

In those districts which are reserved for the chace, four or five hundred hares are sometimes killed in the course of one day's sport. These animals multiply amazingly ; they engender at all seasons, and are in a condition to propagate before the first year of their life is expired. The females do not go with young above thirty or thirty-one days ; they produce three or four, and are immediately after ready to receive the male ; they likewise receive him during the time of gestation, and by a particular formation of their organs are often found to have a super-foetation ; for the vagina and the matrix are continuous, and the latter has neither neck or orifice in the womb, as in other animals ; yet each horn has an orifice which opens into the vagina and dilates during the time of bringing forth ; and which forming two distinct uteri, act independently of each other ; so that the females of this species are capable of conceiving and bringing forth by each matrix at different times ; and consequently super-foetation must be as common among these animals, as it is rare among those which have not this double organ. It is plain, therefore, that the females may be impregnated at all times. By another singularity in their conformation they are found to be as lascivious as they