

continent. Of this animal there were several sorts ; of some the hair was straight, others had their bodies covered with a wool exceedingly soft ; but the greatest number had only a thin covering of tender down. In colours they exceeded the varieties in the European dogs, forming an assemblage of all colours, the most lively not excepted."

If this species of the goschis ever existed, especially as described by Father Charlevoix, why have other authors never mentioned it? why does it no longer exist? or if in existence, by what means has it lost all its beautiful peculiarities? It is most likely that the goschis of Charlevoix, and of which he never found the name but in Father Pers, is the gosques of Garsilasso ; and it is also probable that these gosques of St. Domingo, and the alcos of Peru, are the same animal ; for certain it is, that of all American animals this has the most affinity to the European dog. Several authors have considered it as a real dog ; and Laet expressly says, that when the West Indies were discovered they in St. Domingo employed a small dog in hunting, but which was absolutely dumb. We observed, in the history of the dog, that he loses the faculty of barking in hot countries, but instead thereof they had a kind of howl, and are not