

withstanding the smallest of ants, nothing hinders our preferring them to the largest animals, if we consider either their unwearied diligence, their wonderful strength, or their inimitable propensity to labour. Their amazing love to their young is still more unparalleled among the larger classes; they not only daily carry them to such places as may afford them food, but if by accident they are killed, and even cut into pieces, they will, with the utmost tenderness, carry them away piecemeal in their arms. Who can shew such an example among the larger animals, that are dignified with the title of perfect? Who can find an instance in any other creature, that can come in competition with this?"

On this dispute it is only necessary to observe, that the wisdom of the Creator is so conspicuous in all his works, and such surprising art is discovered in the mechanism of the body of every creature, that it is very difficult, if not impossible, to say where it is most, and where it is least, to be observed.

Whoever is desirous of attaining a systematic knowledge of insects, must in the first place acquire the terms made use of in the science, that so he may be able  
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