

tween the hind legs. This animal, says Marcgrave, plays with the cats, who never appear inclined to eat them ; and this is another thing which it has in common with the European field-mice, which the cats will kill, but they never eat them.

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## 20. THE APEREA.

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THIS animal, which is found in Brasil, is neither a rabbit nor rat, yet seems to partake of both. It is about a foot long by seven inches in circumference. It is of the same colour as our hares, but white upon the belly. It has also, like that animal, a slit lip, large incisive teeth, and whiskers about the mouth and sides of the eyes ; but its ears are rounded like those of a rat, and very short : the fore-legs are not more than three inches long, those behind are a little longer. The fore-feet have four toes covered with a black skin, and furnished with small short claws : the hind feet have only three toes, the middlemost of which is longer than the other two. The aperea has no tail ; its head is a little longer than that of the hare, and