

South America, is the same as the saricovienne. Marcgrave and Desmarchais describe it to be as big as a middling sized dog : that the top of its head is round, and its nose long ; that its teeth and whiskers resemble those of the cat ; that it has small black eyes, round ears, five toes on each foot, with a kind of thumb shorter than the others, and all armed with brown claws ; that its hair, which is short and soft, is black on the body, and has a white spot under the chin ; that its voice is somewhat like that of a young dog ; and notwithstanding it lives principally on crabs and fish, its flesh is very good, and its skin makes an excellent fur.

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THIS Otter, (*fig.* 191) which is larger than ours, and which must be a native of the north of Europe, as well as of Canada, occasioned me to enquire whether it was not the same animal as that called by Aristotle the *latax*, which, he says, is much larger and stronger than the common otter. But his observations
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