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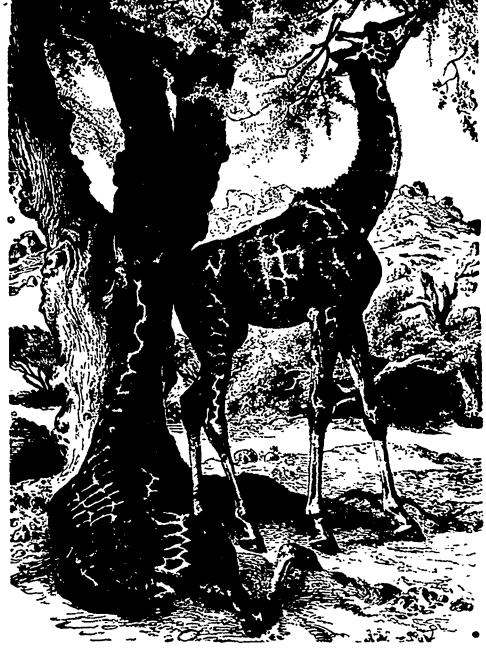
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THE GIRAFFE.

Or all the strange atures to be seen in logical gardens, none more remarkable in the giraffe, the hest animal in the rld. It was called camelopard by the cients, because it had g legs like the camel, d was spotted like e leopard; but it is t really like either mal, though it has ne resemblance to camel, as in the ape of its nostrils and per lip it is more arly allied to the r; but its most striki peculiarities are all own, and in general m it is unlike any er quadruped. The ots with which it is orned are totally ferent to those of the 🚨 pard, being large, d of irregular shape, d are arranged in a ometric pattern along 🐞 sides. The small rns with which its **M**ad is armed are made born, like those of e ox or deer, but are 🖥 bone, and seem like prolongation of the nes of the skull; they e terminated by a ft of stiff bristles.

d. The singular shape the giratte is adapted its habits of life; it



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feeds on the young branches and top shoots of the trees, and its long fore-legs and neck enable it to browse at a far greater height than any other animal.

In feeding it stretches up its neck, and with its long prehensile tongue, which it can protrude to a surprising distance, hooks down the tender shoots and leaves into its mouth. But the creature's pecuhar torm, though enabling it to feed on what it likes best, is sometimes the cause of its destruction. The fore-legs are so long that to reach the ground it has to stretch them wide apart, and bend down its mack in a semi circle, and while drinking in this defenceless attitude the hon or leopard springs upon it, and overpowers it before it can recover itself. The girafte is rather a timed animal, and as it runs with great swiftness it usually seeks safety in flight but when hard pressed it will turn and beat off even the honby striking out with its strong fore-hoots. Its horns, too, though they are so small, are capable of inflicting severe injuries.