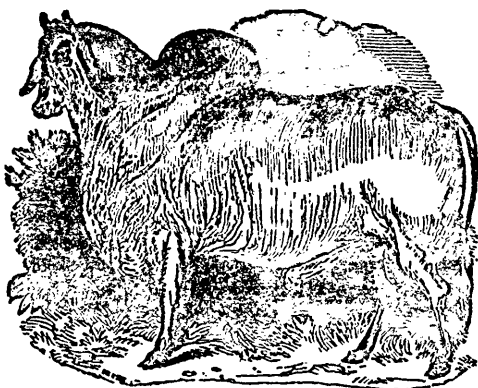


while they made Gods of everything which they believed to be great, powerful, beneficial, or hurtful, they conceived that there was one God, known by the name of Kitchtan, and Woonand, who was superior to all the rest ; who dwelt in the south-west regions of the heavens ; who created the original parents of mankind ; who, though never seen by the eye of man, was entitled to gratitude and respect, on account of his natural goodness, and the benefits bestowed by him,—and who was altogether unpropitious when offended. The principal object of their veneration, however, was Ho-

bamoch, or the evil deity. To him they frequently presented, as offerings and sacrifices, the most valuable articles which they possessed ; and his favour they were most desirous of obtaining. Their powahs, or priests, pretended to have familiar intercourse with him; and they affirmed to the people, with the view of maintaining their authority over them, that he often appeared to them in the form of a man, a deer, an eagle, or a snake ; and that they understood the method of procuring his kind regards, and averting his judgments.



The Zebu or Indian Ox.

The Zebu, or Indian Ox, is a variety of the common Ox, although it is difficult to ascertain the causes by which the distinctive characters of the two races have been in the process of time gradually produced. This intermixture and its results would alone furnish a sufficient proof of identity of origin; which, consequently, scarcely requires the confirmation to be derived from the perfect agreement of their internal structure, and of all the more essential particulars of their external conformation. In both the

forehead is flat, or more properly slightly depressed, nearly square in its outlines, its height being equal to its breadth. The only circumstances, in fact, in which the two animals differ, consists in a fatty hump on the shoulders and the delicate make of its legs.

Numerous breeds of this humped variety, varying in size from that of a large Mastiff dog to that of a full grown Buffalo, are spread more or less extensively over the whole of Southern Asia, the Islands of the Indian Archipelago, and the eastern coast of