

oricou shews courage. Cowardice and baseness form the basis of his character, as of all birds of the same class: his strength and his great size do not render him bold: he does not attack animals, however weak they may be; and he contents himself with gorging upon their remains and the most infectious drains, sewers, &c. Even when in a body the oricous are not more courageous: they may be seen when any ferocious quadruped has possessed itself of some prey, waiting in a crowd and with patience, but at a distance (indicative of their base timidity) till he has finished his repast in order that they may feed upon what he leaves.

THE CHINCOU.

THE size of the chincou is nearly equal to that of the *oricou*, but it has a particular character which distinguishes it. This is a tuft of down of a greyish brown colour, which it has on the top of its head, and the form of which is exactly that of a powder puff, and
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