

**MULBERRY.** See **Morus.** The more general cultivation of mulberry trees in England might be of greater use than is at present supposed in many respects. In Devonshire they have a way of mixing mulberry juice with their cider in the making, and this furnishes the best of all English vinous liquors. They choose for this purpose the ripest and blackest mulberries, and pressing out their juice, and mixing it with a full bodied cider at the time of the grinding and pressing, give just so much of it as adds a perceptible flavour. It is very worthy the attention of people who live in other counties, where strong and good cider is made, that this renders it a sort of wine much more agreeable than any other English liquor, and might be brought into general use, to the great advantage of the dealer. The colour of this liquor resembles that of the brightest red wine, and the flavour of the mulberry never goes off.

The great and important use of the leaves of the mulberry tree in breeding silkworms, procured for its propagation, a recommendation from the crown in the reign of James I. But this was ineffectual to produce its general introduction, so as to answer any commercial purposes. Yet the trees have been found to flourish every where with us when properly planted, and the worms feed very kindly and work very well with us. When this manufacture was first attempted, the people of many parts of England, nay, and some parts of the dampest places in Ireland, tried it, and always with success. The only thing that stopped the progress of so valuable a thing at that time, was the want of a sufficient quantity of mulberry trees, and the scheme has been neglected ever since. Philosophical Transactions, No. 133.