

the year, called Paddock Moon, in which the frogs never croak: the whole seems to be no more than that, in the hot season, when the moisture is dried away, and consequently when these animals neither enjoy the quantity of health nor food that at other times they are supplied with, they shew, by their silence, how much they are displeased with the weather.

As frogs adhere closely to the back of their own species, so it has been found, by repeated experience, that they will also adhere to the backs of fish. Every one that has ponds knows that these animals will stick to the backs of carp, and fix their fingers in the corner of each eye. In this manner they are often caught together; the carp blinded and wasted away. Whether this proceeds from the desire of the frog, disappointed of its proper mate, or whether it proceeds from natural enmity to fish is a matter of doubt, though the following story related by Walton, seems to confirm the latter opinion: “As Dubravius, a bishop of Bohemia, was walking with a friend by a large pond in that country, they saw a frog, when a pike lay very sleepily and quiet by the shore side, leap upon his head; and the frog having expressed malice or anger by his swollen cheeks