TAB. LXXX.

ANSER INDICUS.

THIS handsome though soberly coloured Goose, which is much sought after on account of the delicacy of its flesh, and which is well known in the low lands of India, is figured in the "Century," not only because it exhibits a beautiful specimen of the aquatic birds of the Eastern World, but because it is the first time that a notice has been given of its having been taken in the higher regions of the Himalaya. It may be also added that no previous figure has been given of it.

The forehead, cheeks, throat, and a line down the side of the neck, are white; a black semilunar mark passes from eye to eye, across the top of the head, and a similar mark reaching to the ear-coverts is situated on the occiput; the back of the neck is dark greyish brown; the upper surface grey, the feathers of the back being edged with dull white; a black bar crosses the wings, and the quills terminate in the same colour; the rump is white; the front of the neck below the throat is brown, with a few dark spots at the upper part; under surface pale cinereous, the flanks having obscure bars of brown; the beak is red; the nail black; the legs red.

The figure represents the bird two thirds of its natural size.