

girdled weasel. This animal is not so big as the pole-cat ; it is covered with a whitish hair, transversally striped with a yellowish red, which appears like so many girdles. It lives in the woods, and burrows in the earth ; its skin is sought after and makes a very beautiful fur.

8. THE SOUSLIK.

THERE is found at Casan, and in the provinces watered by the Wolga, and even in Austria, a small animal called *souslik* in the Russian language, which furnishes a beautiful fur. In figure and shortness of tail, it greatly resembles the short-tailed-field-mouse ; but what distinguishes it from the mouse or rat kind, is its coat, which is in every part sprinkled with small spots of a glossy and shining white ; these spots are exceedingly small, and placed at a little distance from each other ; they are more apparent upon the loins, than on the shoulders and head. Mr. Pennant, an English gentleman, thoroughly versed in Natural History, favoured