

with Kolbe, that the animal he calls the stinking otter, and which seems to be a real stinkard, exists as a native at the Cape of Good Hope; and possibly Kolbe, who is not very exact, has borrowed his description from P. Zuchel, whom he has quoted as having seen that animal in Brasil. The animal of New Spain, called by Fernandes the *ortohua*, seems to be the same animal as the Peruvian zorille; and the *tepemaxtle*, mentioned by the same author, may probably be the conapate, which is found in New Spain, as well as in Louisiana and Carolina.

THE PEKAN, AND THE VISON.

THE fur merchants of Canada have long been acquainted with the name of *pekan*, without any knowledge of the animal to which it belongs. Naturalists have not even mentioned its name; and travellers have employed it to denote different animals, particularly stinkards, so that it was impossible to derive any precise knowledge of it from their erroneous

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