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L O N D O N :

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THE word *Pard* is little used in *French* [or *English*.] We make use of that of *Leopard*, and it is not easy to shew exactly the difference between the *Pard*, *Leopard*, *Linx*, *Tyger*, and *Panther*. Some confound them together, and others distinguish them. And *Bochart* thinks that the *Pard* and *Panther* are the same thing, and that if there is any difference, it is that of sex, or colour, not of species. But some will have it, that the *Leopard* is engendered by a *Lioness* and a *Pard*, and that it has its name from thence. The *Leopard* was never heard of before *Constantine's* time, and *St. Jerome* confounds the *Pards* with the *Leopards*.

*Achbar* signifies a sort of *wild rats*, which do a great deal of mischief Rats. to the fruits of the earth. It was this sort of *rats* that wasted the *Philistines* while they kept the ark<sup>a</sup>, and seemed to come up out of the earth. And this has happened more than once, and whole nations have been obliged to leave their countries, on the account of these *rats*. But some understand by this word, *House-rats* only.

*Reem*, or *Rem*, is according to the common opinion, the *Rhinoceros*, Rhinoceros, or unicorn. or *Unicorn*. And here I observe, that it was formerly believed, that there were in the *Indies*, horses, asses, and goats, which had but one horn. If so, the species must now be lost; for travellers find none such in that country at present. And some have thought that the *Unicorn* was a chimerical animal; but if it had, the Scripture would not have spoken of it. Besides, it is not certain, that *Reem* was an animal that had but one horn. When *David* says, *God will lift up his horn*; that is, his power, as *Reem*<sup>b</sup>, this may as well be understood to signify of the horns, as of the horn of *Reem*. Nor can this be applied to wild oxen, they were not known in *Judea*. I am rather inclined to be of opinion that it is a sort of goat which is called *Orix*. *Bochart* says, the word comes very near to the *Arabick* word, which signifies the *goats* which had hard and high horns, which *Strabo* says the *Ethiopians* made use of for weapons. The Scripture also calls them, *Theo*, or *Tho*.

INTERPRETERS disagree about the animal called *Saphan*. Some Saphan. say it is a *rabbit*, others a *porcupine*, and others an *hedge-hog*.

THE *Wolf* is an animal that feeds upon flesh. He scarce ever hunts Wolf. but in the evening, or beginning of the night; and hence it is that the

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. v.<sup>b</sup> Psal. xcii. 10. *Heb.*