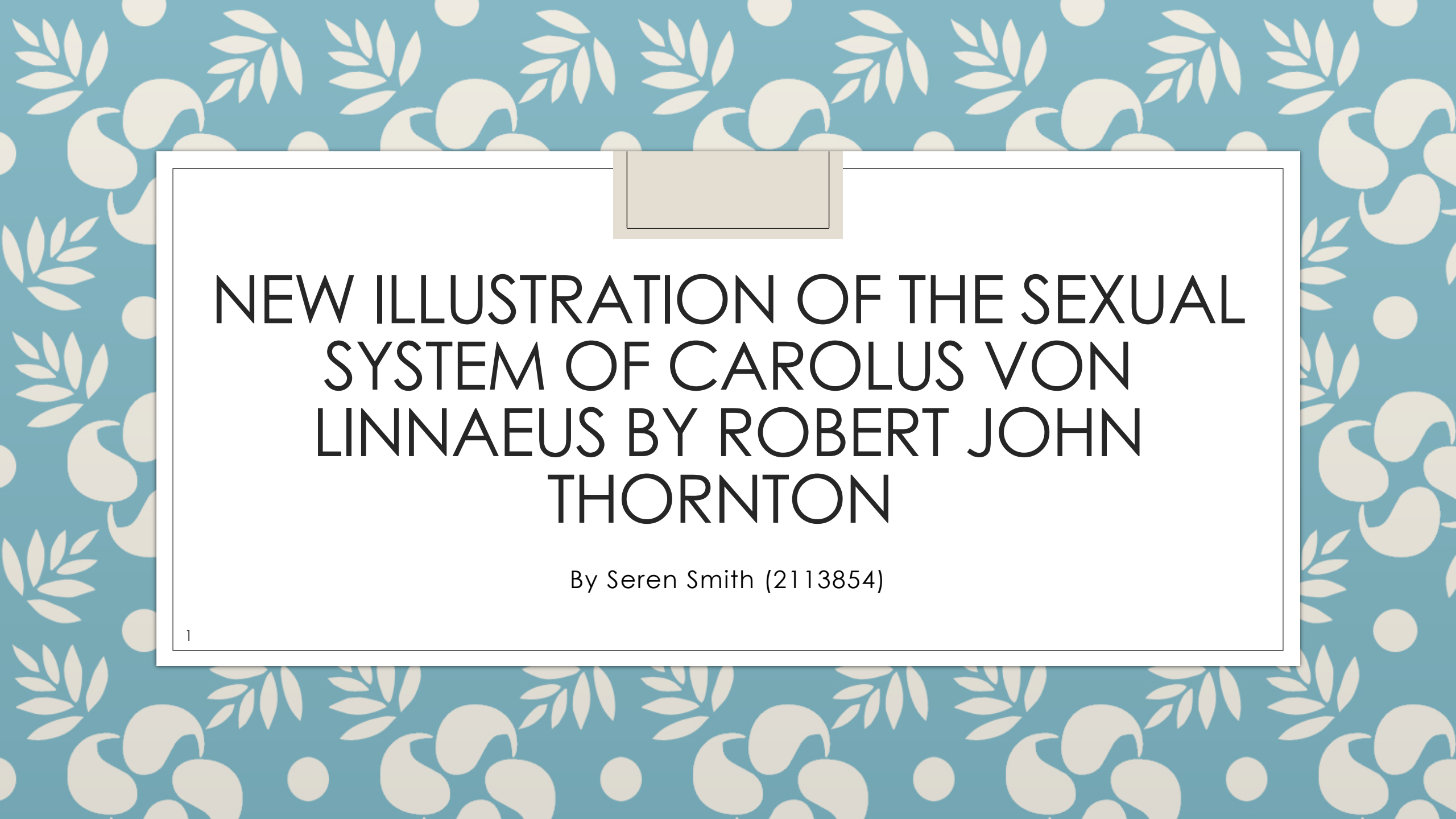




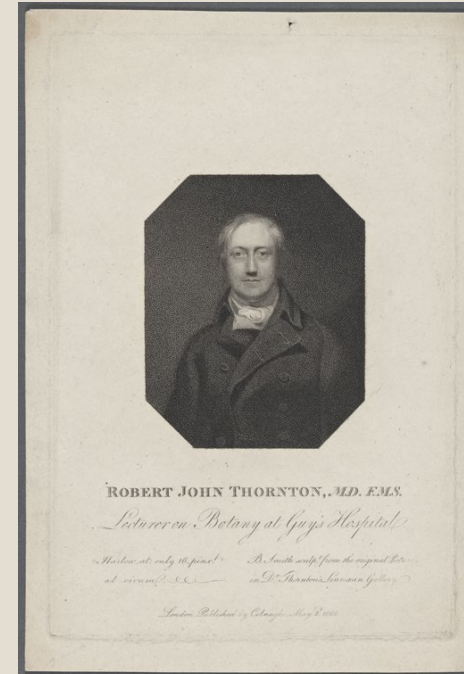
NEW ILLUSTRATION OF THE SEXUAL SYSTEM OF CAROLUS VON LINNÆUS BY ROBERT JOHN THORNTON

By Seren Smith (2113854)



Robert John Thornton

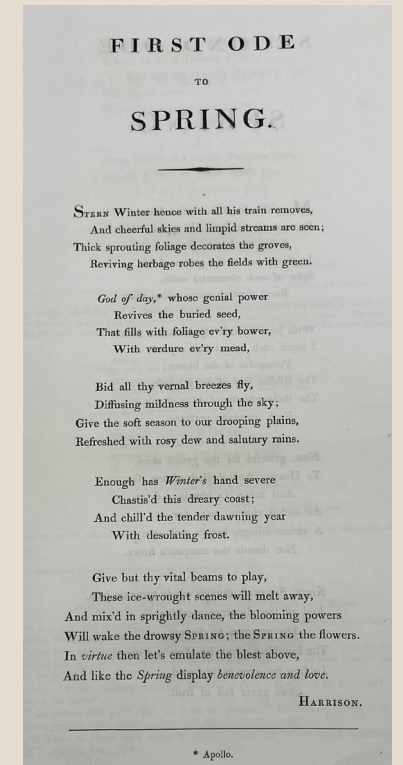
