

the body enables them to creep along the ground, with the cautious silence of a snake, on their unsuspecting prey. Antelopes, deer, and small quadrupeds, are their food. They seldom voluntarily attack a man ; but when provoked, they are formidable foes.

The leopard and panther are easily tamed, and become gentle and affectionate, purring when pleased, and rubbing their sides against the bars of their cage, or against their keeper, like a cat. When at play, they bound around their enclosure with the agility of a squirrel, and so quickly that the eye can scarcely follow their movements.

The leopard stands about two feet in height : its figure is slim and graceful, but vigorous, and its proportions admirable.

#### THE OUNCE

is an animal of the same kind, likewise from India. The general colour is grey, or whitish grey, tinged with yellow, lighter on the breast and under parts. The head is marked on the top with black spots, a large one being behind the ears. The body and sides of the limb are variegated with irregular wavy marks, forming rounded, or rather oval, figures, but not definitely nor so orderly arranged as the leopard. The tail, which is very long, is almost bushy, especially at its termination, the hair being very full.

#### THE RHIMAU-DAHAN, NEPAUL TIGER-CAT, SERVAL, AND CHEETAH,

are animals belonging to the same family, only smaller, and coloured and marked differently. The first is a native of Sumatra ; the second, of Northern India ; the third, of Southern Africa ; the last, of Southern Africa and India. The cheetah is in India often used in hunting the antelope. It is carried out in a cart, blindfolded ; and when the antelope is in view, the blinds are removed, the cheetah permitted to see it, and then set at liberty. It then creeps along the ground, cautiously approaching its prey, till within a short distance, when it makes a few surprising springs, seizes the animal by the neck, and begins to draw out the blood. When the keeper comes, he uses the regular method of removing it, puts on the blinds, and the cheetah, after having some pieces of meat, is replaced in the cart.

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#### MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS.

In conversation use some, but not too much, ceremony : it teaches others to be courteous too. Demeanours are commonly paid back in their own coin.

Let not any passion drive thee to cruelty. Believe me, whoever acts cruelly, his heart is at that time hell, and the devil is in it.

In the morning, think what difficulties and what temptations thou are like to meet with in the day and fortify thyself particularly against them