Hab. NORTH AMERICA, west of the River Missouri, from the Dominion of Canada southwards. — MEXICO, Los Nogales (Kennerly, U.S. Nat. Mus.).

The existence of the Grizzly Bear in the Northern States of Mexico is attested by the naturalists of the United-States Boundary Survey. The single specimen obtained by them in Sonora presented some slight variations in coloration and proportions from Californian examples, which induced Professor Baird to describe it as a separate variety (horriaeus); but they were merely comparative, and may not improbably have been individual peculiarities.

How much further the Grizzly Bear may extend into Mexico I have been quite unable to learn. Mr. J. W. Hinchliff was assured at Mazatlan that Bears were very numerous in the mountains of the interior; but he appears to have obtained no evidence in confirmation of the report.

2. Ursus americanus.


_Ursus americanus_, var. cinnamoneus, Baird, Mamm. N. Am. p. 228.


Hab. NORTH AMERICA, from Alaska southwards. — MEXICO, Sonora (Dugès).

The Black and Cinnamon Bears of North America were separated as varieties by Audubon and Bachman; and Professor Baird, in treating of a specimen of the latter killed close to our northern boundary, raised it, though with some doubt, to specific rank. It appears now to be certain, however, that the two forms cannot even be regarded as distinct races; Mr. Allen observes that their skulls are not in any way distinguishable, and that the distinction between the animals is one of colour only, and inconstant as characterizing any particular locality or region.

According to Dr. Dugès the American Bear is found in the Mexican State of Sonora; but I have not been able to trace it further to the southward.

**[PHOCIDÆ—OTARIIDÆ.]**

The existence of Seals on the coasts and islands of Central America was recorded by some of the older voyagers. Dampier, in describing the Alcranes, 5 or 6 low sandy Islands, lying in the Lat. of about 23 d. North, and distant from the Coast of Yucatan about 25 Leagues, observes, "Here are many Seals: they come up to sun themselves only on two or three of the Islands, I don’t know whether exactly of the same kind with those in colder Climates, but, as I have noted in my former Book, they always

* 'Over the Sea' (London, 1876), p. 118. 
† Quad. N. Amer. iii. p. 125.

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