

sent from Lapland, for the king's cabinet, was in a dry state, and therefore I can only add my regret that so little is known about it.

THE PECCARI, OR MEXICAN HOG.

AMONG the animals of the New World, few species are more numerous, or more remarkable, than that of the Mexican Hog.* (*fig.* 116.) At the first glance he resembles our wild boar, or rather the hog of Siam, which, as we have already observed, is nothing more than a variety of the wild boar; and for which reason this has been called the American wild boar, or American hog. He is, however, of a distinct species, and refuses to engender either with our wild or domestic kinds; a circumstance of which I was convinced, by having reared one of these animals in company with several sows.

He differs also from the hog in a number of characteristics, both external and internal. He is less corpulent, and his legs are shorter; in

* This animal has a variety of names; besides the above, some call him *Tajassou*, *Tajacou*, *Paquirá*, *Saino*, &c.