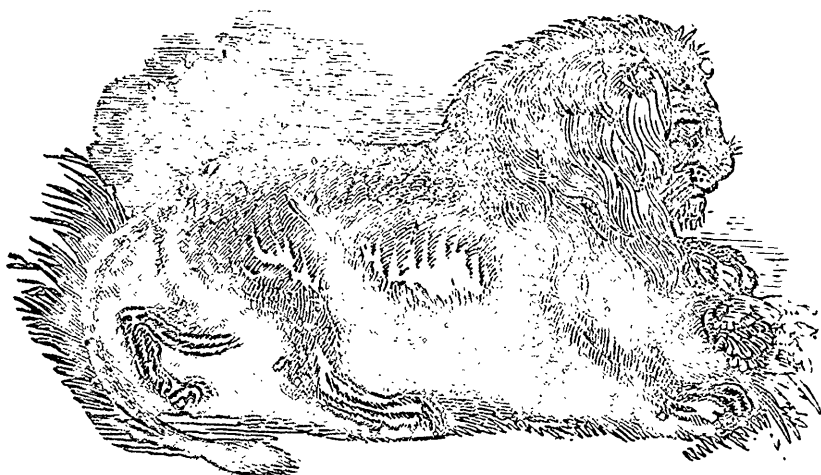


### The Best is Left.

"I am fallen," said Jeremy Taylor, "into the hands of publicans and sequestrators, and they have taken all from me. What now? Let me look about me! They have left me sun and moon, fire and water, a loving wife and many friends to pity me, and some to relieve me; and I can still discourse; and, unless I list, they have not taken away my merry countenance and my cheerful spirits, and a good

conscience; they have still left me the providence of God, and all the promises of the gospel, and my religion, and my hopes of heaven, and my charity to them too. And still I sleep, and digest, and eat, and drink; I read and meditate; I can walk in my neighbor's pleasant fields, and see the varieties of natural beauties, and delight in all that in which God delights, that is, in virtue and wisdom, in the whole creation, and in God himself."



### Wild Beasts.

#### THE LION.

The appearance of the lion, from which he has derived the title of king of the beasts, is majestic when at rest, but terrible when roused. He has a broad face, surrounded with long, shaggy hair; and a flowing mane, increasing in length as his years advance, adorns his neck. If provoked, this bristles up erect, his eyes gleam with fire, and his whole countenance becomes expressive of rage; his deep roar is broken into short, surley growls; he shows his dreadful teeth, and his claws are protruded beyond their velvet covering. When pressed by hunger, he attacks furiously whatever animal crosses his path, and even breaks into settlements and seizes the cattle. His prey is gene-

rally thrown upon his shoulder, and carried thus to some sequestered spot. A late traveller in South Africa saw a young lion bear away a horse a mile from the place where he had killed him; and another, having fled with a heifer two years old, was pursued fully five hours by a party on horseback, and throughout the whole distance the heifer was once or twice discovered to have touched the ground. If he meet men and animals together, it is generally the latter he pitches upon. His common prey is the deer and antelope, the zebra, quaggy, and occasionally the buffalo, though the formidable horns and not unequal strength of the latter make him generally rue the combat.