

the latter about six : their principal food is the leaves of trees, in the holes of which the females bring forth their young ; they commonly bring forth two at a time, and yet they are not very numerous. The negroes are very fond of their flesh and describe it as extremely good. From the account of M. de la Borde they are solitary animals, except in the season of love, when they go in pairs ; they seldom venture to appear during the day, and they find a most inveterate enemy in the tiger who destroys them at every opportunity.

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#### THE URSON.

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THIS animal has never yet received a distinct name : placed by Nature in the desert part of North America, it exists in independence far distant from man, and has not even received from him a name, which is the first mark of an animal's subjection. Hudson having discovered the country where he inhabits, we shall give him a name which has an affinity with his first master, and which, at the same time, indicates his sharp bristly nature. It was likewise necessary to give him  
a name,