

“ checks and staring eyes, did stretch out his
“ legs, and embraced the pike’s head, and pre-
“ sently reached them to his eyes, tearing with
“ them and his teeth those tender parts; the
“ pike, irritated with anguish, moves up and
“ down the water, and rubs himself against
“ weeds, and whatever he thought might quit
“ him of his enemy; but all in vain, for the
“ frog did continue to ride triumphantly, and
“ to bite and torment the pike till his strength
“ failed, and then the frog sunk with the
“ pike to the bottom of the water; then pre-
“ sently the frog appeared again at the top, and
“ croaked, and seemed to rejoice like a con-
“ queror, after which, he presently retired to
“ his secret hole. The bishop that had beheld
“ the battle, called the fisherman to fetch his
“ nets, and by all means to get the pike, that
“ they might declare what had happened. The
“ pike was drawn forth, and both his eyes eaten
“ out; at which, when they began to wonder,
“ the fisherman wished them to forbear, and
“ assured them, that he was certain pikes were
“ often so served.”

The *Toad*. If we regard the figure of the toad, there seems nothing in it that should disgust, more than that of the frog. Its form and proportions