

have seen them in the kingdom of Congo. Sonnini, who has travelled in Guiana, says he has heard in the forests of this vast country, a note similar to that of our cocks: he has seen too at a distance, the bird which uttered it: he found in it a resemblance with our cock, and he perceived besides, a fleshy crest on the head, and two fleshy appendages under the beak towards the base\*: but he only saw these birds at a distance; he could not get into his possession any individual of the species; he has decided therefore upon the subject, merely in a conjectural manner: yet the observation becomes interesting, because the earliest authors, who have written upon America, agree in asserting that there were no cocks in the whole of this vast continent before its discovery. Coreal maintains, as a fact, that hens were

are a great quantity of wild hens, which differ from ours only in the more compact formation of their body, and their short feet; they are of a grey colour, spotted like the partridge. See *Voyages round the World, and towards the Two Poles, by land and by sea, by M. Pages, captain of the vessel, vol. 1: p. 160.*

\* I said nothing about the fleshy appendages underneath the beak, because the bird was continually in motion, and did not leave me sufficient leisure to make such observation.