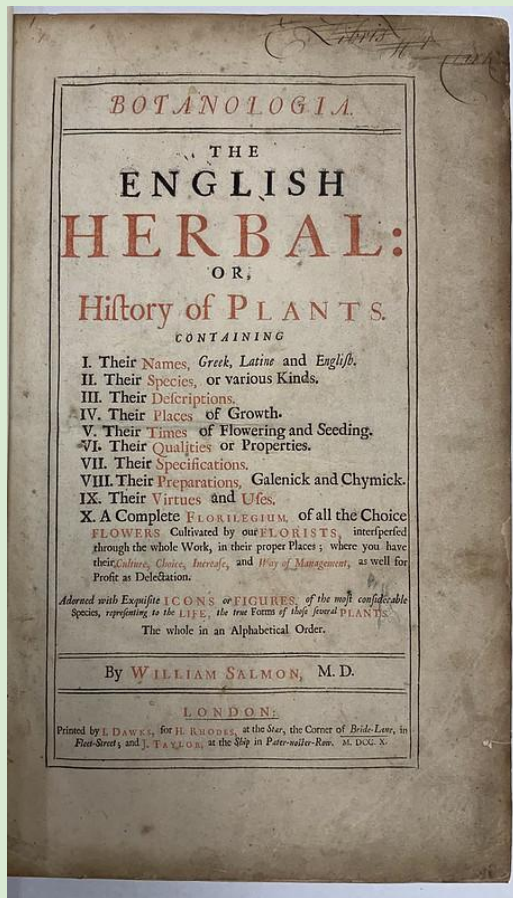




1. Colias Phloea L. 2. Nymphalis Antiopa L. 3. Papilio Dardanus L. 4. Papilio Prorsa L. 5. Nymphalis Hippomachos L. 6. Thersites Thersites L. 7. Maniola Legeria L.

Full page plate of butterflies, from *Naturgeschichte des Tierreichs*, by C. F. A. Kolb





*Medicina Britannica:*  
OR, A *Lebr's*  
**TREATISE**  
*Jacobi* ON SUCH ~~PLANTS~~  
**PHYSICAL PLANTS,**

AS ARE  
Generally to be found in the *Fields or Gardens*  
in *GREAT-BRITAIN:*

CONTAINING  
A particular Account of their *NATURE,*  
*VIRTUES,* and *USES.*

Together with  
The Observations of the most learned Physicians, as well  
ancient as modern, communicated to the late ingenious  
Mr. *RAY,* and the learned Dr. *SIM. PAULI.*

ADAPTED  
More especially to the Occasions of those, whose Condition or  
Situation of Life deprives them, in a great Measure, of the  
Helps of the Learned.

To which are added,

**Three INDEXES:**

The First containing the *English* and *Latin* Names of  
the *PLANTS* treated of:

