

then we have conditions in its frame harmonising with its destination ; and legs, and feet, and ribs, and tail, and claws, and teeth, and all the constituents of its anatomical structure accord with the place assigned it in the range of being.

It was devoid of means which some animals depending on the same kind of sustenance have for bringing it within their reach. It could not burrow in the ground as the tuco-tuco, a rodent animal described by Darwin, does to exhume roots, and it wanted the long neck of the giraffe to reach elevated foliage. But it had ample compensation for the absence of these facilities in its simple strength. It might eye with the desire of hope the sturdiest constituent of the forest. When it had poised itself on its hinder legs and columnar tail, thus giving to its enormous weight a pyramidal base, and having clasped with its fore-legs the stately trunk, securely swung itself from side to side—the firmest racine attachments would be loosened by such oscillations—the strongest stem would bend hither and thither under this immense and shifting pressure ; till the agitated tree, though