

rat ; and, indeed, though there are many other species of rats in the Alps, there is none so remarkable as the marmot, or like it dwells upon the brow of the loftiest mountains ; all the other species fix their abode in the valleys, or at least on the sides of the lower hills or mountains ; besides the marmot never descends to the lower grounds but seem particularly attached to the Alpine heights, where it chooses such places as are exposed to the south or east in preference to the north or west. They are also found on the Appenine and Pyrenean mountains, and on the highest ones in Germany.

The Bobak of Poland, to which M. Brisson, and after him Mess. Arnault of Nobleville, and Salerne, have given the name of Marmot, differs from that animal in colour, and also in the number of toes, having five on the fore-feet. From which we may conclude that the *bobak*, or Polish marmot, the *mouax*, or Canadian marmot, the *cavia*, or marmot of Bahama, and the *cricket*, or Strasburgh marmot, are different species from the marmot of the Alps.