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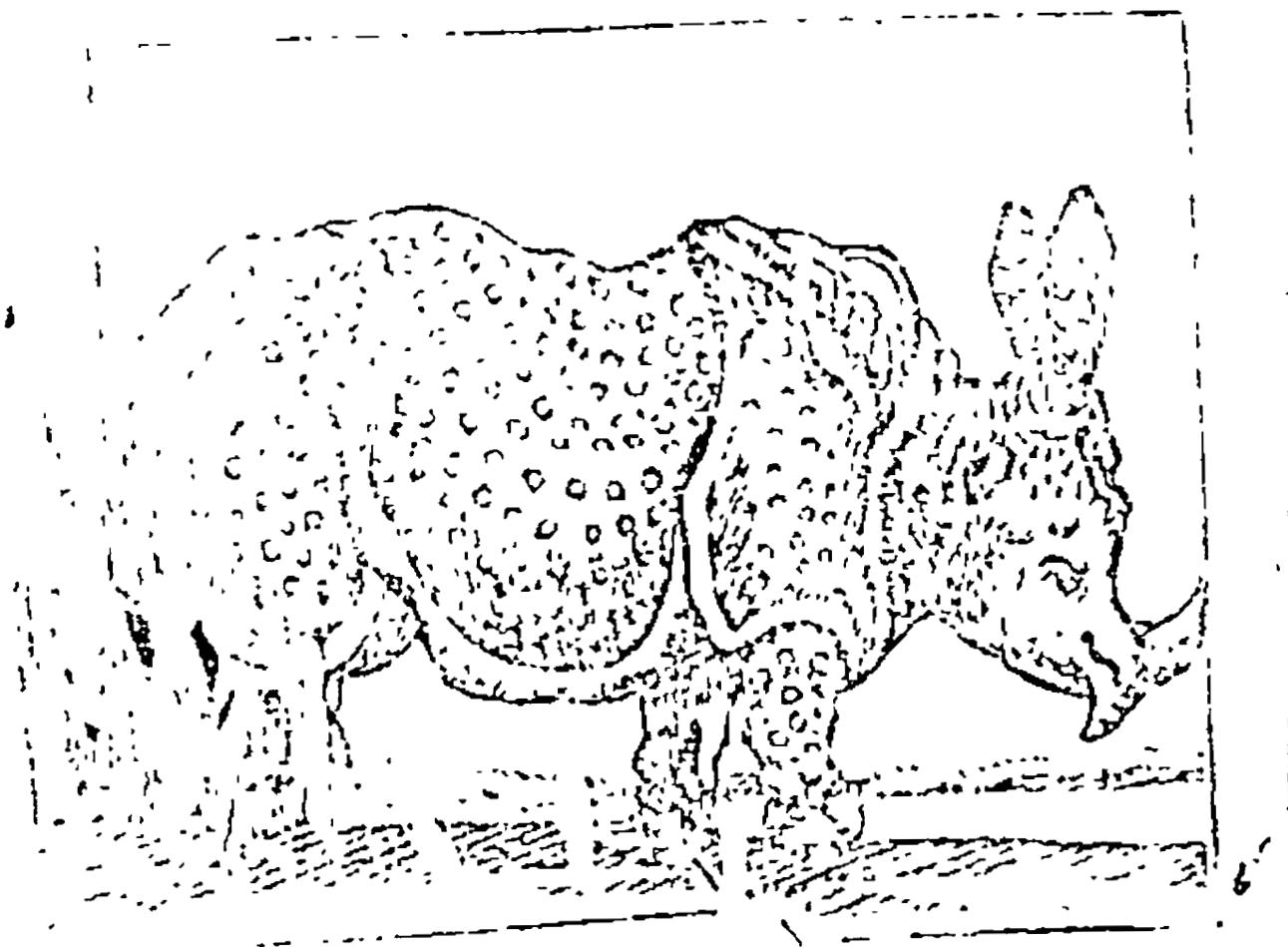
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dred years, but upon what ground this conjecture is founded is uncertain. However, it may safely be affirmed, that they live at least one hundred and twenty, or one hundred and thirty years.

### *The RHINOCEROS, or UNICORN.*



THE Rhinoceros is sometimes called the Unicorn, from its having one horn only, growing out of its nose, or snout. He is nearly as big as an elephant,

elephant, though his legs are somewhat shorter. The snout seems designed to turn up the earth, in order to find out the roots of plants. The eyes are small, and placed forward on each side of the head, and it has large ears which stand erect. The whole animal is covered with a thick rough chapped skin, of an ash colour, with plaits and folds in all such parts as are necessary to allow the creature motion, falling one over another backwards.