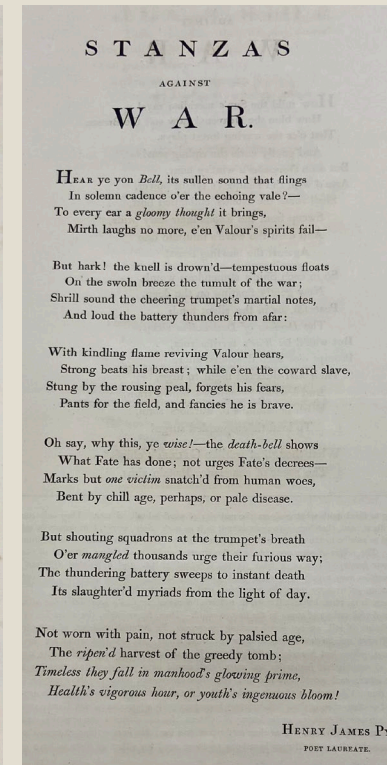
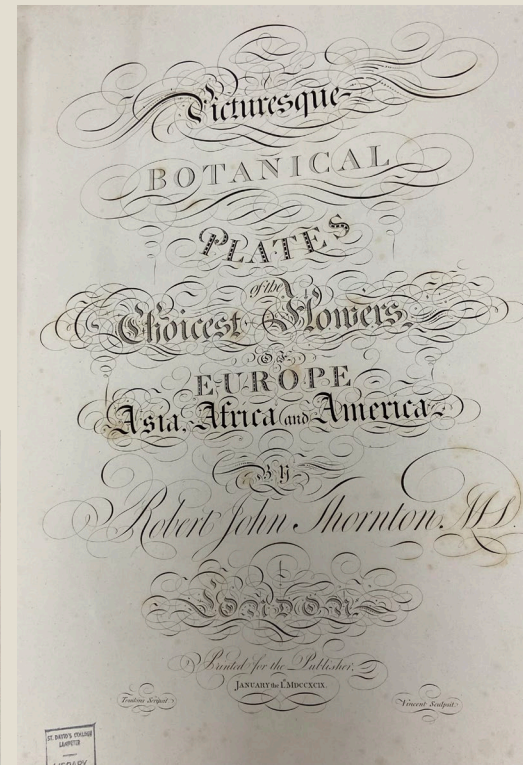
- Born in 1768
- Died in 1837
- Attended Cambridge University for medicine where developed his interest in botany and specifically in Carl Linnaeus.



