

THE SPECIES OF PLANTS,

THE FOURTH SUBDIVISION IN THE LINNÆAN SYSTEM.

We find that the first of the three foregoing departments, the CLASSES, depended in a great measure on the number and situation of the stamens; the ORDERS, on the pistils; and the GENERA, or Families of Plants, on those when considered collectively. Under the following head we enumerate and distinguish plants by characters from general habit and marks which are found in the flowers, roots, leaves, branches, &c. and which being the last in the Linnæan arrangement, are not altogether dependent on the system by which the former arrangements are made. We therefore for the sake of convenience are enabled, without breaking through the pale of science, to make it into alphabetical order, a convenience which it is presumed will be found useful; as being the easiest mode of turning to the description of any plant required; and at the same time that it thus saves much trouble to the student, it answers the purpose of an index to the other parts of classification: each of the genera being marked with the class and order, showing their place in the system, and the numbers before each refer to the description of the Generic characters in the foregoing pages.