THE LONG AND THE SHORT-TAILED MANIS.

THESE animals are commonly known under the name of scaly lizards; we reject this denomination; 1st. because it is a compound; 2dly, because it is ambiguous, and applied to both species; 3dly, because it is wrongly imagined; these animals being not only of another species, but even of a different class, than the lizards, which are oviparous reptiles, while the pangolin, and the phatagen, as they are called in their native countries of the east, are viviparous quadrupeds.

All lizards are covered with a sleek speckled skin, in representation of scales, but these animals have no scales on their throat, breast, or belly, the phatagen, or long-tailed manis, (fig. 126) like other quadrupeds, has hair on all these under parts of the body; the pangolin, or short-tailed manis (fig. 125) has nothing but a smooth skin without hair. The scales with which all the other parts of the bodies of VOL. VII.