

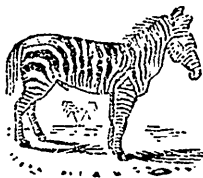
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## NATURAL HISTORY



THE ZEBRA.

The Zebra is perhaps the handsomest and most elegantly clothed of all quadrupeds. He has the shape and graces of the horse, the swiftness of the stag, and a striped robe of black and white, alternately disposed with so much regularity and symmetry, that it seems as if Nature had made use of the rule and compass to paint it.

The zebra is only to be met with in the most eastern and the most southern parts of Africa, from Ethiopia to the Cape of good Hope, and hence to Congo; it exists neither in Europe, Asia, nor America, nor even in all the northern parts of Africa. Those which some travellers tell us they have seen at the Brazils, have been transported thither from Africa; those which others have recounted to have seen in Persia, and in Turkey, have been brought from Ethiopia; and, in short, those that we have seen in Europe are almost all from the Cape of Good Hope. This point of Africa is their true climate, their native country, and where the Dutch have employed all their care to subject them, and to render them tame, without having been hitherto able to succeed. That which we have seen, and which has served for the subject of our description, was very wild when he arrived at the royal menagerie in France; and he was never entirely tamed;

nevertheless, he has been broken for the saddle; but there are precautions necessary—two men held the bridle, while a third was upon him. His mouth is very hard; his ears so sensible, that he winces whenever any person goes to touch them. He was restive, like a vicious horse, and obstinate as a mule; but, perhaps, the wild horse, and the onagra, are not less intractable; and there is reason to believe, that if the zebra was accustomed to obedience and tameness, from his earliest years, he would become as mild as the ass and the horse, and might be substituted in their room.

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

### NARRATIVE

OF A MARINER LEFT ON AN ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC.

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Towards morning the weather cleared up, and he proceeded with no very great expedition to climb the mountain, for his strength was nearly exhausted; after great exertion he succeeded in gaining the top, and with great joy found that it commanded a view of the anchorage; but he also made another discovery, which, in its event, threatened to prove more fatal to this unfortunate youth than all his former adventures; the ship to which he belonged had put to sea, and the American brig was at that moment loosening her sails. The distance from the place where he stood to the sea beach, was at least three miles; and however rejoiced and gratified he might have been at the sight of the American, the well known signal warned him that not a moment was to be lost in making a last effort to hail her be-