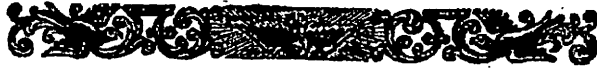


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stalks of the true Ribes of the Arabians, (which are hairy almost two foot long, and of the thickness of an inch, of a greenish colour, and underneath, as also *Serapio* mentioneth, reddish) from the mount *Libanus*, and brought it to the *Cadi* to make *Rob.* of it for him; I saw them lie in his court-yard, and several of them were given me to taste, and to take away with me. What herbs I found at my return else, because there are but a few of them, therefore I have put them among the rest here above in a peculiar chapter. I saw there several strange birds, and among others, some of a delicate green and blue colour, which were about the bigness of our nut-crackers, by them called *Sucuruck*, and by others *Alsecrach*. I also found their *Alhabari*, which are not unlike our Peacocks, and almost as big, and could not fly much. Of four footed beasts, I saw several, and among them some civet cats, which were brought thither in caravans from remote parts, and the *Indies*. In the *Fundique* of the Consul of the *Venetians*, I saw a very sharp sighted one like unto a *Lynx*, exactly of the shape of a cat, so that it was not easily distinguished from it, save only in it's bigness, for it is much higher and slimmer. This is a very wild and fierce beast, so that his keeper himself was afraid of it. It once got loose, and got through the yard below into an Apothecaries shop, wherein he had just then put a great many glasses that were sent him from *Venice*, whereof it broke the greatest part before it could be taken again. When I was there, a young *Rhinoceros* was carried through the town to *Constantinople*. It came from the most eastern parts, and had killed above 20 men before they could take it. They also lead daily some Lions about the town in small chains, which have small bells before, that every body may take the sooner notice of them; they are so tame, that their keepers sometimes wrestle with them in open places, neither do they easily grow wild, except they should see sheep, then their keepers have enough to do to keep them off and to appease them. Without in the fields in high and bushy places, are sometimes found *Camelions*, which are somewhat bigger than our green Lizards, but a great deal leaner and higher upon their legs; they walk very