

wonderful instance of the amount of modification which can be effected under domestication.

Formerly there existed in the central islands of the Pacific Ocean a singular breed of pigs. These are described by the Rev. D. Tyerman and G. Bennett¹³ as of small size, hump-backed, with a disproportionately long head, with short ears

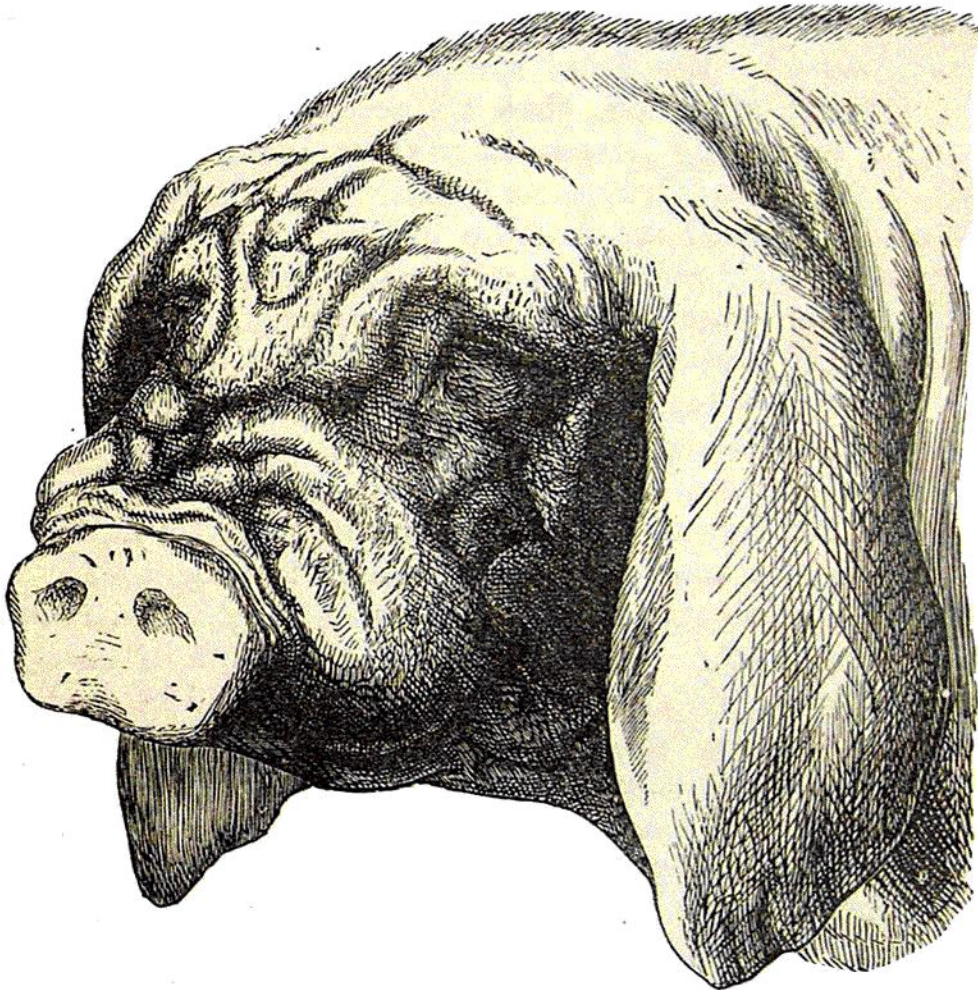


Fig. 2.—Head of Japan or Masked Pig. (Copied from Mr. Bartlett's paper in 'Proc. Zoolog. Soc.' 1861, p. 263.)

turned backwards, with a bushy tail not more than two inches in length, placed as if it grew from the back. Within half a century after the introduction of European and Chinese pigs into these islands, the native breed, according to the above authors, became almost completely lost by being repeatedly crossed with them. Secluded islands, as might have been

¹³ 'Journal of Voyages and Travels from 1821 to 1829,' vol. i. p. 300.