

inches below the knee and in front only, the tarsus being entirely bare on the posterior side.

The solid and strongly curved beak of this bird, and its powerful and pointed talons, are certain indications of its strength, and prove that nature has destined it to attack large animals. Its ordinary food, according to Mauduyt, who says he had his information from travellers, is the flesh of the *unau* and the *ai*: it carries away also fawns and other quadrupeds. This may be; indeed it is very probable; but what travellers can have followed with sufficient constancy a rare bird, and which is only found in the deepest parts of the forests of Guiana, as to be certain of these peculiarities? As for myself, who, in the course of many months, in the midst of the forests of this country, discovered the first of these eagles that had ever been seen in the cabinets of natural history, the first even that had ever appeared in the colony of Cayenne, I am far from knowing its habits and customs; and as, since the epoch of my voyages in these desert countries, I have not heard that many others of these eagles have been sent into Europe, I am at a loss to conceive how any travellers have had an opportunity of observing them with so much attention as to discover their tastes and manner
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