

all, for being remarkably sure-footed on the most difficult roads, which renders them extremely valuable in the mountainous tracts to which they originally belong. In point of size and hardiness, they bear a close resemblance to the best of the native breed of the Highlands of Scotland, and other hilly countries in the north of Europe. These animals are almost unequalled in their endurance of fatigue, and prefer a hard pavement to a soft road. For the singular property of keeping their footing on the rocks, the Welsh ponies are hardly less distinguished than the goat : and be the ascent or descent ever so steep and rugged, if the rider can maintain his seat, the pony is sure to keep its footing. Indeed, in respect to firmness of hoof, and skill in planting it, it is little, if at all, inferior to the mules used in the Andes.

“ An amusing little anecdote, connected with this power of moving with safety and expedition among its native rocks, is told of a Welsh