

are the same in the bisons of America and in those of Europe ; thus we cannot refuse to regard them, not only as animals of the same species but also of the same race.

7. *The urus, or aurochs, is the same animal as the common bull, in his wild and natural state.* This position is clear, as the figure and constitution of the body of the aurochs is perfectly similar to that of our domestic bull. The aurochs is only larger and stronger, like every other animal who enjoys his liberty. The aurochs are still to be met with in some provinces of the north. The young aurochs have been taken from their mothers, and being reared, when of a proper age have copulated with the domestic bulls and cows, so that we cannot doubt but they are of the same species.

8. *To conclude, the bison differs from the aurochs by accidental varieties only, and, consequently, is also of the same species as the domestic ox.* The hunch, the length and quality of the hair, and the form of the horns, are the sole characters by which we can distinguish the bisons from the aurochs. But we have known the hunched oxen produce with the domestic kind ; we likewise know, that the length and quality of the hair, in all animals, depend on the nature of the climate ; and we
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