

them into the water ; and that he had no kind of fear. These circumstances cannot all be true ; some of them seem adapted to the fable of the dolphin related by the ancients, for the manati cannot possibly crawl on the ground.

Herrere says little with regard to this animal, and only asserts, that although very large, the manati swims with such facility, that his motion in the water is not heard ; and that he immediately dives to the bottom, on hearing any noise.

Hernandes, who has given two figures of the manati, one in profile, and the other in front, adds very little to what other Spanish authors had said of it ; he only mentions that there is a deformed beast called the *manati*, which inhabits the Atlantic and Pacific oceans ; the descriptions of which he has chiefly taken from Oviedo ; and then adds, that the hands of this animal have five nails like those of a man ; that its navel and anus are wide ; that the vulva of the female is like that of a woman, and the sexual organ of the male like that of a horse ; that the flesh and fat are like those of a hog ; that the ribs and viscera are like those of a bull ; that they copulate on land, the female lying on her back, and that she