
THE FALCON OF THE ISLAND OF JAVA.

THIS falcon was only seen once in the island of Java by Van Ernest, a naturalist of the north : he was perched upon the point of a rock, where he waited for the small birds that flew about. He was either fatigued, or else not very fierce : for a negro approached near enough to kill him with a stone.

The same naturalist who relates this fact, has designated the falcon under the name of *Falco testaceus*, or brick colour*, and Daudin has rendered it by *testacé*. But this word not being received into the French language as indicative of a colour, Sonnini did not adopt it, but rather chose to call the bird after the country whence it came, until future details shall confirm whether the island of Java be its natal place, and under what name it is there known.

Its size is that of the common goss hawk, and its length about twenty one inches. Its
beak

* From the Latin, *Testa*; a brick.