

tard of Europe: it is almost entirely white, with the exception of the head, the anterior part of the wings, which is grey, and the prime quill feathers of the same, which are black. The tail is composed of eighteen quill feathers, which are short, and of a white colour.

This species is found in the plains of Chili, and it is almost always seen in troops. Its nourishment consists entirely of herbs. They do not begin to propagate till they are two years old: the female lays six white eggs, which are larger than those of a goose. They are easily tamed, and many of the country people of Chili have rendered them domestic.

THE WILD COCK AND HEN.

By Sonnini.

ON my return from my first voyage to Guiana, in 1775, I published a short notice* on the wild cock and hen, which I had every reason to believe natural to South America, or at least to some particular regions of this part
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* See the Journal de Physique, Aug. 1775.