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THE  
Beauties of the Creation;  
OR, A NEW  
MORAL SYSTEM  
OF  
NATURAL HISTORY;

DISPLAYED IN THE  
Most singular, curious, and beautiful,  
QUADRUPEDS, BIRDS,  
INSECTS, TREES, and FLOWERS:

Designed to inspire Youth with Humanity towards the  
Brute Creation, and bring them early acquainted with  
the wonderful Works of the Divine Creator.

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*‘ Who can this Field of Miracles survey,  
‘ And not with GALEN all in rapture say,  
‘ Behold a GOD! adore him, and obey.’*

Blackmore on the Creation.

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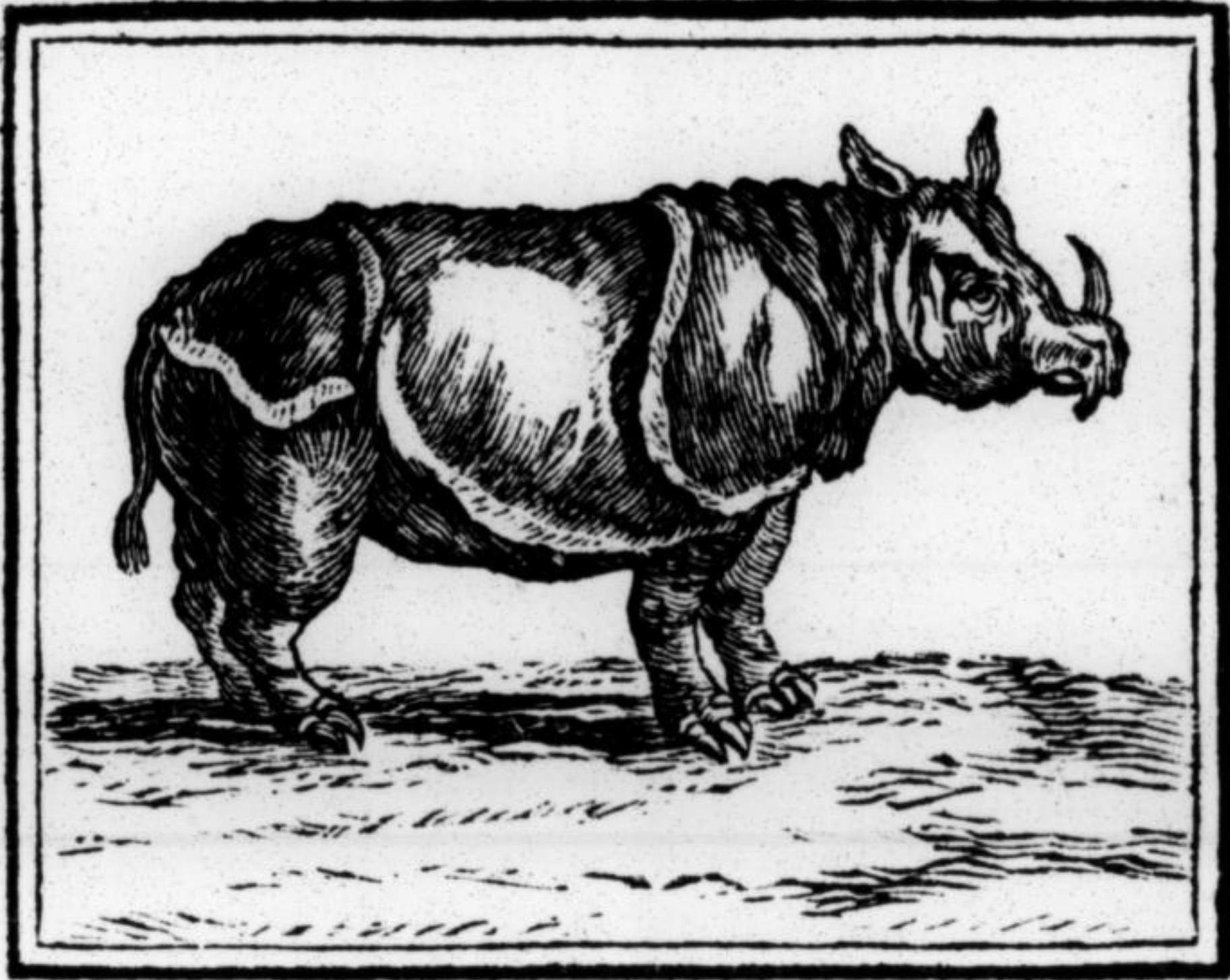
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## THE RHINOCEROS.

THIS extraordinary creature inhabits Bengal, Siam, Cochin-China, Quangsi, the islands of Java and Sumatra, Congo, Angola, Ethiopia, and the country as low as the Cape. It is next to the Elephant in size and strength, and has a horn growing on his nose two feet long.

long. It being our first pride to dedicate to Truth, we purposely omit many fabulous accounts given of this animal. Unless offended, they are very harmless. The flesh is said to be wholesome. From its having only one horn, though some have been found in Africa with two, this beast must certainly be the Unicorn of Holy Writ, and the ancients. The skin is impenetrable to a musquet ball. Being slow and unwieldy in its motions, Nature has provided him with a horn, so strong, solid, and pointed, as to enable him to inflict the most deadly wounds. Many medicinal virtues are also ascribed to this horn, of which cups are frequently made.

THIS animal is so remarkable in form, that, words not being capable of accurately describing it, we have been particularly careful to have the most correct likeness that could be possibly obtained.

HIS scent is most exquisite. He runs in a direct line, his sight not permitting him to see any thing placed in an oblique direction. Tobacco is his favourite food.

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The horn was formerly used by Princes, as a cup, in order to detect what poison might be presented to them; for, when any deadly drug is poured on it, it is asserted that it will immediately break into pieces. There is, also, another power attributed to this horn, which is, that wine, poured into cups made of it, will rise, boil, and ferment.

THIS animal was known to the Romans in the most early ages, and was among those of the Prænestine pavement. Aristotle, who asserts it to have but one horn, calls it the Oxyx, and the Indian Afs. Augustus introduced a Rhinoceros in an exhibition, which he made on account of his victory over Cleopatra. See Mythology and Roman History.

