

it at Batavia, in a menagerie, and the owner of it presented it to Lord Macartney, who sent it to England, and it was the opinion of Dr. Shaw, after an attentive examination, that this bird has never yet been described by any naturalist whatever.

The species which this pheasant appears the most to resemble, is the *momoul* (*phasianus impejanus*): the beak is long and crooked; but, after some attentive inspection, there were found a number of discrepancies between these two birds.

The plumage of the one now under consideration, is principally black, with a strong reflexion of dark blue. A dazzling lustre covered the lower part of the back, and appeared, at different times, sometimes of a light black, and sometimes of a lively red colour: this brilliant colour formed round the body of the bird a large zone, more obscure under the belly than on the back. The tail is in the form of a fan, and the two middle quill feathers are of a pale yellow.

Two fleshy glands, or appendages, which form almost an angle, and unite above the aperture of the beak, hang under the throat; long feathers, which hang behind, form, by this union, a sort of tuft on the head. The
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