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OF
NATURE and ART;
BEING AN
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OF
Whatever is most Curious and Remarkable
throughout the WORLD;

Whether relating to its

ANIMALS, VEGETABLES, MINERALS,
VOLCANO'S, CATARACTS, HOT and COLD
SPRINGS,

And other Parts of NATURAL HISTORY;-

Or to the

BUILDINGS, MANUFACTURES, INVENTIONS,
and DISCOVERIES of its Inhabitants.

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HISTORIANS, TRAVELLERS, GEOGRAPHERS, and
PHILOSOPHERS, among which are some *Original
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Noise, and going away leaping and dancing. Another Soldier in the same Town, meeting an Elephant with his Keeper, would not give way to them; whereupon the Keeper complain'd of the Affront to the Elephant, who some time afterwards spying the Soldier by the Side of the River that runs through the Town, ran hastily towards him, lifted him up with his Trunk, and plunged him several times in the River; after which he drew him out, leaving him to be laugh'd at by the Spectators.

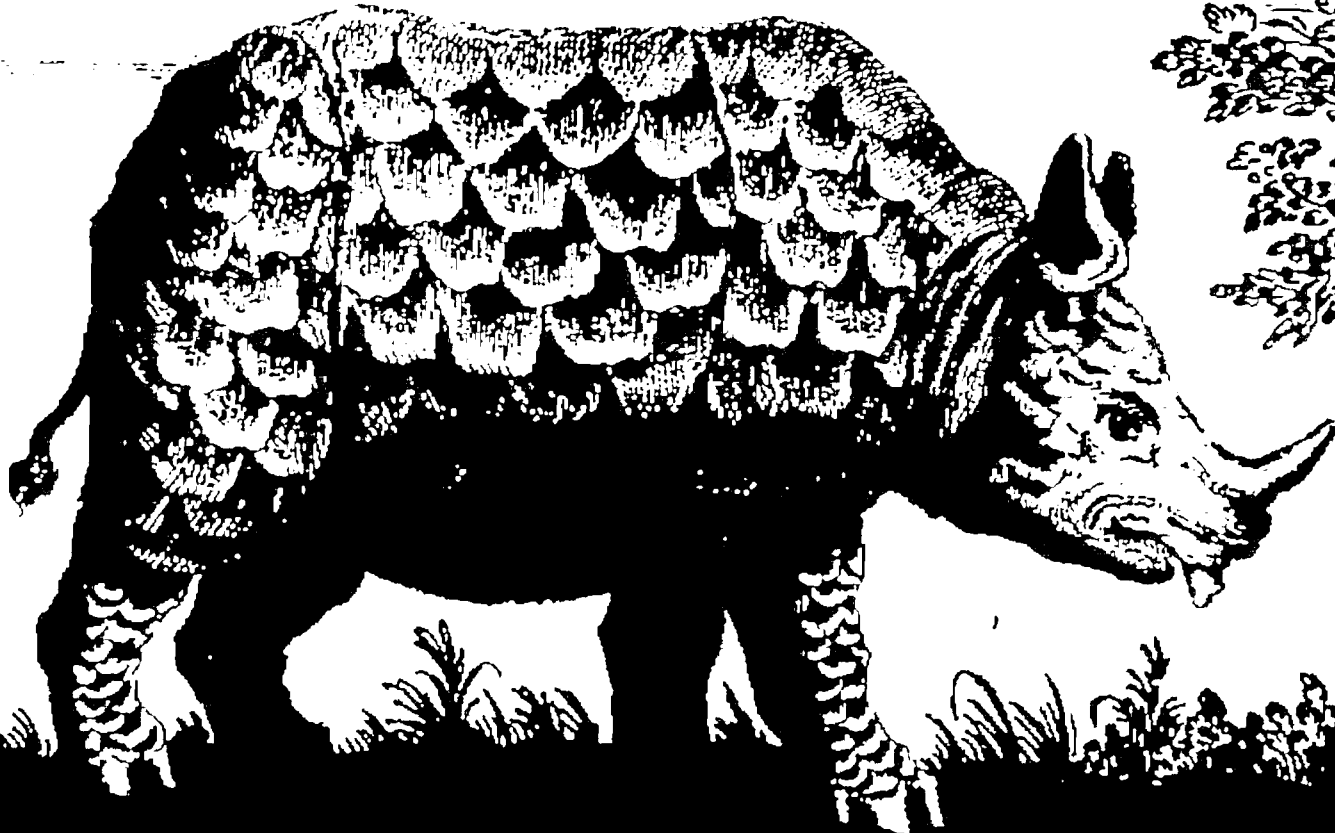
HAVING given such a particular Account of this *half-reasoning* Animal, as Mr. *Pope* calls the Elephant, it is Time to take a View of another very remarkable Quadruped, which is found in the *East-Indies*, namely, the *Rhinoceros*. The Shape of this Animal is not much unlike that of an Elephant, but it is not so tall, and its Legs are shorter, as well as its Tail. It has a rough, hard, wrinkled Skin, resembling in its Colour and Furrows the Bark of an old Elm, and some Parts of it appear folded over the others. From its Nose proceeds a short pyramidal Horn, (as its Name implies) growing upwards, and perfectly solid, or without Cavity*. This Horn is his Weapon of Defence,

* Though there are several Beasts with one Horn described by Authors, *Dale* takes them to be all fictitious except the *Rhinoceros*, which is the only one-horn'd Qua-

druped, and perhaps the same with the Unicorn of the Ancients, whose Horn *Ælian* affirms to be black, as is that of this Animal

which

The Rhinoceros



which he is said to whet against a Flint, or other hard Stone, that he may be prepared whenever he is attack'd by an Enemy. The Elephant and Rhinoceros are reported to bear such a Hatred to each other, that they seldom meet without a Battle, in which the Rhinoceros endeavours to pierce the Elephant's Belly with his Horn; but if he miss his Aim, the Elephant is too hard for him with his Tusks and *Proboscis*. This Animal is rarely brought to *Europe*; but one of them has been lately shewn in *England*, and is well worth the Attention of the Curious.

THE *Porcupine* is a four-footed Animal found in some Parts of the *Indies*, about the Size of a Pig five or six Months old, and remarkable for the hard Quills or Prickles with which it is cover'd, from two or three to eleven or twelve Inches in Length, streak'd with Black and White alternately. They are shaped like the Stalks of Corn, but swell a little towards the Middle, and terminate in a Point with two sharp Sides*. These Quills are so many Wea-

* There is a considerable Similitude between the Porcupine and the Hedge-Hog, which is a little Animal well known amongst us, entirely cover'd with Prickles an Inch and a half long, very like those which shoot from the Shells of Chesnuts. When

he is apprehensive of Danger, he draws himself up as round as a Foot-ball, so that nothing is seen but his Prickles, and thus he saves himself from the Assaults of Dogs and other Enemies. He also makes another Use of his pointed Armour, for when