

709—**ATLANTIC WALRUS**—*Trichachua rosmarus*—Has as its habitat the Arctic regions between America and Europe. Grows to a great size. Feeds on any animal matter it can catch in the open sea, or dig up in shallow water. Hunted for the ivory of its tusks, which, however, is inferior in quality to that the Elephant, and for the oil obtained from the thick layers of fat found close under the skin; the hide also is valuable commercially. The Walrus furnishes the staple food of the Eskimo.

710—**SKUNK**—*Mephitis mephitis*. See 224.

711—**BLACK BEAR**—*Ursus americanus*—Formerly abundant and generally distributed throughout North America; but now restricted to the unsettled districts. Feeds upon small animals, berries and succulent herbage; also fond of honey.

712—**MINK**—*Mustela vison*. See 225.

713—**BLACK-FOOTED FERRET**—*Putorius nigripes*—Related to and similar in habits to the Weasel. Has obtained the nickname of "Prairie Dog Hunter." Range—Great plains from western North Dakota and northern Montana to Texas. Not known west of eastern base of the Rocky Mountains.