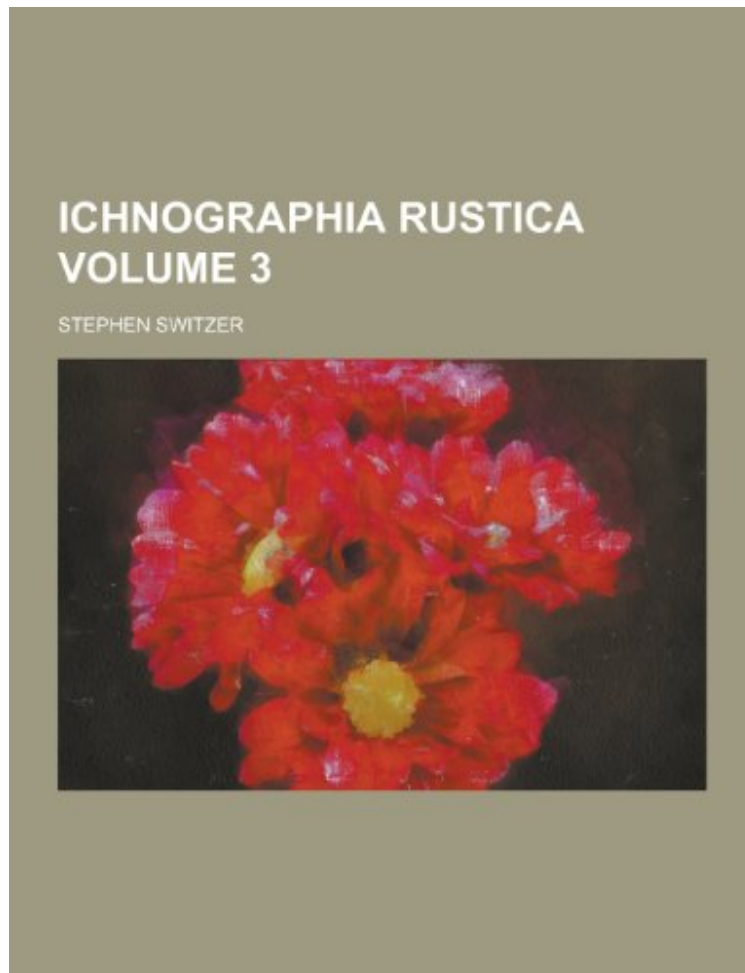


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Use, both for Timber, Fruit, Flowers, and Herbage : It is of great Consequence likewise, what lies next, or is at the Bottom of this upper Surface, which if one could chuse, should be One and a Half or Two Foot deep: The best of our Bottoms then I esteem to be Gravel, Chalk or Shelly Rock mix'd with Earth, which always abounds with Vrith a nitrous Improvement, that Trees de*. light in very much, for that the other Bottoms of a barren Sand or Clay are both pernicious, the one carrying off the Nourishment from the Roots too fast, and the other retaining it too long 5 the Bottoms of Grave), c above-mention'd are so very advantagious to Fruit, that when there is a proportionable Depth of Earth, I scarce ever knew it miss, and the Fruit to be much sweeter and better, than upon loose unlimited Bottoms, this will be hinted more at in other Places j and. as for chalky Bottoms, I have; . seen so many Instances of the Sweetness of the Fruit, that grows thereon in the West Country, contrary to my Observation in that particular in other Places, that I certainly conclude, that it is that that makes the Essential Difference in the Taste of Fruit ii? the' South and North more...