

“ to feed until they arrive at maturity. When
“ ninety-two days old, two small feet are seen
“ beginning to burgeon near the tail ; and the
“ head appears to be separate from the body.
“ In five days after this, they refuse all vegeta-
“ ble food ; their mouth appears furnished with
“ teeth ; and their hinder legs are completely
“ formed. In two days more, the arms are
“ perfectly produced ; when the frog is com-
“ pletely formed, except that it still continues
“ to carry the tail, and at once resembles both
“ frog and lizard. In this state it continues
“ for about six or eight hours ; and then the
“ tail dropping off by degrees, the animal ap-
“ pears in its most perfect shape.

“ The frog having thus in less than a day
“ changed its figure, it changes its appetites
“ also. As soon as the animal acquires its
“ perfect state, from having fed upon vege-
“ tables, it becomes carnivorous, and lives en-
“ tirely upon worms and insects. But, as the
“ water cannot supply these, it is obliged to
“ quit its native element, and seek for food
“ upon land, where it lives by hunting worms
“ and taking insects by surprise. Being at all
“ times tenacious of the sun, they generally
“ continue in damp places shaded by reeds
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