

always lively, and ready to take its prey; however, in the eighth winter, there being no flies to be found, it sickened and died.

These animals are very tenacious of life; they will live and jump about for several hours after their heads are severed from their bodies; nay, they will continue active, though all their bowels be taken out, and live for some days, even after being entirely stripped of their skins.

The croaking of frogs is well known; whence in some countries, they are distinguished by the ludicrous title of Dutch Nightingales. The large water, or *bull frogs*, of the northern countries, have a note as loud as the bellowing of a bull; and, for this purpose, puff up the cheeks to a surprising magnitude. Of all frogs, however, the male only croaks; the female is silent. At the time of coupling, and before wet weather, their voices are in full exertion; they are then heard with unceasing assiduity, sending forth their call, and welcoming the approaches of their favourite moisture. No weather-glass was ever so true as a frog in foretelling an approaching change. This may probably serve to explain an opinion which some entertain, that there is a month in the

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