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A
NEW MORAL SYSTEM
OF
NATURAL HISTORY,
Or, the BEAUTIES of
NATURE DISPLAYED;
In the most singular, curious, and beautiful
QUADRUPEDS, and BIRDS,
TO WHICH ARE ADDED,
In the History of the ENGLISH SONG BIRDS,
Practical Instructions for chusing, breeding, feed-
ing, and teaching them to sing.

*“ Who can this field of miracles survey,
“ And not with GALEN all in rapture say,
“ Behold a GOD, adore him, and obey.*

BLACKMORE on the Creation.

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THE RHINOCEROS.

THIS extraordinary creature inhabits Bengal, Siam, Cochin-China, Quangsi, the islands of Juva and Sumatra, Congo, Angola, Ethiopia, and the country as low as the Cape. He is next to the elephant in size and strength. He has a horn in his forehead that is two feet long. We omit many accounts of this animal as
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they have too much the appearance of fable, to be inserted in this work, which has been our first pride to dedicate to truth. Unless offended, the Rhinoceros has been found very harmless. The flesh is said to be wholesome. From their having only one horn, though some have been found in Africa with two, this beast must certainly be the unicorn as mentioned in holy writ. Its skin is so hard as to be impenetrable to a musquet ball. Being slow and unwieldy in its motions, nature has given it a horn so strong, solid, and pointed, as to be able to inflict the most deadly wounds. Many medicinal virtues are ascribed to this horn, of which cups are frequently made.

THIS animal is so remarkably formed, that, words not being capable of accurately describing it, we have been particularly careful to have the most correct likeness that could possibly be obtained,

THE scent of this animal is most exquisite. He runs in a direct line, from his sight being incapable of perceiving any thing obliquely. Tobacco is their favourite food.

food. The horn has been used by princes as cups in order to detect what poison might be presented to them; for when any deadly drug is poured on it, it is asserted the horn will immediately break in pieces. Another power attributed to this horn is, that wine, poured into cups made of it, will rise, boil, and ferment.

THIS animal was known to the Romans in their most early ages. It is among the animals of the Prænestine pavement. AUGUSTUS introduced a Rhinoceros as a part of the show he displayed when he made his triumph on obtaining the victory over CLEOPATRA. See our Mythology, vol. 1. and Roman history.

