

valuable. Thus the Arab obtains from the camel not only milk and cheese and butter, but he ordinarily also eats its flesh, and fabricates its hair into clothing of various kinds. The very refuse indeed of the digested food of the animal is the principal fuel of the desert; and from the smoke of this fuel is obtained the well-known substance called *sal ammoniac*, which is very extensively employed in the arts; and of which indeed, formerly, the greater part met with in commerce was obtained from this source alone, as may be implied from its very name<sup>s</sup>.

#### SECT. IV.

##### *Domestication of Animals.*

NATURE has implanted a disposition in almost all animals to be domesticated by man; and also a capability of becoming adapted to the various climates into which they accompany him; and this disposition and adaptation necessarily extend the utility of these animals. There is, moreover, a consequent effect of domestication which is obvious to the commonest observer; and which extends still further the benefits arising from the practice. In a state of nature, almost all the individuals of the same species of animals have, at any given period of

<sup>s</sup> Ammon or Hammon, which is the name of that part of the African desert situate to the west of Egypt, supplied formerly much of the *sal ammoniac* of commerce.