

small cartilage, which is also observable at the extremity of the feathers of the neck.

“ The feathers which cover the extremity of the belly, and those of the under part of the tail are a sort of down, similar to that which the common cock has in other parts; this down, in a wild cock, is mixed with white, black, and a dull grey.

“ The wings terminate at the origin of the tail. The large feathers are of a dull black colour, and present nothing particular in their conformation. Those which cover the bend of the wing, or the small covert feathers, are long, straight, and of the same colour as the feathers on the back, but smaller in all their dimensions.

“ The large covert feathers of the wings are short, stiff, and glossy at their extremities, which are also deeply tinged with a dark red colour. These feathers are so disposed, that partly covering each other, they leave no other portion visible, but that which is thus tinged; that part which is hidden is striped with white in its middle, and with black on the sides.

“ The colours and dispositions of the large and small covert feathers of the wings make them appear, towards their fold, as if they
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