The tail has a few black hairs at the end, and there are also a few scattered hairs on the ears; but on the other parts there are none. The back is hollow, and the belly sinks down pretty much. The feet are round behind, and the hoofs are forward, which are divided into three parts on each foot; but they have two little hoofs on the hinder part of the foot as we see in cows, deer, and sheep.

He rolls himself in the dirt like a hog, and the old ones are so strong,

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they will toss up a large bull, as was seen in the amphitheatre at Rome.

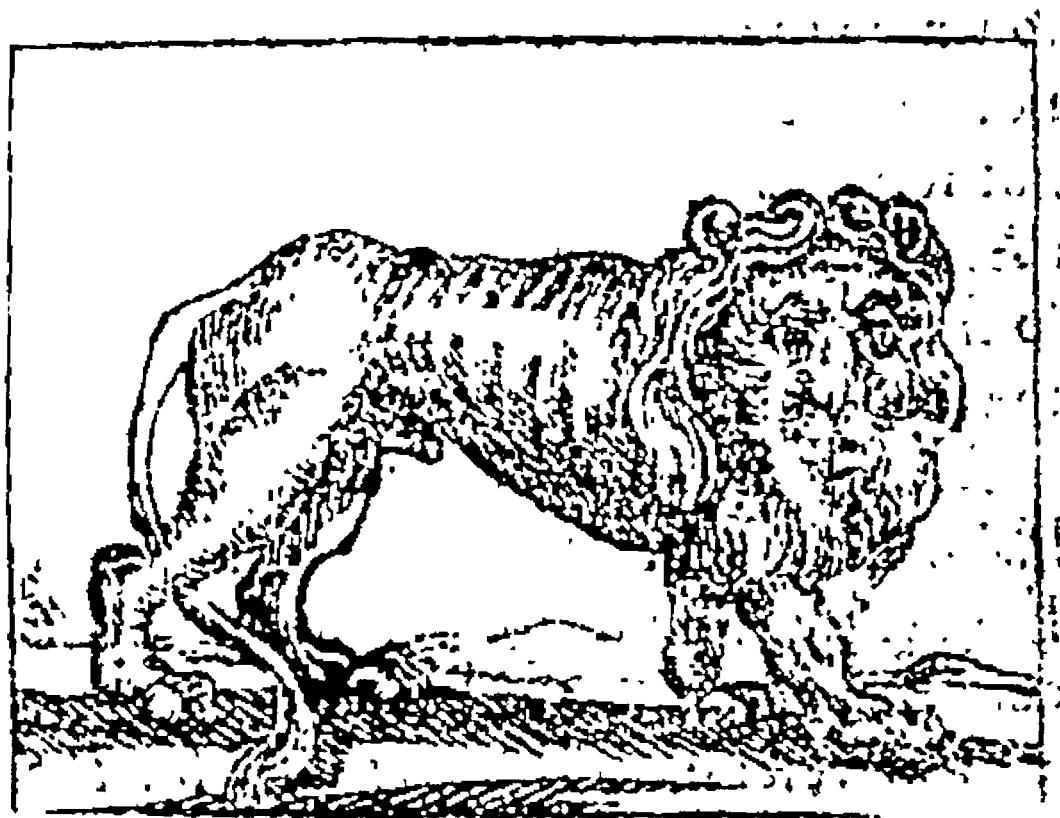
Rhinoceroses are chiefly to be met with in the East Indies; there is another kind with two horns, which are natives of Africa; and may be seen in plenty at the Cape of Good Hope.

When he pursues his prey, he always runs in a right line, overrunning whatever lies in his way, for scarce any thing will stop his progress, or make him turn aside. With the horn on his nose he roots up trees, and lifts up the stones which impede his passage, casting them at a great distance behind him.

He very rarely attacks mankind, unless provoked; or meets a person with intent. When he attacks a person, he lays hold of the middle of his neck, and throws him over his head. It is a strange chance, that he is almost always killed with the fall; this done, he comes up to his victim, and his tongue is so rough and hard, that it brings off the flesh from the bones. He likewise serves other

other animals in the same manner after he has killed them. When he is seen running along it is pretty easy to avoid him, because he cannot turn about very readily, so that when he is about eight or ten feet distant, a man need only go on one side, and then he will be out of his sight.

## The L I O N.



THERE are great numbers of Lions to be found in Asia and Africa, but there are none in America, whatever has been said to the contrary.