

The *Chalcidian Lizard*, of Aldrovandus, is very improperly called the *seps*, by modern historians. This animal seems to form the separating shade between the lizard and the serpent race. It has four legs, like the lizard; but so short, as to be utterly unserviceable in walking: it has a long slender body, like the serpent; and is said to have the serpent's malignity also. These animals are found about three feet long, and thick in proportion, with a large head and pointed snout. The whole body is covered with scales; and the belly is white, mixed with blue. It has four crooked teeth, as also a pointed tail, which, however, can inflict no wound. It is viviparous: upon the whole, it appears to bear a strong affinity to the viper; and, like that animal, its bite may be dangerous.