

of the sugar obtained from its sap, which is capable of returning a very great profit to its cultivator; of which the following document, copied from a note by Dr. Hunter in his edition of Evelyn's *Sylva*, is a sufficient proof; there being no reason to suspect any fraud^z. It is added in the same note, that a single family, consisting of a man and his two sons, on the maple-sugar lands between the Delaware and Susquehannah, made 1800lbs of maple sugar in one season. The whole note, consisting of eight closely printed quarto pages, which appears to have been furnished by Dr. Rush of Pennsylvania university, is well worth the perusal^a.

If we consider the subordinate wants of the animal economy, we must in reason allow that those succulent fruits and vegetables, which are abundantly produced in almost all parts of the world, are destined by Providence for an important end with reference to the food of man. The very form and arrangement of our teeth,

^z "Received, Cooper's Town, April 30, 1790, of W. Cooper, sixteen pounds, for 640 pounds of (maple) sugar, made with my own hands, without any assistance, in less than four weeks; besides attending to the other business of my farm, as providing fire-wood, taking care of the cattle, &c.

"Witness R. Smith."

"John Nicholls."

SILVA, 3d ed. by A. Hunter, York, 1801. vol. i. p. 190.

^a The tree commonly called the sycamore, which is really a species of maple, yields a sweet sap which has occasionally been used to supply the place of malt in brewing. *Ib.* p. 200.