

The species of this genus are not very numerous: we are acquainted only with four, and even of these it is not certain that they are really separate and distinct species.

THE GYPAETE OF THE ALPS.

THIS formidable bird is the *lämme geier*.* Some naturalists have supposed that it is the same bird as the condor of South America, though this is of a distinct species, and even of a different genus.

The weight of this bird is about ten pounds: its length measures from the point of the beak to the extremity of the tail three feet ten inches; and its breadth between the wings, from tip to tip, when extended, is about eight feet and a half. Its beak is four inches long: it is covered on the top, from the base to about the middle, with numerous long hairs, black and inclining forwards: underneath hangs a tuft of these same hairs,

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* These are two German words, and signify literally, the *vulture of lambs*. Trans.