

fall into its power, and scarcely a savage is found that does not talk of serpents of an immoderate length flying away with a camel or rhinoceros, and who is capable of destroying mankind with a single glance.

The *Flying Lizard* of Java perches upon fruit trees, and feeds upon flies, ants, butterflies, and other small insects. It is a harmless creature, and does no injury in any respect. Gentil, in his voyage, says, he saw these lizards at the Island of Java in the East Indies. He observed that they flew very swiftly from tree to tree, and having killed one, he could not but admire the skin, which looked as if painted with several beautiful colours: it was a foot in length, and had four paws like the common lizards, but its head was flat, and had a small hole in the middle; the wings were very thin, and resembled those of a flying fish. About the neck were a sort of wattles, not unlike those of cocks, which gave it no disagreeable appearance. He intended to have preserved it, in order to bring it into Europe, but it was corrupted with the heat before the close of the day. Since his time, however, many have been brought into Europe.