The Second of the *DISEASES,* and their *REMEDIES:*

The Third to the *NOTES.*

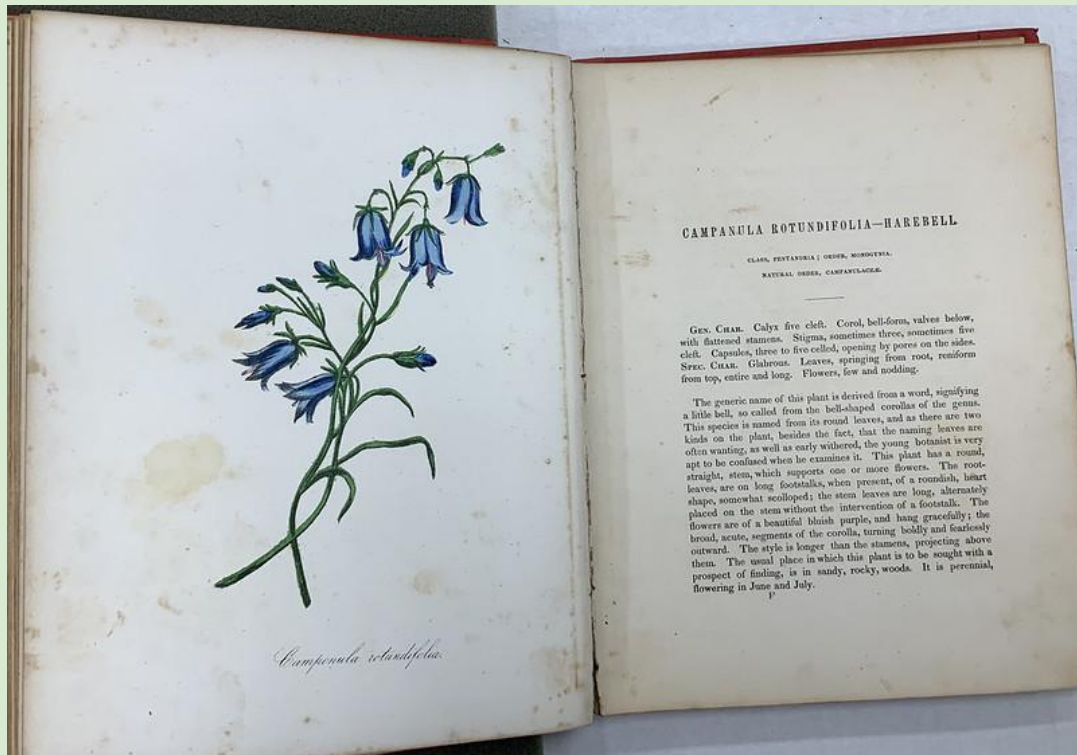
By *THO. SHORT,* of *Sheffield, M. D.*

*Simplicia sepe vilissima, et quae pedibus conculcantur, demi nata,  
longe multis exoticis et praeiosis praefere.* Sim. Pauli *Qua-  
drup. Botan.* p. 167.

L O N D O N:

Printed for R. MANBY and H. SHUTE COX, opposite the  
*Old-Baily,* on *Ludgate-Hill.* MDCCLXVI.

1746

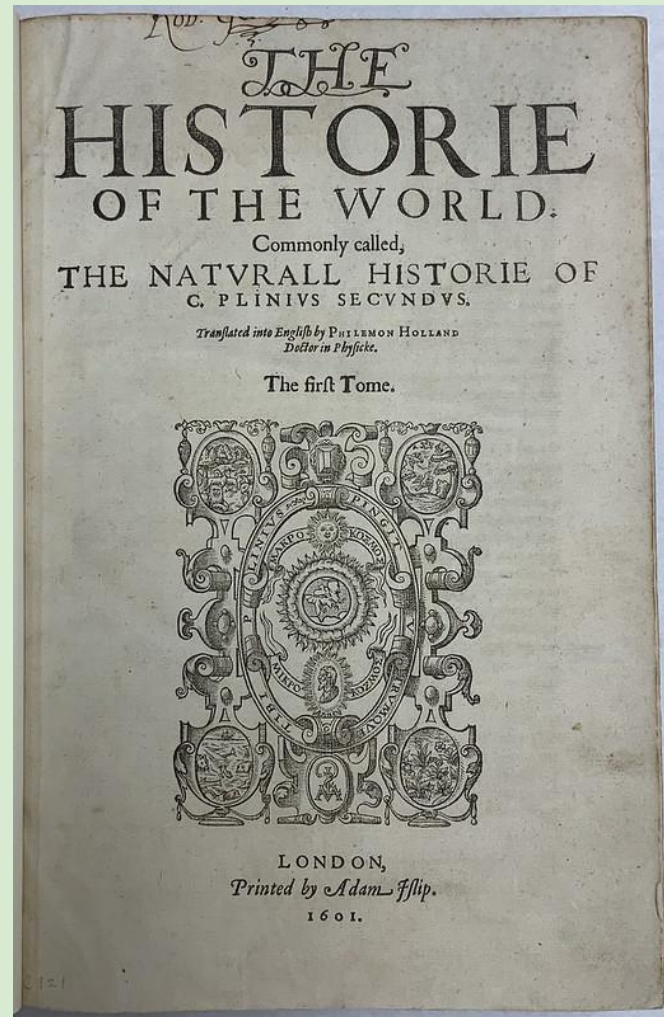


Title page, *Medicina Britannica: or, a treatise on such physical plants, as are generally found in the fields and gardens in Great Britain* of 1746 by Thomas Short and plate from *from The Floral Keepsake*, edited by John Keese, 1850.

