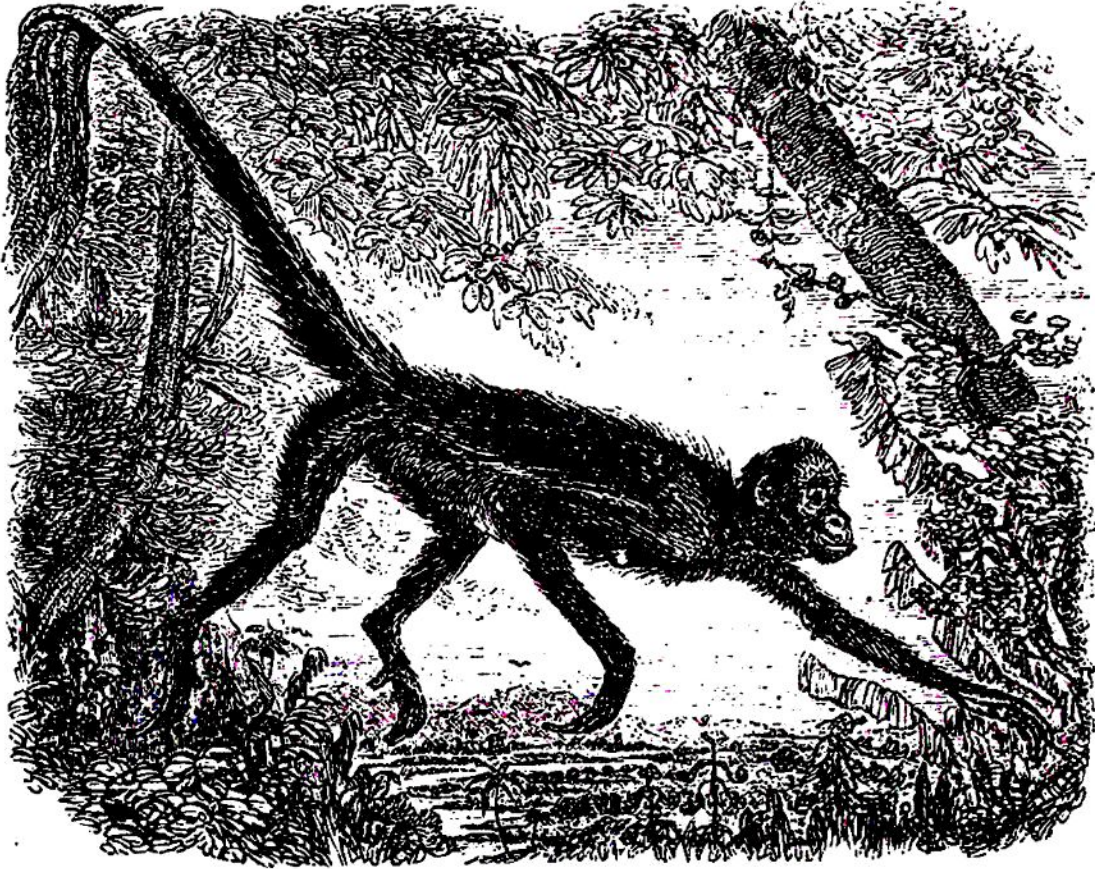


as the tail in some species is converted to the same purpose, and is as useful an instrument of suspension as any of the four extremities.*



The armed extremities of a variety of animals give them great advantages; but if man possessed any similar provisions, he would forfeit his sovereignty over all. As Galen, long since, observed, “did man possess the natural armour of

* This is a sketch of the Coaita, or Spider Monkey, so called from the extraordinary length of its extremities, and its motions. The tail answers all the purposes of a hand, and the animal throws itself about from branch to branch, sometimes swinging from the foot, sometimes by the fore extremity, but oftener and with a greater reach by the tail. The prehensile part of the tail is covered only with skin, forming an organ of touch, as discriminating as the proper extremities. The Caraya, or Black howling