

OF THE SEXES.

THE same difference of sex exists in insects as in other animals, and they even appear more disposed to increase their species than other animals; many of them, when become perfect, seeming to be created for no other purpose but to propagate their species. Thus the silk-worm, when it arrives at its perfect, or moth state, is incapable of eating, and can hardly fly: it endeavours only to propagate its species; after which, the male immediately dies, and the female also, as soon as she has deposited her eggs.

In many insects, the male and female are with difficulty distinguished; while in some they differ so widely, that an unskilful person might easily take the male and female of the same insect for different species; as in the *phalæna*, *humuli*, *pinaria*, and *russula*, each sex of which differs in colour.

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