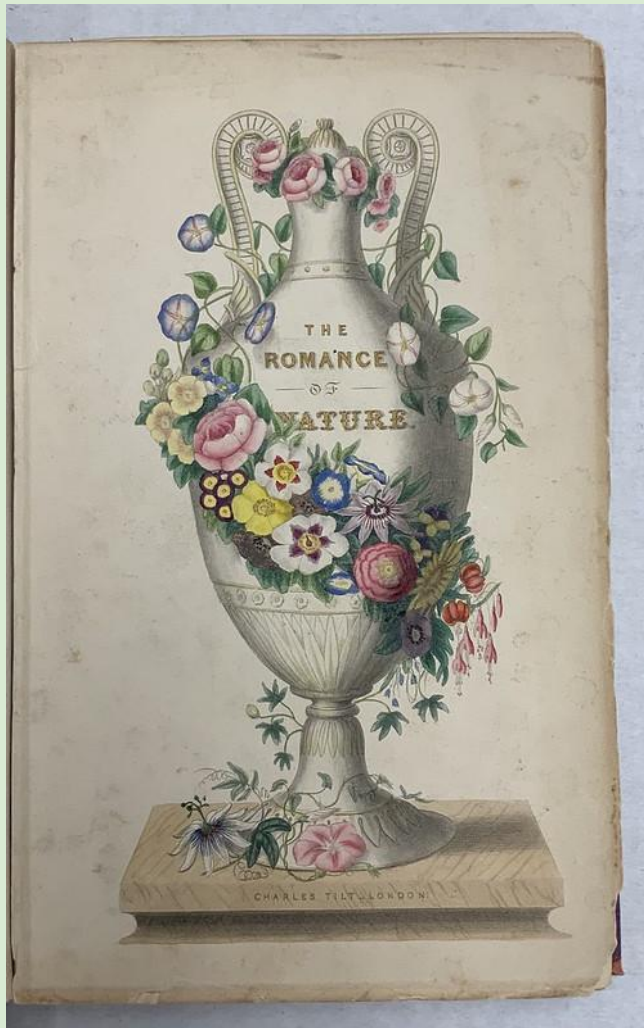
The historie of the world : commonly called the  
natural historie of C. Plinius Secundus / translated  
into English by Philemon Holland, doctor in  
physicke.

Plinius's naturall historie

London: Adam Islip, 1601.







Half-title page of *The romance of nature, or, the flower-seasons illustrated*, c by Louisa Anne Twamley, 1836.

THE  
SPIRIT OF THE WOODS,

ILLUSTRATED BY  
COLOURED ENGRAVINGS.

BY  
THE AUTHOR OF "THE MORAL OF FLOWERS."

— "Move along these shades  
In gentleness of heart; with gentle hand  
Touch — for there is a spirit in the woods."

— "These trees shall be my books,  
And in their barks my thoughts I'll character."

LONDON:  
PRINTED FOR  
LONGMAN, REES, ORME, BROWN, GREEN, & LONGMAN;  
AND M. ROBINSON, LEEDS.  
1837.

Plate, Rowan tree.

*The spirit of the  
woods, illustrated  
by coloured  
engravings by the  
author of "The  
moral of flowers."*

London: Printed for  
Longman, Rees,  
Orme, Brown,  
Green & Longman;  
and Robinson,  
Leeds, 1837.







Plate 34. American medical botany, being a collection of the native medicinal plants of the United State, By Jacob Bigelow, 1817-1820

No. 37.  
EUPHORBIA COROLLATA.



BLOOMING SPURGE.

No. 37.  
EUPHORBIA COROLLATA.

ENGLISH NAME—BLOOMING SPURGE.  
FRENCH NAME—TITHYMALE FLEURI.  
GERMAN NAME—BLUM WOLFSMILCH.  
OFFICIAL NAMES—Ipecacuana, Euphorbia radix.  
VULGAR NAMES—Milkweed, Ipecacuana, Picae,  
Hippo, Ipecae, Persely, Milk-purslain, White-pursely,  
Indian Physic, Purge-root, Emetic-root, Bowman-  
root, Apple-root, Snake's milk, and Peheca in Loui-  
siana.

AUTHORITIES—Lin. Clayton, Schoepf, Michaux,  
Parsh, Torrey, M'Keen, Zollickoffier, A. Ives, B.  
Barton, Coxe, W. Bart. Eberle, Bigelow, fig. 53,  
and Seq.