- Part 1 was on the sex of plants.
- Part 2 was on sexual system of classification.
- Part 3 consisted of botanical plates illustrating the system, entitled Temple of Flora.

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Here dispensing her Favours on the Earth

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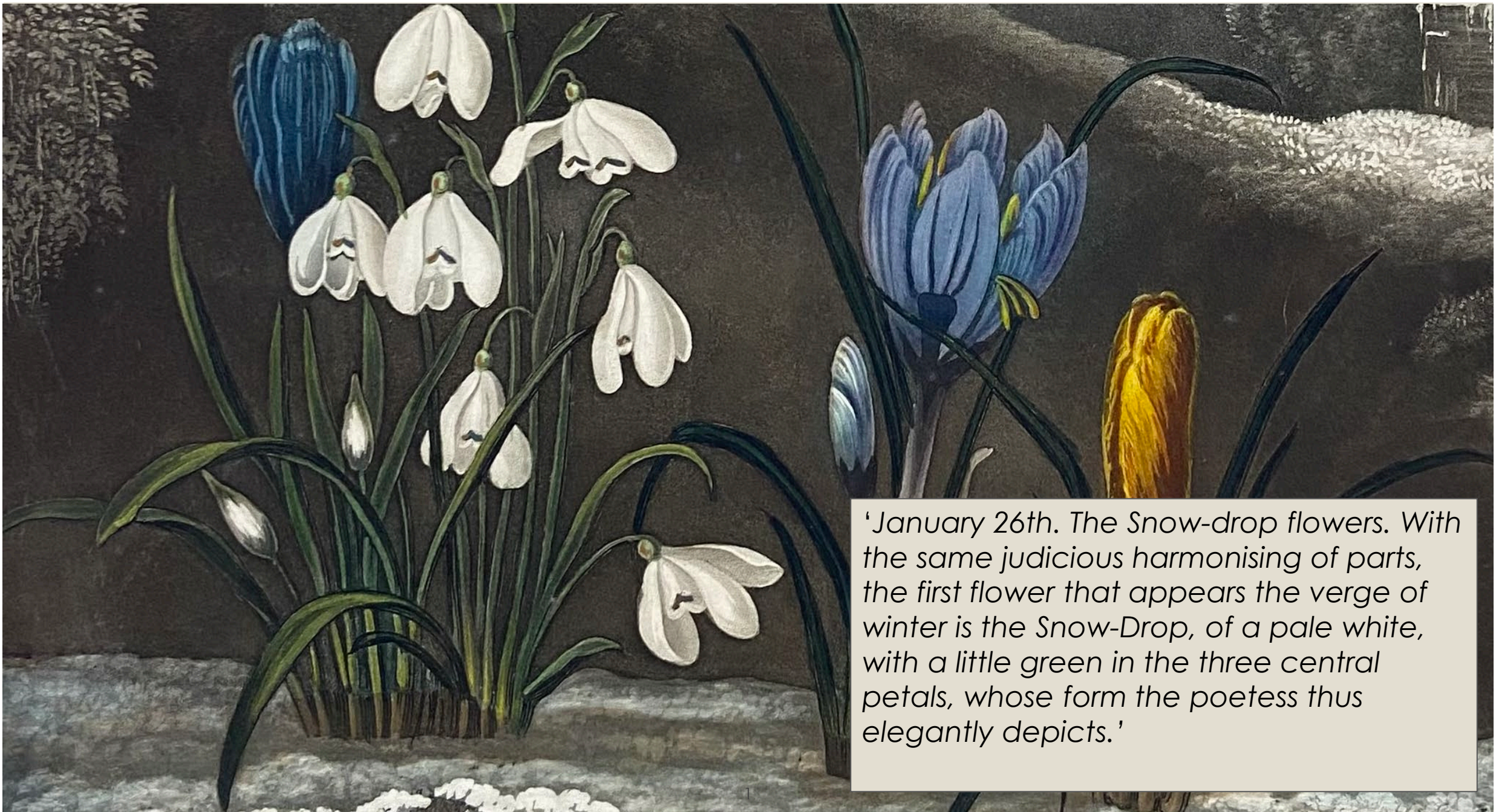
- Published in London in 1807 by T. Bensley.
- Idea was devised in 1791 and Thornton started planning it in 1797.
- Between 1798 and 1807, 31 vivid coloured plates were engraved by well-known artists.

