

every other respect, I do not think it necessary to consider them as a distinct and separate species.

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#### 4. THE ZISEL.

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SOME authors, and among the rest, Linnaeus, have doubted, whether the *zisel*, or *ziesel*, (*citillus*) were a different animal from the hamster\* (*cricetus*). It is true they resemble each other in many respects, and inhabit nearly the same country; but they differ by a sufficient number of characters to convince us they are really different species. The *zisel* is smaller than the hamster; its body is long and slender like the weasel; whereas that of the hamster is thick like the rat. It has no external ears, but only auditory passages concealed under the hair. The hamster has short ears, but they are very broad and apparent. The *zisel* is of a uniform cinereous grey colour, but the hamster is marked with three large white

\* The *hamster* is found in Misnia, Thuringia, and Hanover. The *zisel* is found in Hungary, Austria, and Poland, where it is called *suset*.