

The MANDRILL*, or Ribbed-
Nose BABOON.

THE ugliness of this baboon is perfectly disgusting. His nose, or rather his two nostrils, are flat, from which a snout perpetually runs, and he licks it into his mouth with his tongue. His head is very large, and his muzzle long. His body is squat, and his buttocks are of a blood colour. His anus is conspicuous, and situated almost as high as the loins. His face is of a violet colour, and surrounded on each side with deep longitudinal wrinkles, which

* Ribbed-nose baboon, with a long naked nose compressed sidewise, of a purple colour, and ribbed obliquely on each side; on the chin, a short picked orange beard; tail very hairy, about two inches long, which it carries erect; buttocks naked; hair soft, dusky mottled with yellow; length, from nose to tail, about two feet; *Pennant's Synops. of Quad.* p. 103.

Simia maimoa, caudata, subbarbata, genis ceruleis striatis, natis calvis; *Linx. Syst. Nat.* p. 35.

Cercopithecus cynocephalus, parte corporis anteriore longis pilis obdita, naso violaceo nudo; *Brisson. Regn. Anim.* p. 214.

Mandrill, the name which the British, who frequent the coast of Guinea, have given to this animal.

There is a strange sort of animal, called by the white men in Guinea, a *mandrill*; but why it is so called, I know not, nor did I ever hear of the name before; neither can those who call them so tell, except it be for its near resemblance of a human creature, though nothing at all like an ape; *Smith's Voyage to Guinea*, p. 52.

augment the fullness and deformity of his aspect. He is likewise larger, and perhaps stronger, than the baboon; but, at the same time, he is more peaceable, and less ferocious. We here give figures of both the male and the female, which we have seen alive. Whether they had received a better education, or if they be naturally more gentle than the baboon, they appeared to be more tractable and less impudent; but they were equally disagreeable.

This species of baboon is found on the Gold Coast, and in the other southern provinces of Africa, where he is called *boggo* by the Negroes, and *mandrill* by the Europeans. Next to the orang-outang, he is the largest of all the apes or baboons. Smith relates *, that he had a pre-

* The body of the mandrill, when full grown, is as big in circumference as a middle-sized man's. His legs are much shorter, and his feet longer, his arms and hands in proportion. The head is monstrously big, and the face broad and flat, without any other hair but the eye-brows; the nose very small, the mouth wide and the lips thin. The face, which is covered with a white skin, is extremely ugly, being all over wrinkled as with old age; the teeth broad and very yellow; the hands have no more hair than the face, but the same white skin, though all the rest of the body is covered with long black hair like a bear. They never go upon all four like apes, but cry when vexed or teased, just like children. It is said, that the males often attack and use violence to the black women, wherever they meet them alone in the woods. They are generally very stinky-nosed, and take great delight in scraping it down from their noses to their mouths. When I was at Skerbro, one Mr. Cammerbus made me a present of one of these strange animals, which are called by the natives *boggo*. It was a the-
cab of six months age, but was then larger than a baboon;

sent of a female mandrill, which was only six months old, and that it was as large as an adult baboon. He adds, that these mandrills walk always on two feet; that they weep and groan like men; that they have a violent passion for women, which they never fail to gratify when they find a woman at a distance from relief.

Distinctive Characters of this Species.

The mandrill has cheek-pouches, and callosities on the buttocks. The tail exceeds not two or three inches. The canine teeth are much thicker and longer than those of man. The muzzle is very thick, very long, and furrowed on each side with deep longitudinal wrinkles. The face is naked, and of a blueish colour. The ears, as well as the palm of the hands and soles of the feet, are naked. The hair is long,

Smith's *Voyage to Guinea*, p. 51. In the same country, this animal is called *boggo* or *boggo*, and *mandrill*, and they likewise call the orang-outang, *pongo* and *drill*. There is much similarity in these names, and they are probably derived from each other: And, in fact, the pongo and boggo, or the drill and mandrill, have several common characters. But the first is an ape without a tail, almost naked, and with a flat oval face; and the second is a baboon with a tail, long hair, and a thick and long muzzle. *Mau*, in the German and English languages, signifies *man* in general; and *drill*, in the jargon of some of our French provinces, denotes a *vigorous libertine*.

of a reddish brown upon the body, and gray upon the breast and belly. He walks on two feet oftener than on four. When erect, he is four or four and a half feet high; and some of them seem to be still larger. The females are subject to the *menfes*.



FEMALE MANDRILL.

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