

favoured me with one of these *sousliks*, which had been sent him from Austria, as an animal naturalists were not acquainted with. I soon recognised it to be the same as that of which I had a skin in my possession, and of which M. Sanchez had furnished me with the following account. “The rats called *sousliks*, are taken in great numbers in the salt vessels in the river *Kama*, which descends from Solikamski, where the salt pits are, and falls into the *Wolga* above the town of Casan. The *Wolga* from Simbuski to Somtof, is covered with these salt vessels, in which these animals are taken, as well as in the lands which border on those rivers. They have been named *souslik*, that is, dainty-mouthed, because they are very fond of salt.”

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SUPPLEMENT.

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WE have since learnt, that these animals generally live in the desert, and burrow in the sides of the mountains where the earth is blackish; that some of them make their holes seven or eight feet long, at the end of which