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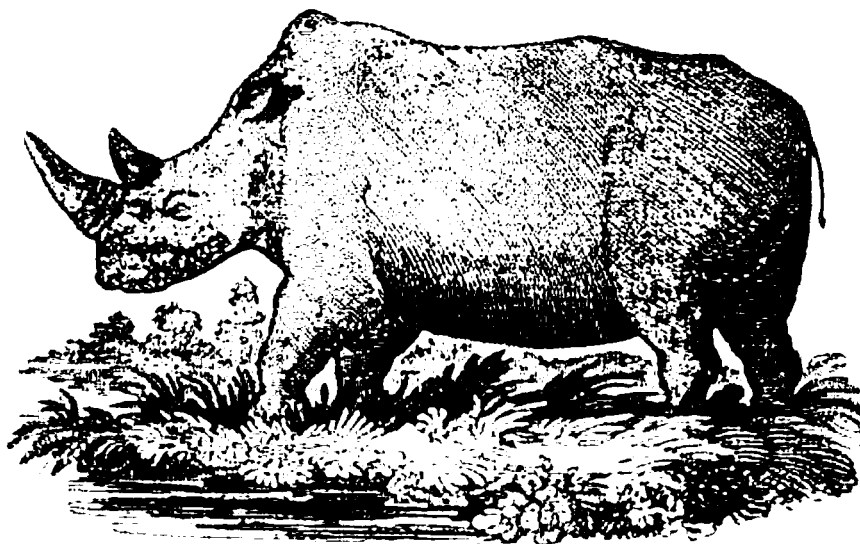
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## CHAPTER X.

Excursion to the Eastward.—The Wanderer Arend.—Kuruman Fountain.—Return.—Further Rumours of the Invaders.—Second Excursion.—Arend's Account of the Interior Tribes.

JUNE 16.—Seeing no prospect of rendering my excursion available for commercial purposes, in the present alarmed and disorganized condition of the native tribes, and being consequently desirous of returning without delay to Cape Town, I resolved,

reconnoitre the host of marauders, and bring back some certain information respecting them. This resolution was no sooner formed than acted upon. Having got my knapsack supplied with some provisions, I set out, attended only by my Bechuana guide, and was out of sight of the town in a few minutes. Taking the same route which I had formerly pursued with Mr. Moffat, we reached the station of the slave Arend, on the Maquareen River, about three hours after sunset. Arend was still there with his party, but intended to fly next morning. On acquainting him, however, with my design, he, after a little deliberation, agreed to accompany me to Lattakoo, in order to ascertain whether or not the enemy were advancing.

This being arranged, I joined the motley groupe around the fire. I lighted a segar, and the others betook themselves to their pipes, intermingling conversation with the tranquillizing fumes which poured around us. From these wandering men, Arend and his comrade old Cupido Kackerlackie, I learned some interesting particulars respecting the Bechuana tribes, and the country towards