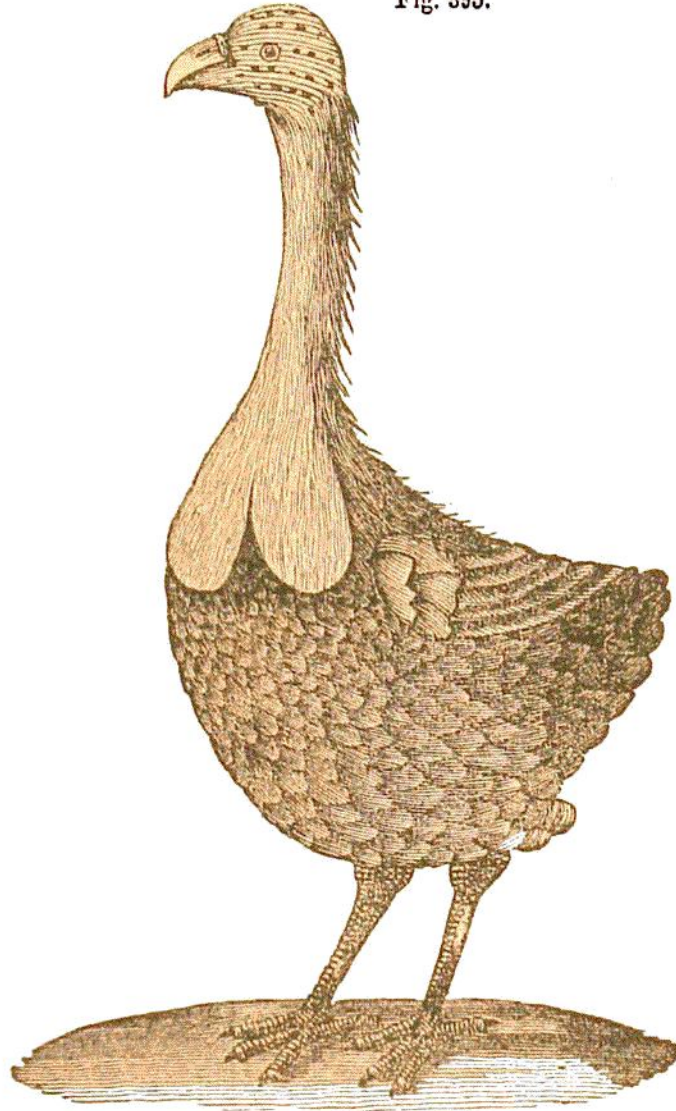


paratively recent date, and two species of *Apteryx* which were coteremporaneous with the *Dinornis* are nearly extinct.

In the island of Rodriguez, in the Indian Ocean, once lived another wingless bird, the *Pezohaps solitarius*, which has become extinct. In Fig. 395 we give a sketch of it.

Fig. 395.



*Pezohaps Solitarius. The Solitaire.*

Other wingless or short winged birds existed about 200 years ago, in the islands of Mauritius and Bourbon. They belonged to the Columbidae or pigeon tribe. The Dodo, which weighed fifty pounds, and inhabited Mauritius, is the most remarkable. It is represented in Fig. 396. One or two heads and feet of this bird are all that remain in the cabinets of Europe, although the earlier voyagers saw it alive and figured it.

One or two species of the *Sturthio Rhea*, or South American Ostrich, have been found fossil in that country.

We have seen that the earliest mammals that appeared on the globe were marsupials. Among existing animals, Australia is re-