

fume a considerable space ; and the perfume itself is so permanent, that at the end of several years it does not seem to have lost much of its power.\*

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#### THE BABIROUSSA.

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ALTHOUGH we have only the head of this animal in the royal cabinet, it is too remarkable to be passed over in silence. All naturalists have looked upon it as a kind of hog, though neither its head, size, bristles, nor tail, resemble that animal : its legs are longer, and its muzzle shorter ; it is covered with short hair, as soft as wool, and its tail is terminated by a tuft of this wool ; its body is likewise not so thick and clumsy as that of the hog ; its hair is grey, mixed with red and a little black ; its ears are short and pointed ; but the most remarkable character, and which distinguishes it from all other animals, are four enormous tusks,

\* The musk is a solitary animal, which prefers high mountains and rugged rocks ; sometimes he descends into the profound and dark chasms which separate the highest chains of mountains, and sometimes he climbs to their tops covered with snow. He is very agile, and swims very well ; extremely ferocious, it is difficult to approach him, and equally so to tame him, though mildness forms the basis of his character. He is in rut in the months of November and December ; this season of love is also the season of furious combats between the males. They eat the flesh of this animal : but that of the young ones alone is good and tender.