

false or exaggerated, or at least that this deformed nose is only a monstrous accidental variety ; though of these deformities there may be found permanent examples in some other species of bats. By time alone will these obscurities be removed.

Both the roussette and rougette are in the cabinet of the King of France ; and it is to the island of Bourbon that we are indebted for them. They belong exclusively to the Old Continent ; and in no part either of Africa or Asia are they so numerous as the vampyre is in America. These animals are larger, stronger, and perhaps more mischievous than the vampyre. But it is by open force, and in the day as well as night, that they commit hostilities. Fowls and small birds are the objects of their destructive fury ; they even attack men, and wound their faces ; but no traveller has accused them of sucking the blood of men and animals while asleep.

The ancients had but an imperfect knowledge of these winged quadrupeds, which may, indeed, be termed monsters ; and it is probable, that from those whimsical models of Nature, they received the idea of harpies. The wings, the teeth, the claws, the cruelty, the voracity ; the nastiness, and all the destructive qualities, and noxious faculties of the harpies, bear no