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By *WILLIAM CURTIS*,
Author of the *FLORA LONDINENSIS*.

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“ The spleen is seldom felt where Flora reigns ;
“ The low’ring eye, the petulance, the frown;
“ And fullen sadness, that o’ershade, distort,
“ And mar the face of beauty, when no cause
“ For such immeasurable woe appears ;
“ These Flora banishes, and gives the fair
“ Sweet smiles and bloom, less transient than her own.”

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LOTUS JACOBÆUS. BLACK-FLOWER'D
LOTUS.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Legumen cylindricum strictum. *Alæ* sursum longitudinaliter
conniventes. *Cal.* tubulosus.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

LOTUS *Jacobæus*. leguminibus subternatis, caule herbaceo
erecto, foliolis linearibus. *Linn. Syst. Veg.* 691.

LOTUS *angustifolia*, flore luteo purpurascente, insulæ S.
Jacobi. *Comm. hort.* 2. p. 165. t. 83.

This species of *Lotus* has been called black-flower'd, not that the flowers are absolutely black, for they are of a very rich brown inclined to purple, but because they appear so at a little distance; the light colour of the foliage contributes not a little to this appearance.

“ It grows naturally in the Island of St. James; is too
“ tender to live abroad in England, so the plants must be
“ kept in pots, and in the winter placed in a warm airy glass
“ case, but in the summer they should be placed abroad in a
“ sheltered situation. It may be easily propagated by cuttings
“ during the summer season, and also by seeds, but the plants
“ which have been two or three times propagated by cuttings,
“ seldom are fruitful.” *Miller's Gard. Dict.*

It continues to flower during the whole of the summer; as it is very apt to die off without any apparent cause, care should be taken to have a succession of plants from seeds, if possible.

