

# RANA CORNUTA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus* tetrapodum, ecaudatum, nudum.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 354.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

RANA PALPEBRIS CONICIS.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 356.

BUFO CORNUTUS s. Spinofus Virginianus.

*Seb.* 1. t. 72. f. 1. 2.

BUFO CORNUTUS.

*Laur. amphib.* p. 25. n. 2.

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Qui quæstioni respondere vellet, quidnam animal effinxerit natura deformissimum? vix hæreret ranam cornutam quasi exemplum insolitæ turpitudinis feligere; quæ fane vel ipsa Pipa seu Surinamensi foedior est et monstrosior. Non possumus illam non horrescere et averfari frontem intuentes quasi cornua gerentem, summas nempe palpebras in mucronem callosum productas, orisque immodicam amplitudinem, hiatumque ultra solitum immanem. Rarissima est rana cornuta. Americam  
Septen-



Septentrionalem inhabitat, et in Virginia potissimum invenitur. Color generalis est fusco-virescens, fasciis latis albicantibus longitudinalibus per dorsum ductis. Cutis quoque corporis superioris tuberculis aculeatis contexta est. Crura fusco transversim fasciata sunt.











THE  
HORNED FROG.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Body* four-footed, naked, without tail.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.*

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

FROG with horned eyelids.

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Should inquiry be made, which is the ugliest animal yet known to exist? the creature here represented might perhaps with justice be proposed as an answer: an animal of such prodigious deformity as even to exceed in this respect the Surinam toad, or *Rana Pipa*. What gives an aspect so peculiarly forbidding to the present species is the horned appearance of the front, which is caused by a sharp-pointed elongation of the upper part of each eyelid into a callous process resembling a horn: to this may be added the excessive width of the mouth, which exceeds that of every other known species of *Rana*. This animal is extremely rare, and is a native of some parts of North America. It is principally found in Virginia. Its general colour

is



is a greenish brown, with broad longitudinal stripes of whitish on the back, and the skin on the upper part of the body is covered with a kind of spiny tubercles: the legs are transversely fasciated with brown.



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