

therefore, they have greater security in ascending than in descending steep places. Their swiftness is equal to that of the roe-buck ; but the latter hastens on by bounds, while the former runs in an uninterrupted course. Most of them are yellow upon the back, white under the belly, with a black stripe which separates these two colours below the flanks. Their tails are of various lengths, but always covered with a pretty long blackish hair ; their ears are long, erect, open, and terminating in a point : they all have cloven hoofs nearly like the sheep ; both males and females have permanent horns, but the latter have them thinner and shorter than the former.

Such is the whole information which we have been able to acquire concerning the different species of gazelles, and their natural dispositions and habits. Let us now see how far naturalists have been right in attributing the production of the oriental *bezoar* to one kind of those animals only ; and whether this animal be really the *pasan* or *pazan*, which they have described by the name of the *bezoar gazel*. In examining the description and the figures of Kœmpfer, who has written a great deal on this subject, it is doubtful whether he means that the *pazan* or the *algazel* is the only animal which produces