**ANGUIS VIRIDIS.**

**The Green Snake.**

HIS inoffensive little Snake abides among the Branches of Trees and Shrubs, catching Flies and other Insects, on which they feed: They are generally about the Size of the Figure; they are easily reclaimed from their Wildness, becoming tame and familiar, and are very harmless, so that some People will carry them in their Bofoms.

**Serpent vert.**

**Cafrena Vera Floridaronum, Arboferula bacifera Alaterni sacris, foliis alternatis stis, tetrapterye.** Pluk. Mant.

**The Shrub usually rises from the Ground with several Stems, to the Height of twelve Feet, flowering into many upright slender fluff Branches, covered with whitish smooth Bark, set alternately with small evergreen ferrated Leaves, resembling those of *Alaternus*. Its Flowers are small, white, and grow promiscuously amongst the Leaves, and are succeeded by small spindle-shaped Berries on their Flowers: these Berries turn red in October, and remain all the Winter, which with the green Leaves and white Bark makes an elegant Appearance. But the great E thriller and Ule the American Indians have for it, gives it a greater Character. They say, that from the earliest Times the Virtues of this Shrub has been known, and in Ule among them, prepared in the Manner they now do it, which is after having dried, or rather parched the Leaves of a Portage-Pot over a slow Fire, they keep it for Ule: Of this they prepare their beloved Liquor, making a strong Decocution of it, which they drink in large Quantities, as well for their Health as with great God and Pleasure, without any Sugar or other Mixture, yet they drink and disgorge it with Ease, repeating it very often, and swallowing many Quarts. They have an annual Custom in the Spring of Drinking it with Ceremony, the Town having notice from the King or Principal, the Inhabitants assemble at the Town-House having previously by Fire purged their Heads of all their old Furniture, and supplied them with new, the King is first feasted with a Bowl or Couch which had not been used before this emestatic Broth, by the next to him in Eminence, and be he the next is feasted, and so on till he comes to the Women and Children: They say it restores lost Appetite, strengthens the Stomach, giving them Agility and Courage in War, &c. It grows chiefly in the Maritime Parts of the Country, from whence theol Indians supply the Mountain Indians with it, carrying on the like Trade with it in Florida, as the Spaniards do with the South-Sea Trees from *Paraguaus* to *Rima-grae*, Florida being in the same Latitude North, as *Paraguaus* is South; and observing by comparing the Leaves of both, no apparent Difference in them, induces me to believe they are both the same Plant. In South Carolina it is called *Cafrena*. In Virginia and North Carolina it is known by the Name of *Fytem*, in the latter of which Places it is as much in Ule among the white People as among the Indians, at least among those who inhabit the sea Coast.