

NOTES.

(1.) The Ethiopians are a people between the extremes of barbarism and civilization. Their garments are of cotton, though those of a more opulent kind are of silk. * * * * Unprovided with salt at home, they purchase it from abroad for its weight in gold.

The Hottentots seldom live more than forty years, and of this short duration of life, the causes doubtless are, their being so fond of filth, and residing continually in the midst of it; as also their living upon meat which is tainted and corrupted, of which indeed their nourishment principally consists.—*Buffon*, page 161, 164.

(2.) In Norway and Lapland the Scotch fir tree attains to a height of sixty feet in latitude 70°; and at Tornea, at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, in latitude 66°, the birches are described by Van Buch as "*magnificent*." * * * * In Norway, *barley* sometimes ripens, under favorable aspects, under the 70th parallel of latitude.

The Cape of Good Hope just falls within the latitude adapted to the grape; and a considerable quantity of wine is annually exported from that settlement. It is of very inferior quality to the wines of Europe and Northern Africa, having an unpleasant, *earthy* taste, which is said to arise from the clayey nature of the soil.—*Borten's Geography of Plants*.

The Hyena Dog.—This dog is a native of Southern Africa, and is a serious nuisance to the frontier settlement at the Cape. Its ferocity seems to be *untameable*. Mr. Burchell, who first carried it to England, kept one for twelve months, at the end of which period even its feeder did not dare to lay his hand upon it. The Australian dog also is mentioned as exceedingly voracious and fierce.—*Buffon*.

(3.) Swine's flesh, it is remarkable, is rejected by the Caffres with abhorrence. The same is the case with the feathered tribe to some extent; none of them keep poultry of any sort; and eggs as an article of food, are altogether contraband. Nay, these scrupulous gentry will have nothing to do with the fish of the sea, which they for the most part regard as company for snakes, and not fit for the food of a gentleman. So that, although these people live almost wholly on, or near the coast, the entire line of which abounds with the *choicest fish*, they are ignorant of the art of casting a net. * * * * *

The frontier population of the European colony at the Cape is the very *beau ideal* of bastard barbarism. The Caffres and the Dutch boors have always been tugging at each other's throats. * * * * Unfortunately, the *English*, although only thirty years in possession of the colony, have, during that short period, outstripped, in their horrible oppression of the natives, even the cold-blooded cruelties of the Dutch boors of the last century. No British traveller has denied this, so far as we know, and most of them confirm it in explicit terms. Among them may be named Thomson, Barron, Pringle, and quite lately, Dr. Philip and the Rev. Mr. Ray.—*N. A. Review* for Oct. 1834.

(4.) The scattered, poor, and ignorant inhabitants of South Africa, could not but submit patiently to the oppression, the sportive injustice, and fantastic cruelty of an English Lord, sent across the