

DESCRIPTION
OF ABOVE
THREE HUNDRED
A N I M A L S,

VIZ.

BEASTS, BIRDS, FISHES, SERPENTS, AND INSECTS.

WITH A PARTICULAR ACCOUNT OF THE MANNER OF
CATCHING WHALES IN GREENLAND.

Extracted from the best Authors, and adapted to the Use of all Capacities.

ILLUSTRATED WITH COPPERPLATES.

Whereon is curiously Engraven every BEAST, BIRD, FISH, SERPENT, and INSECT, described in the whole Book.

“ For every Beast of the Forest is mine, and the Cattle upon a thousand Hills. I know all the Fowls of the Mountains, and the wild Beasts of the Field are mine.” Psal. I. 10, 11.

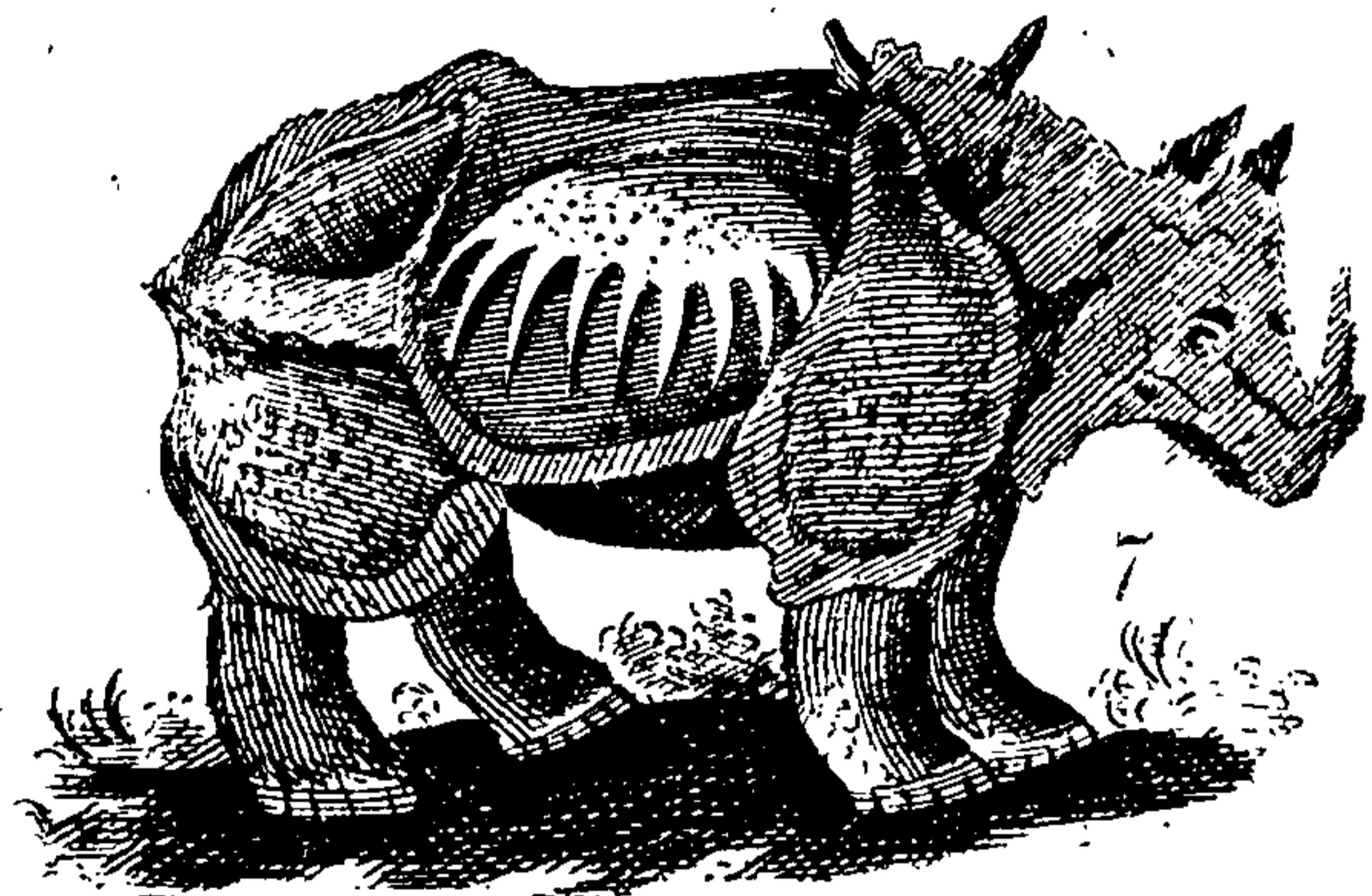


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A RHINOCEROS



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beast whatever. But when his belly is full, he is to men and beasts as meek as a Lamb. It inhabits the mountains, except in Winter-time, when it roars about the gates of cities and towns; and kills both Sheep and Goats, &c. He is very subtle in seizing and destroying such creatures as are stronger than himself. When he falls upon an Hog, or a Goat, or such small beasts, he does not immediately kill them, but leads them by the ear, with all the speed he can, to a crew of ravenous Wolves, who instantly tear them to pieces.

THE RHINOCEROS, so called because of the horn in his nose, is bred in India and Africa. His colour is like the bark of a box-tree. He is said to be in shape somewhat like a wild Boar, and not much unlike an Elephant, and near as long, but not so high, having shorter legs. He has two girdles upon his body, like the wings of a Dragon, from his back down to his belly; one towards his back and mane, and the other towards his loins and hinder parts. His skin is so hard that no dart is able to pierce it, and covered over with scales, like the shell of a Tortoise. His legs are also scaled over down to the hoofs, which are parted into four distinct claws. The horn upon his nose is so very hard and sharp, crooked towards the crown of his head, that some say it will pierce through iron or stone. He is said frequently to whet his horn against a flint, &c. that he may be prepared whenever he is attacked by an enemy. He is a mortal enemy to the Elephant, whom he seldom meets without a battle; and aims chiefly at his belly, being the softest place, which, if he misses, the Elephant is too hard for him with his trunk and teeth. The naturalists say, that he grunts like a hog. The manner of taking him being so variously and uncertainly related, I thought it not worth describing.

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THE UNICORN, a beast, which, though doubted of by many writers, yet is by others thus described: He has but one horn, and that an exceeding rich one, growing out of the middle of his forehead. His head resembles a Hart's, his feet an Elephant's, his tail a Boar's, and the rest of his body a Horse's. The horn is about a foot and a half in length. His voice is like the lowing of an Ox. His mane and hair are of a yellowish colour. His horn is as hard as iron, and as rough as any file, twisted or curled like a flaming sword; very straight, sharp, and every where black excepting the point. Great virtues are attributed to it, in expelling of poison, and curing of several diseases. He is not a beast of prey.

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