The Snowdrop



The Egyptian Water Lily





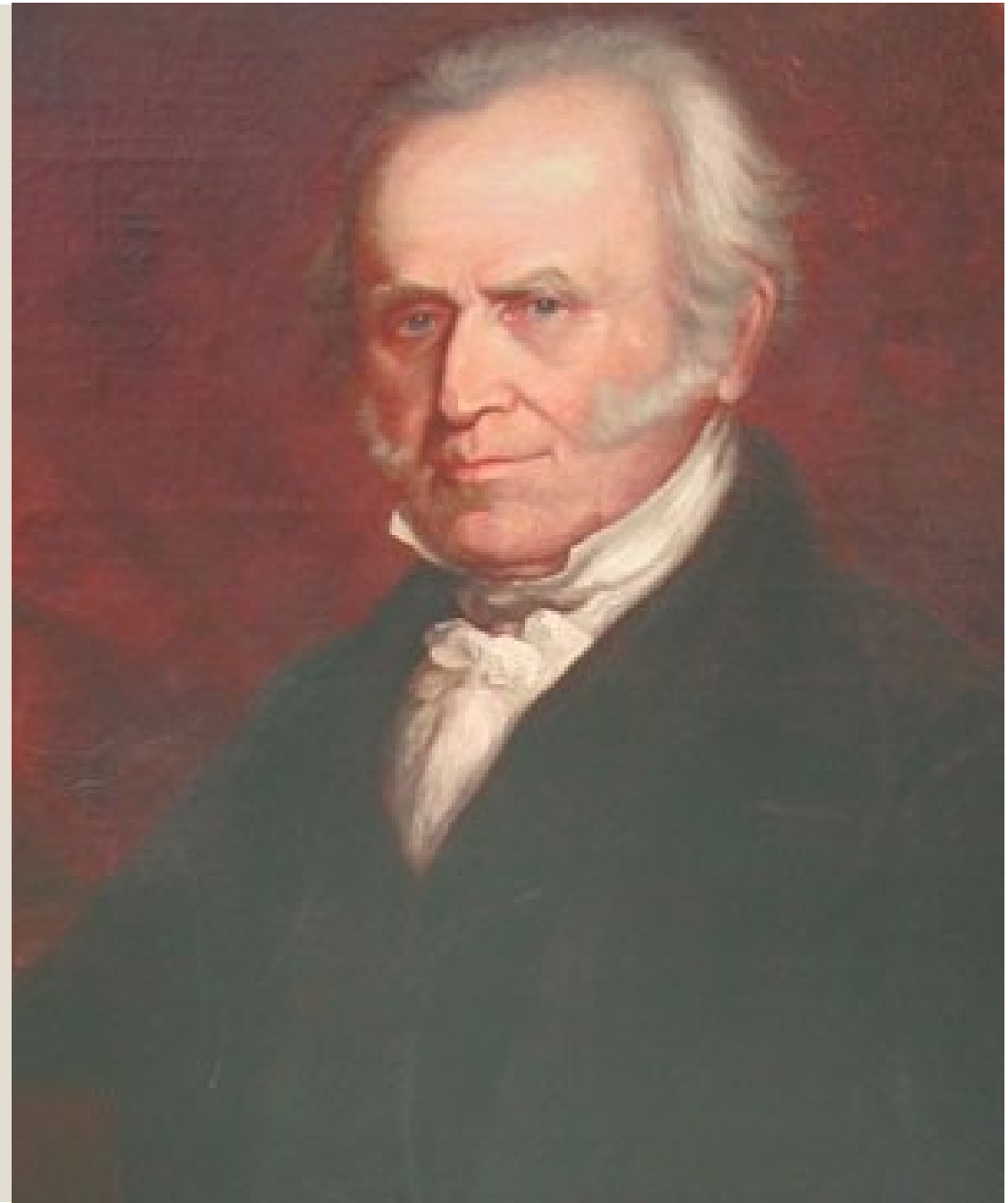
'January 26th. The Snow-drop flowers. With the same judicious harmonising of parts, the first flower that appears the verge of winter is the Snow-Drop, of a pale white, with a little green in the three central petals, whose form the poetess thus elegantly depicts.'

