

and in general, on all the mountains of the same country, formed by the rocks; yet Levaillant did not meet with it along the eastern coast of that part of Africa, though it contains many lofty eminences of this nature.

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#### THE TALKER.

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THE preceding bird is always spying; the present one is always talking or crying, and its cry expresses very distinctly the Dutch words *Piet, myn vrouw*, which signify, *Peter, my wife*. One of the Hottentots in the train of Levaillant, having killed a female blackbird of this species, was so struck with the voice of the male, which seemed to call for his wife, that he would not fire upon any more of them.

Besides this cry, and a slight sort of whistling which the male has, this bird, which Levaillant described the first, sings its amours in a very agreeable and sonorous tone; it is principally in the morning and the evening that he utters his melodious notes; sometimes