ANGUIS FLAGELLI FORMIS.

The Coach-whip Snake.

This is a very long slender Snake, particularly the hind Part, it diminishes gradually to the Tail, and from the Resemblance of a Coach-Whip has received its Name. The Colour of it is brown, it is very active and nimble, running very swiftly. They are inoffensive, yet the Indians report (not without gaining many Profelytes to their silly Belief) that they will by a Jerk of their Tail separate a Man in two Parts; they are generally about the Size of the Figure, tho' sometimes they are twice as big. They retain their Colour in all Stages.

Lychnis viscosa, Virginiana, flore amplo coccineo: seu Muscipula Regia. D. Banister Phytoogr. Tab. 203. Fig. 1.

The Height of this Plant is usually about a Foot, rising with several Stems, which divide into smaller Stalks, on which grow the Flowers on Footstalks half an Inch long: The Flower is red, tubular, consisting of five Petals, with a deep Noych at the End of each, besides an angular Point on each Side: The Leaves grow opposite to one another without Footstalks. They are frequently found in the sandy Woods near Charles-Town in Carolina.

L' auteur de cette plante est communément d'avoir un pied, elle est de terre avec plusieurs tiges qui se subdivisent en petites branches, sur lesquelles naissent les fleurs attachées à des pétales d'en demi-pouces: La fleur est rouge, tubulaire, composée de cinq feuilles, qui ont chacune une entaille profonde à leur extrémité, autre une pointe angulaire de chaque côté; les feuilles sont visibles les unes des autres sont que des: On trouve ordinairement ces plantes dans les bois sablonieux qui sont auprès de Charles-Town dans la Caroline.