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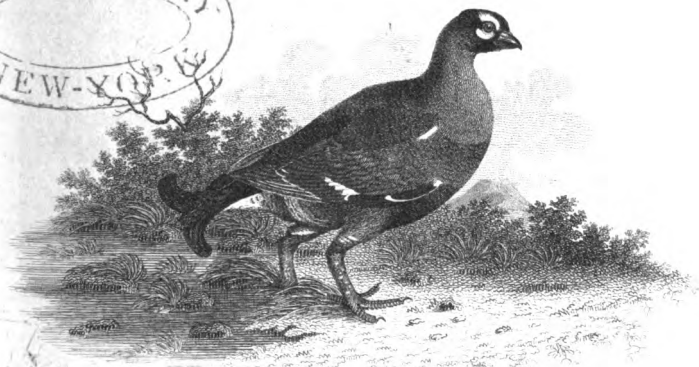
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to secure his blessing on all the rest. St George was the tutelar saint of these animals; and all that were distempered were brought to this well, sprinkled with the water, and had this blessing bestowed—*Rhad Duw a Saint Siors arnat!* “The blessing of God and St. George be on thee!”

In the churches, when the name of the Devil occurred, an universal spitting used formerly to seize the congregation, as if in contempt of that evil spirit; and whenever Judas was mentioned, they expressed their abhorrence of him, by smiting their breasts.

If a *Ffynnon Vair*, or Well of our Lady, or any other saint, was near, the water for baptism was always brought from thence; and after the ceremony was over, old women were very fond of washing their eyes with the water of the font.

Upon Christmas-day, about three o'clock in the morning, most of the parishioners assembled in the parish church, and after prayers and a sermon, continued there, singing psalms and hymns, with great devotion, till it was day-light: and if, through age or infirmity, any were disabled from attending, they never failed having prayers at home, and carols on our Saviour's nativity. The former part of the custom is still in some places preserved, but too often perverted into intemperance. This act of devotion is called *Pulgen*, or *The crowing of the cock*.—It has been a general belief, among the superstitious, that instantly,

“ at his warning,

“ Whether in sea, on fire, in earth, or air,

“ The extravagant and erring spirit hits

“ To his confine.”

THE INDIAN SPORTSMAN.

Mr. Howitt has just put forth a very singular and highly interesting Prospectus of a series of Designs, to be intitled “*The Indian Sportsman*,” and to be designed, drawn, and etched by himself. His account of the undertaking is as follows:—

THIS truly novel and interesting Work is now proceeding, under the care and direction of an Officer who has served upwards of Twenty Years in Bengal. It is admitted, by a number of Gentlemen who have resided there, to be a most faithful delineation, not only of the sports in general, but of the costume of the natives, as well as of the appearance of the country, &c.

Mr. Howitt intends this notice merely to ascertain how far he may hope to be patronised in so arduous and expensive an undertaking.—Judging from the high encomiums, and the subscriptions with which he has already been honoured, he flatters himself that its circulation will exceed his most sanguine expectations.

The Plates are all 18 inches by 13, and will be aqua-tinted and coloured in such manner as to imitate the Drawings as closely as possible; which, of course, must render them highly ornamental for furniture, as well as suited to the folio, or to bind in volume.

The whole will be published in pairs, with all possible expedition. Price, to Subscribers, Two Guineas per pair; payable on delivery.—Ladies and Gentlemen may subscribe for any number, or for any Plates they may select.

The following List of subjects now in hand is subjoined, that the Public may judge of the nature of the work. Mr. Howitt will do himself the pleasure to exhibit and explain, to those who may honour him

him with their commands at his residence, the several Drawings which are finished, and which are in the Catalogue marked thus *.— Those in a forward state, but not yet fit for exhibition, are marked thus †.—The whole of the Drawings are expected to be complete by the end of April; before which period some of the Plates will, in all probability, be published. The first impressions will be delivered to the earliest subscribers.

CATALOGUE OF DRAWINGS.

NO.

- *1 Hunters going out in the Morning.
- *2 Beating Sugar Canes for a Hog.
- *3 The Chase after the Hog.
- *4 Hog-Hunters coming by surprize on a Tigress and her Cubs.
- †5 Hog chased thro' a Village.
- *6 Hog at bay.
- *7 The dead Hog.
- *8 The Return from Hog-hunting.
- *9 A Tiger prowling through a Village at Night.
- †10 A Tiger seizing a Bullock in a Pass.
- *11 Shooting a Tiger from a Platform.
- *12 Driving a Tiger out of a Jungle with Elephants.
- *13 Chasing a Tiger across a River with Elephants.
- *14 The Tiger at bay.
- *15 The Tiger springing on an Elephant.
- *16 The dead Tiger.
- *17 Shooters coming by surprize on a Tiger.
- *18 A Tiger hunted by Wild Dogs.
- †19 A Tiger killed by a poisoned Arrow.
- *20 Shooting a Leopard from a Tree.
- †21 Exhibition of a Battle between a Buffalo and a Tiger.
- †22 Buffaloes rescuing a Calf from a Tiger.
- †23 Hog-hunters chased by Buffaloes.
- †24 Hunting a Buffalo.
- †25 The Buffalo at bay.
- †26 The dead Buffalo.
- *27 Peacock Shooting.
- †28 Duck Shooting.
- †29 Snipe Shooting.
- *30 Shooting at the Edge of a Jungle.
- †31 Driving a Bear out of Sugar Canes.
- *32 Death of the Bear.
- *33 Hunting a Kutauss, or Civet.
- *34 Jackalls rescuing a hunted Brother.
- †35 Chase after a Wolf carrying off a Lamb.
- †36 The common Wolf-trap.
- *37 Smoking Wolves from their Earths.
- †38 Digging out a Fox.
- *39 The Ganges breaking its Banks, with Fishing, &c.
- *40 Killing Game in Boats, at the Inundation of an Island.
- †41 Doreeahs, or Dog-keepers, leading out Dogs.
- †42 Sices, or Grooms, leading out Horses.
- †43 Running a Hog-Deer.
- †44 The Hog-Deer at bay.
- *45 Driving Game into Nets with Elephants.
- *46 Driving Elephants into a Keddah.
- *47 Koomkies, or Decoy Elephants, catching a Male.
- †48 Koomkies leaving the Male fastened to a Tree.
- †49 Rhinoceros attacking Horses at their Pickets.
- †50 Rhinoceros bayed by Elephants.

N. B. With every Print will be delivered a descriptive Ticket, intended to be pasted on its back, when framed. A great variety of other subjects are sketched; but it is Mr. Howitt's intention to confine his labours, for the present, to those enumerated in the Catalogue.

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