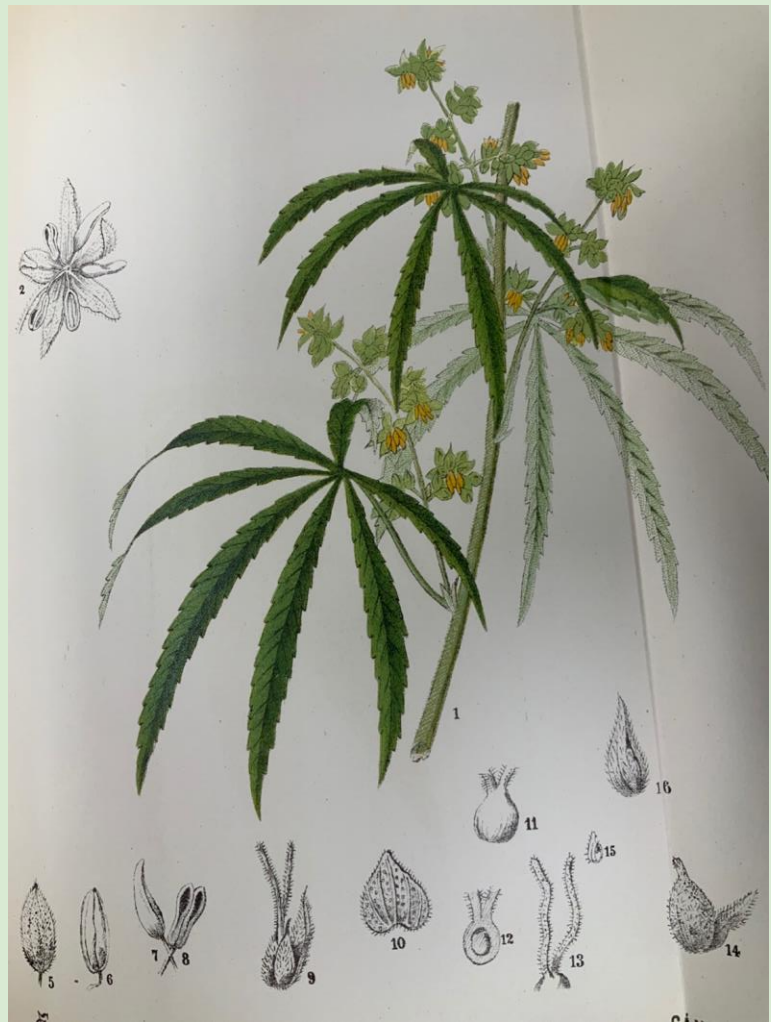
Genus EUPHORBIA—Monoical. Perianthe persistent  
caliciform, ventricose, alternate Segments petaloid.  
Staminate flowers eight to sixteen in the involucre,  
naked, each has one bilobe anther with a filament  
articulated to a pedicel. Pistilate flowers solitary  
central, stipitate, one germ, three bifid styles. Cap-  
sul stipitate, three celled, cells formed by the invol-  
ved valves, one or two seeded.

Species E. COROLLATA—Stem simple erect; leaves  
scattered sessile, oblong-euneate, obtuse, entire; umbel  
with five rays and leaves, rays trifid with two oblong

Illustration, #10 Illustration. *Blooming Spurge.*  
*Medical Flora*, by C. S. Rafinesque, 1828-  
1830.



Detail of Plate 154. *Cannabis sativa*, *Medicinal plants; an illustrated and descriptive guide to plants indigenous to and naturalized in the United States*, Vol. 2, by Charles F. Millspaugh, 1892.





Illustration, #12 Illustration. No. 5. *Datura Stramonium*,  
Thorn Apple, *The Family Flora*, by Peter P. Good, 1845.



For red shades work with or top off in 4 B. violet.  
 For bluer shades with cotton blue.  
 For greener shades with fustic.



No. 7.—*Dark Gray.*

Dye as above with the addition of logwood.



No. 8.—*Dark Peacock.*

Dye as for dark gray, but use a little green or fustic instead of violet.

