

cannot perfectly perform one single act ; which may possibly be owing to a defect of education, or perhaps yet more to an error in our judgment. You unjustly compare, it may be said, an ape, who is a native of the forests, with the man who resides in polished society. To form a proper judgment between them, a savage man and an ape should be viewed together ; for we have no just idea of man in a pure state of nature. The head covered with bristly hairs, or with curled wool ; the face partly hid by a long beard, and still longer hairs in the front, which surround his eyes, destroy his august character, and make them appear sunk in his head, like those of the brutes ; the lips thick and projecting, the nose flat, the aspect wild or stupid ; the ears, body, and limbs are covered with hair ; the nails long, thick, and crooked ; a callous substance like a horn under the soles of the feet ; the breasts of the female long and flabby, and the skin of her belly hanging down to her knees ; the children wallowing in filth, and crawling on their hands and feet ; and the father and mother sitting on their hams, forming a hideous appearance, rendered more so by being besmeared all over with stinking grease. This sketch, drawn from a savage Hot-
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