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OF THE GOOSE, SWAN, AND DUCK.

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THE HYPERBOREAN GOOSE\*.

IF this denomination belongs to any species of goose, it is, doubtless, to the present one, which adopts for its habitual residence the arctic regions of our globe, and those places which are most refrigerated by snow and frost. In the earliest part of Spring, and before the appearance of any other water fowl, immense colonies, to the amount of three or four hundred, of these hyperborean geese are seen to arrive in Siberia. These numerous winged cohorts alight first near the river Kolyma; and they then set forth again to reach the

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\* This appears to be something similar to the *white goose*, (see vol. 3, p. 160, Birds;) but if it be the same, which however is very doubtful, yet the additional information of Sonnini would entitle it to a place here.