



RABBITS, GUINEA-PIG, SQUIRREL, AND WHITE MICE.

CHAPTER VI.

WHITE MICE.

WHITE mice are very beautiful little creatures, and they are so tame and gentle that they are admirably calculated for domestic pets. They may, indeed, be suffered to run about a room, and if well fed, they seldom try to escape. They may be taught to come when called, but they come to the voice of their feeder, and not to any particular name; as, though they may appear to come to a name, they pay no attention to that name when it is repeated by a stranger.

White mice are frequently kept in a revolving cage, like those sold for squirrels; and cages are also formed for them with separate rooms one above another, and a staircase to the upper room, in which the food is generally placed. This contrivance is said to keep the mice in health, and they certainly appear very fond of going up and

down the stairs. White mice are generally fed with bread soaked in milk, and afterwards squeezed tolerably dry ; but they are also very fond of oats, beans, and peas, which do not disagree with them if taken in moderate quantities.