

THE LARGEST FLOWER AND THE LARGEST BIRD.

IN 1818, Dr. Arnold discovered in the island of Sumatra a flower which he named the *Rafflesia Arnoldi*, and which an author has called with much justice "the magnificent Titan of the vegetable kingdom." The human mind indeed had never conceived such a flower, the circumference of the full expanded flower is nine feet,—its nectarium calculated to hold nine pints,—the pistils are as large as cow's horns, and the entire weight of the blossom computed to be 15 lb.—Temple in his recent travels in Peru, states that he shot a Condor, and, from notes taken on the spot, gives us the following dimensions of its size:—"When the wings are spread, they measure 40 feet in extent, from point to point; the feathers are 20 feet in length, and the quill part eight inches in circumference." This almost realizes the fabled roc of Sinbad in the *Arabian Nights*; but its dimensions, as here given, rest on good and very recent authority.—*The Penny Magazine*.

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ON issuing this our third number, we would tender our grateful acknowledgements to the public for the patronage it has so liberally bestowed on our Magazine, and the indulgence with which the numerous errors it contains have been overlooked.

That such a work should be faulty in its commencement is somewhat to be expected. This has however, and still is labouring under so many disadvantages that it may almost be thought to abuse its privilege. When the MUSEUM was planned, it was fully intended that the editorial duties, with the exception of overseeing the mechanical part, should be entirely fulfilled by two ladies. This appeared so extraordinary, that the Quebec Mercury after a most flattering notice of the prospectus, expressed an opinion that in course of time, instead of "Ann Page" a "lubberly boy" would be discovered performing her part. Circumstances deprived us of the aid of the gentleman who had volunteered his