GENUS PSEUDOSTOMA.—SAY.

DENTAL FORMULA.

$$\text{Incisive } \frac{2}{2}; \text{ Canine } \frac{0-0}{0-0}; \text{ Molar } \frac{4-4}{4-4} = 20.$$

Incisors, naked, truncated; molars, destitute of radicles; crowns, simple, oval; anterior ones, double.

Head, large and depressed; nose, short; mouth, small.

The cheek-pouches are large, and open exterior to the mouth.

The eyes are small and far apart. The external ear is very short; auditory openings, large. Body, sub-cylindrical; tail, rather short, round, tapering slightly, clothed with short hairs.

Legs, short, with five toes to each foot.

Burrowing in sandy soils, feeding on grasses, roots, nuts, &c., which they convey to their burrows in their capacious cheek-pouches, are habits common to this genus.

There are about six well determined species of Pouched Rats, all existing in North America.

The generic name is derived from *ψευδο*, (*pseudo*), false, and *στομα*, (*stoma*), a mouth, in allusion to the false mouths or cheek-pouches of the genus.

PSEUDOSTOMA BURSARIUS.—SHAW.

CANADA POUCHED RAT.

PLATE XLIV.—MALES, FEMALE AND YOUNG.

P. supra, rufo-fuscus; *subtus*, cinereo-fuscus; *pedibus*, albis.

CHARACTERS.

Reddish-brown above, ashy-brown beneath; feet, white.

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