

the cabiai, the lama, the vicunna, the red wolf, the buffalo or American bison, the ant-eaters, sloths and armadilloes, are as well described by Margrave and Hernandez as by Buffon ; it may even be said that they are better, for Buffon has confused the history of the ant-eaters, mistaken the jaguar and red wolf, and confounded the bison of America with the aurochs of Poland. Pen-
nant, it is true, was the first naturalist who clearly distinguished the small musk ox ; but it was long before made mention of by travellers. The cloven-footed horse of Molina, has not been described by the early Spanish travellers ; but its existence is more than doubtful, and the authority of Molina is too suspicious to authorise our adopting it. It might be possible to characterise more accurately than has been done the different species of deer belonging to America and India ; but the case is with respect to these animals as it was among the ancients with respect to the antelopes ; it is the want of a good method for distinguishing them, and not of opportunities of seeing them, that has left them so imperfectly known to us. It may, therefore, be said, that the Mouflon of the Blue Mountains is the only American quadruped of any considerable size of which the discovery is altogether modern ; and even it is perhaps only an argali that may have crossed upon the ice from Siberia.