

by nine joints of a flexible skin ; the tail has also a similar number of bands. The colour of the cuirass on the back is iron grey, and on the flanks and tail of a light grey with spots of iron grey. The belly is covered with a whitish skin, grainy and hairy. The individual of this species, described by Marcgrave, had a head three inches long, the ears near two, the legs about three, the two middle toes of the fore-feet an inch ; the body from the neck to the origin of the tail seven inches, and the tail nine inches in length ; the bucklers had small white spots ; the moveable bands were marked by triangular figures ; this crust was not hard, being penetrable to the smallest shot which would kill the animal, whose flesh is very white, and good to eat.

THE NINE BANDED.

NIEREMBERG has described this animal very imperfectly : Wormius and Grew have described him much better. The individual which Wormius mentioned was adult, and one of the