

and to which was affixed a label with these words : “ *the horns of an animal nearly like a horse, of a greyish colour ; with a mane on the fore part of its head like a horse ; it is called at Pondicherry coësdoës, which should be pronounced coudous.*” This little discovery gave me great pleasure ; but I have not been able to meet with this name of *coesdoes*, or *coudous*, in the writings of any traveller ; the label only has informed us that it is of a large size, and to be met with in the hottest countries of Asia. The buffalo is of the same climate, and has likewise a mane ; it is true his horns are crooked and flat, while those of the coudous are round and straight, which, together with the colour, are sufficient indications of the difference of these two animals ; for the buffalo has a black skin and hair, and, according to the label, the hair of the other is grey. These relations suggest others : the travellers in Asia speak of the large buffaloes of Bengal, of red buffaloes, and of the grey buffaloes of the Mogul empire, which are called *nil-gauts* ; the coudous may possibly be one or other of these animals, and the travellers into Africa, where the buffalo is as common as in Asia, more precisely mention a species of buffalo, called *pacasse* at Congo, which from their indi-

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