

into the field after a battle, and devour such bodies as lay upon the surface, or were negligently interred : when once accustomed to human flesh, they will attack men, preferring the shepherd to his flock, devour women, and carry off children.*

It sometimes happens that whole countries are obliged to arm for the purpose of destroying them. Hunting of them is also a favourite diversion among the great, and is certainly a very useful one. Wolves are distinguished by huntsmen into *young*, *old*, and *very old*; they are known by the prints of their feet, which are large in proportion to their age; those of the females are longer and more slender. It is necessary to have a good bloodhound to put up the wolf, and when upon the scent every art must be used to encourage him, as all dogs have a natural antipathy to this animal, and are very cold in the pursuit. When the wolf is put up, greyhounds should be let after him in pairs, the first pair almost immediately supported by a man on horseback; the second when he is at the distance of eight or nine hundred paces, and a third pair when the other dogs

* These are called *loups garoux*, from the French word *garer*, to take care, signifying that they are to be guarded against; *loup garou* signifies also in the French language an unsociable man; a term, the affinity of which to the former is not easily discoverable.