

a whole race of birds, who shall limit the powers of nature? It is a narrow and unworthy philosophy that would refer to accident what may be the result of design.

THE RAVEN OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONS.

(*Corvus Australis.*)

THIS bird is remarkable on account of its beak, which is thicker at its basis, and more flattened on the sides than the beak of the common raven; and also for the feathers of the throat, which are soft and thinly scattered.

The colour of the plumage is not a deep black, but rather what is expressed by the word *blackish*; and the quill feathers of the wings approach towards a brown. These discrepancies in the form and colour are sufficient to entitle the raven of New Holland and the Friendly Islands, to be considered as a
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