

As one of these animals lived some time in Paris I am of opinion they would propagate in our climate ; and the more especially as I find the one I formerly alluded to was not killed by the cold, but that the winter had no particular effect upon it. I have since been informed that this animal, was confined in an upper room, from the window of which it jumped, and falling into a vessel of water was drowned .

THE PORCUPINE.

THE name given this animal leads to a supposition that it is a hog covered with thorny quills,*when, in fact, it only resembles that animal by its grunting ; in every other respect it differs from the hog as much as any other animal, both in its outward appearance and interior conformation. Instead of a long head and ears, armed with tusks, and terminated with a snout ; instead of cloven feet, furnished with hoofs like the hog ; the porcupine has a short head like the beaver, two large incisive teeth in each jaw, no tusks or canine teeth,

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* This may be said of it in reference to its French, Italian, and Spanish appellation, but not in regard to its English one. In German too, its name conveys this idea: *stachel-schwein* literally *swine with thorns*.