

Robert DODSLEY

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General Contents

OF THE

BRITISH MUSEUM:

With REMARKS.

Serving as a

DIRECTORY

In viewing that

Noble CABINET.

*Castor gaudet equis; ovo prognatus eodem,
Pugnis: quot capitum vivunt, totidem studiorum
Millia.*

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from Vegetables chiefly the Growth of the *East Indies*.

In different Parts of this Room on the Wainscot over the Repositories, &c. are some dried Animals, and stuffed Skins of others, particularly some large Bats, Turtles and Tortoises, Sharks Jaws, more Heads and Beaks of Birds, a very large stuffed Snake's Skin from *Surinam* in the *East Indies*, the Skin of a scaly Lizard, some Lizards, Guanans, and the Skin of an Ant Bear; a Flamingo, a young wild Boar, a Porcupine, Armadillos, an Oron Onton, or wild Man of the Mountains; the Head of a Sea Horse, Jaws of Fish, and some Crocodiles.

There are a great Variety of Horns of different Animals, particularly the fossil Horns of Mouse Deer found in the Bogs of *Ireland*, very large; Horns of Elks, the Rhinoceros, Rein Deer, Antelope, and Chamoise. Sir *Hans Sloan's* famous horned Owl stuffed. Some Birds stuffed, placed in Glass Frames; particularly, a Bird of Paradise, some Humming Birds, Manakeens, some of the Titmouse kind, a Virginia Nightingale, and a Tropic Bird: And there are some Portraits of several kind of Birds taken from the Life.

In a large Cabinet are deposited a great many dried Fish, brought from various Parts of the World; among other Specimens are a small Saw Fish, the Head of a Sword Fish, some flying Fish, a Dolphin, a Sturgeon, a young Shark, a Porcupine Fish, a Torpedo, or Cramp Fish, &c.

Over this Cabinet is a stuffed Emeu, or Cassowary, a Balearic Crane, or Crown Bird, an Eagle, and a Vultur.

There remains nothing more to be mentioned in this Room, but the Skeleton of a very young Whale, some Horns of the Unicorn Fish, the Head
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