

cravat: the feet are bare, and of a leaden grey colour.

This description of the percnoptere is by a learned naturalist, Picot de la Peyrouse, who also assures us that vultures are migratory, that they love warm countries and elevated regions, and that they quit during winter the Pyrenees, where they are found in great numbers during the summer months.

In the Levant the Greeks and Turks value very highly the fat of the percnoptere: they use it as an excellent tonic to mitigate the pains of rheumatism. The name of this bird in modern Greek is *skania*.

THE ORICOU.

THE name of *oricou* which Leväillant gave to this vulture that he discovered in Africa, appears to be composed of the words *oreille* and *cou*, because these parts of the bird present a very remarkable singularity. A membrane about four lines in height lines the apertures