

and our researches have been fruitless to discover such as have been said to exist ; indeed some of the differences are stated to be so trivial that they cannot fairly be considered as distinct from the others ; besides those species in which there are actual varieties are usually very abundant, and generally diffused, whereas that of the badger is one of the least numerous and most limited. We are not certain that they are to be found in America, unless we regard as a variety the animal sent from New York, of which M. Brisson has given a short description, under the name of the *White Badger*. They exist not in Africa, for the animal from the Cape of Good Hope, which Kolbe describes under the name of the *Stinking Badger*, belongs to a different species ; and we doubt whether the *Fossa* of Madagascar, mentioned by Flacourt, be an actual badger, although he says they resemble those in France. Other travellers take no notice of it, and Dr. Shaw even says it is unknown in Barbary. It seems, likewise, not to exist in Asia ; and that the badger was unknown in Greece is plain from Aristotle's not mentioning it, and its having no name in the Grecian language. This animal, therefore, is a native of the temperate climates of Europe, has never
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