PLANTAIN-EATER.

Good Hope, but difficult to be shot, perching only at the extremities of the highest branches of trees, out of gunshot, rarely suffering any one to approach; it feeds on fruits only; is easily caught alive, by snares baited with those in season, and esteemed good food, and when fricasseed, thought to be superior to the Pintado or Partridge. Mr. Barrow met with it about the forests of Kakaberg, as well as in Kaffer-Land.

A .- Touraco d'Abyssinie, Buf. vi. 301.

This differs in having a blackish crest, hanging behind as a lock; forehead, throat, and round the neck grass green; breast, and upper part of the back the same, with a tinge of olive; varying to purplish brown; wing coverts, and second quills green; the greater crimson, edged with black.

Inhabits Abyssinia. In a sketch of one of these, by Mr. Salt, the tail was long, and the wings reach only to the base; round the eye bare and red, carunculated. This was from Taranta.

1 have seen several of these birds alive in England, and observe the eye to be uncommonly brilliant, the crest always erect, and the bird in general very lively; one of them had not the white stripes above and beneath the eyes, but obtained them after the first moult, and the crest became of one green colour. In this climate it will subsist on grapes, apples, oranges, or any other fruits.

Scopoli mentions the variation of colour, and that it has a notch at the end of the upper mandible, as in the Shrike; this has escaped my observation. That in the *pl. enlum.* is white round the eye, with a streak behind it; the crest tipped with white, and half erect; the middle quills alone red; thighs, vent, and legs black; such an one is among Mr. Woodford's drawings, and the toes placed three before and one behind, but this is no singularity, as one I particularly observed alive, had the faculty of placing the toes in both situations.

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