Thomas phillips

- Employed as a Surgeon in the East India Company.
- He spent a large amount of time in China and donated many books on this topic.

'He became a familiar figure to London booksellers as a buyer of books to give away, chiefly to his educationally starved fellow-countrymen.'

A.J. Sambrook



Abraham Pether & William Ward



Evening Scene With Full Moon and Persons (1801)



The Romps 1796

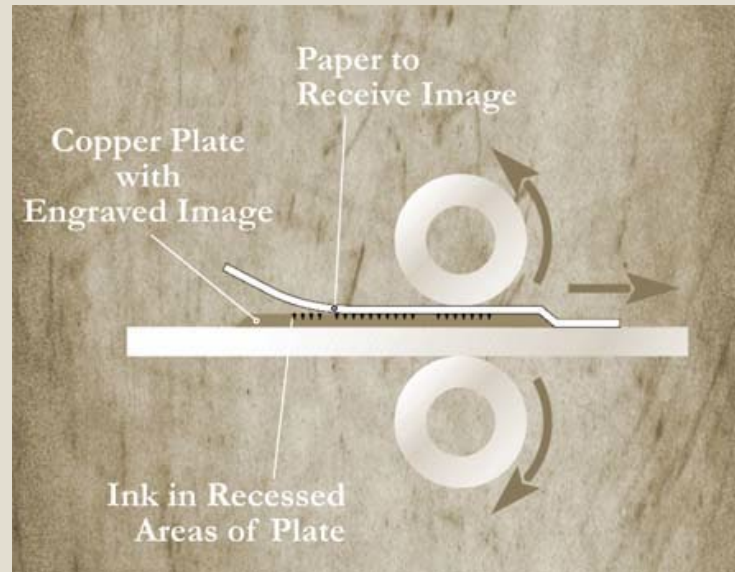


Old Drury Lane Theatre on fire, 1809

Selling Rabbits



Mezzotint Printing



1. Lost Art Student. <<https://lostartstudent.com/methods-and-materials/printmaking/printmaking-etching-mezzotint/0-printmaking-mezzotint-etching.html>> [accessed 3rd November 2023]

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A Group of Tulips

- Most famous & expensive illustration in The Temple of Flora
- Seven tulips varying in colour.
- Created on the 1st of May 1798.
- Created by Philip Reinagle.
- Engraved by Richard Earlom.







THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING
ANY QUESTIONS?