

The *Pipal*, or the *Surinam Toad*, is in form more hideous than even the common toad. According to Seba, the body is flat and broad; the head small; the jaws, like those of a mole, are extended and evidently formed for rooting in the ground; the skin of the neck forms a sort of wrinkled collar: the colour of the head is of a dark chesnut, and the eyes are small: the back, which is very broad, is of a lightish grey, and seems covered over with a number of small eyes, which are round, and placed at nearly equal distances. These eyes are very different from what they seem; they are the animal's eggs covered with their shells, and placed there for hatching. These eggs are buried deep in the skin, and in the beginning of gestation but just appear; they are very visible however when the young animal is about to burst from its confinement. They are of a reddish shining yellow colour; and the spaces between them are full of small warts, resembling pears. The eggs, when formed in the ovary, are sent by some internal canals, to lie and come to maturity under the bony substance of the back. In this state they are impregnated by the male, whose seed finds its way by pores very singularly contrived, and pierces not only the skin, but the periosteum. The skin, however, is still apparently