

horse ; he is frequently put to the plough in countries where the earth is light, and his dung is an excellent manure.

THE OX.

THE surface of the earth, adorned with its verdure, is the inexhaustible and common food from which man and animals draw their subsistence. Every thing in nature that has life, is nourished by that which vegetates ; and vegetables, in turn, exist on the spoil of every thing that has lived or vegetated. To live, it is necessary to destroy ; and it is only by the destruction of beings, that animals can live themselves and multiply. God, in creating the first individuals of each species of animals and vegetables, has not only given form to the dust of the earth, but also gave it animation, by inclosing in each individual a greater or less quantity of active principles, organs, living molecules, incapable of being destroyed, and
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