

and prominent. The foot is narrow, the sole flat, the toes long and curved. The first is a well formed, slender thumb, having two phalanges and a perfect nail. Although it lies flat on the ground, and evidently contributes to steady the animal in the erect posture by presenting a larger surface of support : for it is eminently adapted for the exigencies of arboreal life.

Before proceeding further, allow me to read to you a short history of the animal I have described, as given to me by his master.

He is said to have been caught about 70 miles inland from the port of Ambrics in the south-western coast of Africa. It is stated that when first seen he was clinging to his mother, who was killed before he was obtained by the natives. It was brought by the captain of a sailing vessel which was bound for the United States, where he arrived about the commencement of the summer. It was considered by his master as being 3 years of age, and has always been in a healthy state till Sept., when he died, as was believed, of dysentery, but more probably of cholera. He was naturally docile and obedient, but strongly inclined to melancholy. He seemed sometimes to feel he was out of place in such circumstances. He would gaze at every object with an eye of bewilderment, and frequently gave vent to his inward feelings by deep and mournful sighs. He sometimes cried, and that bitterly, but never shed a tear ; and it is said so affected was he on such occasions that his system was evidently shaken, and that his continued sobs and heavy sighs were heard at some distance. He always wished his wants supplied and his cravings appeased, but when this was refused, he suddenly flew into a passion, in which state he would pull the hair of his head furiously, grind his teeth, grin, stamp his feet, and turn upon himself, performing various circumvolutions. This would pass off in the course of a minute or two, and then he seemed contented and never applied a second time for the same thing. He was fed almost altogether upon bananas ; sometimes he partook of a little coarse bread. It was rare to give him a morsel of animal food in the form of chicken. If he saw a number of things upon a table, he would make his choice by pointing to the article, whatever it was, and if this was mistaken, he would turn away his head as if in disgust, and would then point again as before, and so on till the right thing was taken hold of, and then he would hold out his hands with extended arms and delighted expression of countenance to obtain it. He took his meals regularly three times a-day, and went to bed early in the evening. He would make his own bed, and cover himself well with the upper blanket. In the morning he would bring his clothes to his master to put on, and would generally go for his comb when intimated that his hair needed arrangement. In general he was fond of seeing people, but