

“ sea-salt, and passing over them several times,  
 “ leaves this very noxious poison behind it. In  
 “ July, 1730, I saw two women and a girl at  
 “ Cairo, at the point of death, from eating  
 “ cheese newly salted, bought in the market,  
 “ and on which this animal had dropt its poison.  
 “ Once at Cairo, I had an opportunity of ob-  
 “ serving how acrid the exhalations of the toes  
 “ of this animal are, as it ran over the hand of  
 “ a man who endeavoured to catch it; there  
 “ immediately arose little pustules over all those  
 “ parts the animal had touched; these were  
 “ red, inflamed, and smarted a little, greatly  
 “ resembling those occasioned by the stinging  
 “ of nettles. It emits an odd sound, especially  
 “ in the night, from its throat, not unlike that  
 “ of a frog.”

The *Sincus* has a cylindrical tail, compressed  
 at the point, and blunt marginated toes. This  
 animal is found in Arabia Petræa, near the Red  
 Sea, and in Upper Egypt, near the Nile; it is  
 much used by the inhabitants of the East as an  
 aphrodisiac, but not at this time by the Euro-  
 peans. The flesh of the animal is given in  
 powder, with some stimulating vehicle; broth,  
 made of the recent flesh, is likewise used by the  
 Arabs. It is brought from Upper Egypt and  
 Arabia to Alexandria, whence it is carried to