

miserable without being unhappy ; and Nature, even in her most unfinished productions, appears always to act more as a real parent, than a step-mother.

Both these animals belong to the southern parts of the New Continent, and are never to be met with in the Old. We have already observed, that the editor of Seba's cabinet was deceived in calling the unau by the name of the *Ceylon sloth*. This error, which has been adopted by Klein, Linnæus, and Brisson, is now more evident than formerly. The Marquis de Montmirail has a living unau, which was brought him from Surinam : those in the royal cabinet came from the same place, and from Guiana ; and I am persuaded, that both species exist in the desarts of America, from Brasil to Mexico ; but as it never inhabited the northern countries, it could not have passed from one continent to the other ; and if these animals have been seen either in the East Indies, or on the coast of Africa, it is certain, that they must have been transported thither. They can endure neither cold nor rain ; the change from wet to dry spoils their fur, which then resembles bad dressed hemp, rather than wool or hair.

I cannot conclude this article better than
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