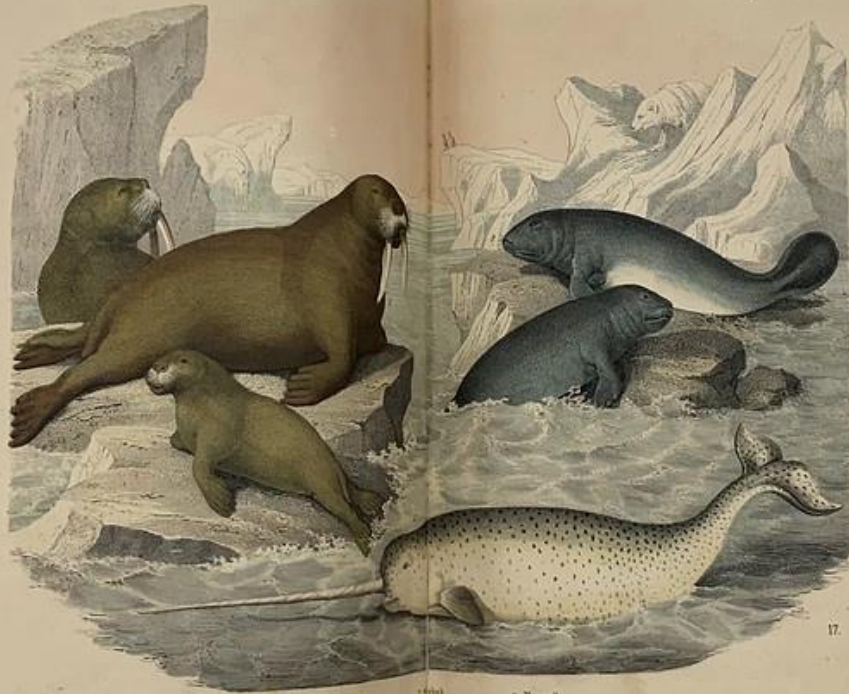


No. 9.—*B. Cardinal.*

Mordant with 20 pounds sumac; run through tin liquor 2½° B.; well wash off. Dye with saffronine to shade.



Pg. 165. Dye samples, from *The American practical dyer's companion*, by Frederick Bird, 1882.



1. Walrus.  
*Trichechus communis* Linn.

2. Narwal.  
*Monodon monoceros* Linn.

3. Harwal.  
*Balaenoptera borealis* Linn.

Plate. Narwhal.  
*Naturgeschichte des  
Thierreichs : ein  
Anschauungs-  
Unterricht für Schule  
und Haus : in 80  
colorirten Tafeln mit 50  
Bogen Text und 144  
Holzschnitten / C. F. A.  
Kolb.  
Stuttgart: Verlag der  
Expedition Freya (Carl  
Hoffmann), 1868.*



