

a river, they extend, upon the bank of the river, a large net, or they make a cabin of skins sewed together; then, one of them, entirely covered with the white skins of reindeer, goes straight towards the band of geese, which the others surround in the rear, and drive them forward by hissing. The troop follows, without fear, and better than domestic geese, the man cloathed in white; and this false conductor leads them near the net, which falling, often entirely covers them. If, instead of a net, they have reared a cabin, the geese also follow the hunter; when they have filled it the door closes, and they meet with a cruel death as the reward of their confidence; and this confidence is so entire, and so general, that a flight of geese, which perceives one of these troops led by the hunters, alights near them, and accompanies them without any difficulty.

It has already been observed, that the hyperborean goose is as white as snow; from which general colour, however, we must except the forehead, on which appears a yellowish tinge, and the quill feathers of the wings, the first eleven of which are always black for one half of their length, and the others have, in general, their tips of a cinereous colour; this