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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1856 Excerpt: ...begin to do now what we ought to have done long ago. I may add that, in the University Museum is the largest collection ever brought together of the Fauna of Ireland, and a most remarkable feature in this department is the accumulation of fishes, for which the Board have provided a spacious, but yet unopened gallery in this I hope native ichthyology will be fully displayed before the expected visit of the British Association in 1857. COMPARATIVE ANATOMY. It seems fitting that I should offer a few observations on the higher pursuits of zoology. In having so much dwelt on the modes and objects of making collections, I have followed the course pointed out by the illustrious Mrs. Glass, who tells us first to catch our hare, and then how to cook it. We shall find that, having made our collections, we must call in comparative anatomy to aid us in classification. At the same time, we should not be led away by those who, dazzled by the genius of Cuvier, despise the study of the habits and external appearance of animals, a proceeding which Cuvier never would have sanctioned. A mere comparative anatomist is not a zoologist: there are many strange anomalies which would lead him quite astray and did he depend solely on comparative anatomy, he would find himself predicating the habits of animals at total variance with the real facts at the same time, no one can be entitled to the name of a naturalist who is not acquainted with this subject. An accomplished naturalist is a very great rarity, and we must content ourselves by joining together to try to make up as a whole what we cannot turn out as an individual. Having accomplished comparative anatomy, and, guided by observation, having acquired a fair insight into classification, we have to study habits and geogr...

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