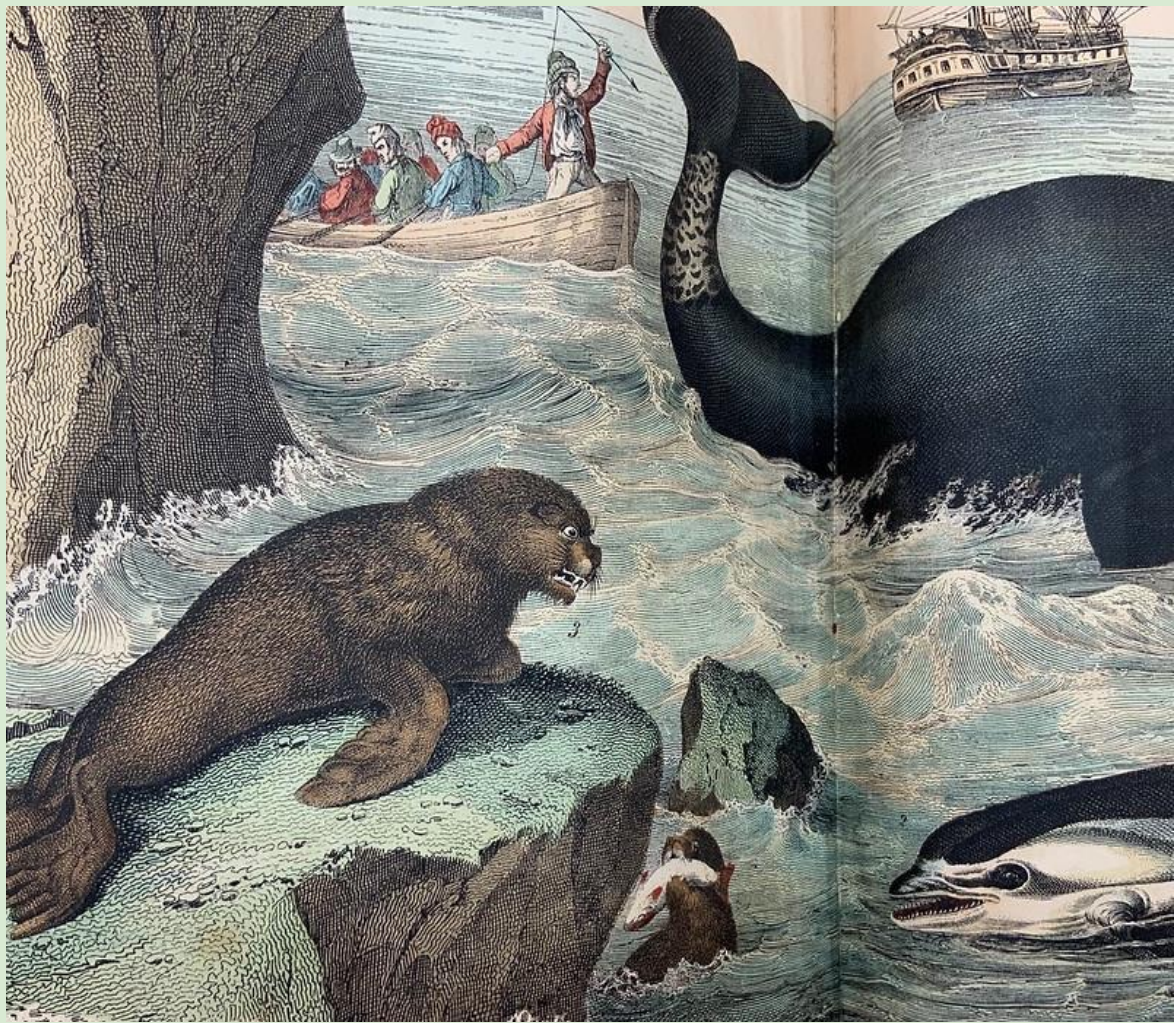


Plate. Sea Lion. *Naturgeschichte des Thierreichs : ein Anschauungs-Unterricht für Schule und Haus* : in 80 colorirten Tafeln mit 50 Bogen Text und 144 Holzschnitten / C. F. A. Kolb.  
Stuttgart: Verlag der Expedition Freya (Carl Hoffmann), 1868.





Elizabeth Wade White, photo from the Herb Society of America Archives.

Habit  
 Mountain Wine  
 of Gland & of Tolu  
 in three Parts  
 in 1/2 an Ounce  
 a fine Saffron  
 1/2 Ounce  
 then Add  
 Honey - Extract of  
 1/2 Ounce  
 Shake the  
 off the Liqueur  
 Mixture in Colloidal  
 tend w<sup>th</sup> Capillaries  
 the Stomach  
 w<sup>th</sup> Brandy 10 Ounces  
 full of Consistency  
 w<sup>th</sup> Bread fine 1/2 Ounce  
 in Weeks fine 6 Ounces  
 Nine fine sliced  
 sliced & spread 1 Paper  
 let this stand 3 Weeks  
 Lisbon Sugar then let it  
 out - Strain it  
 after which when it  
 the Stomach take  
 & if it does not give  
 in 1/2 an Hour

For a Cough -  
 1/2 lb of Honey & Bait & Skin  
 & add a Lemon Cut full of  
 thin Slices & Bait until  
 Add 2 Scruples of Saffron  
 Put the beal & take a little  
 is after as the Cough is troublesome

Poison

Mineral Poisons - Sublimally  
 Copper or Arsenic - One taken  
 Table Spoonful of finely Powdered  
 Compleat Antidote - Mixed  
 the or Sorely & taken as soon  
 After taking it Administer  
 or Cathartic - & the Effects  
 is prevented - so by Administering  
 a Chemical Decomposition  
 the Stomach the Oxygen  
 Copper or Arsenic Regains its  
 in which St. it is dissolved  
 Requires to be Brought off the

Porter Brewing

Quantity of Malt - 10 lb  
 1/2 lb of Hops - 9 lb  
 1/2 lb of Spirit Wine 1/2 lb  
 1/2 lb of Spanish Liqueur 1/2 lb  
 1/2 lb of Capivium 2 Ounces

Handwritten recipe. Poison. Rear free endpapers, English physician, and complete herbal, Nicholas Culpeper, 1794.

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