

grass, leaves, and vegetables." Among the moderns, the first good description we meet with is that of Belon. "I saw (says he) an animal at the castle of Cairo, which is commonly called *zurnapa*; the Latins anciently stiled it *camelopardalis*, a name compounded of leopard and camel, for it is sprinkled with spots like the first, and has a long neck like the latter. It is a very beautiful animal, as gentle as a lamb, and more sociable than any other wild beast. Its head is almost like that of the stag, excepting its size; on it are two small horns, about half a foot long, covered with hair; those of the male are longer than those of the female. They both have ears as large as those of a cow, and the tongue black, like that of the ox; it has no incisive teeth in the upper jaw; its neck is long, straight, and slender; its horns round; its legs thin and long, but so low behind that the animal appears to be sitting; its feet are like those of the ox; its tail, which hangs down almost to its hoof, is round, and the hair on it is three times as thick as that of a horse; the colour of the hair on the body is white and red; its manner of running is like the camel's; when it runs its two fore feet go together; it lies on its belly, and has a callous substance on the breast and