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"No tree that is of count in grenewood growes,

"From lowest Juniper to Cedar tall;

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"And deckes his branch with blossomes over all,

"But there was planted or grew naturall:"

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**CENTAUREA RAGUSINA. CRETHAN CENTAURY.**

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*Class and Order.*

**Syngenesia Polygamiia Frustranea.*

*Generic Character.*

Recept. fetofum. Pappus simplex. Cor. radii infundibuliformes longiores irregulares.

*Specific Character and Synonyms.*


STOEBE montana nivea capite cardui, subrotundis foliorum lobis. *Barr. It.* 309.

The *Centaurea ragusina*, a native of the isle of Candia, and of several places on the coasts of the Mediterranean, both in Europe and Africa, was cultivated here in 1714, by the *Duchess* of *Beaufort*, and is now a common greenhouse plant; it seldom exceeds the height of three feet; its stalks which are perennial, divide into many branches; the flowers are of a bright yellow colour, they appear in June and July, but the seeds seldom ripen in England: as this plant retains its leaves, which are extremely white all the year, it makes a pretty variety among others. If planted in dry lime rubbish, *Miller* says, it will bear the cold of our ordinary winters, in the open air.

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