

We know of no instance of this kind in any other class of animals, nor even in vegetables, except in class syngenesiæ, and in the opulus. This kind of sex is only found among those insects which form themselves into societies, such as bees, wasps, and ants: and here these kind of eunuchs are real slaves, as on them lies the whole business of the economy; while those of the other sex are idle, or only employing themselves in the increase of the family. Each family of bees has one female only (called the Queen), many males, and almost an innumerable quantity of neuters. Of these, the neuters (whose antennæ have eleven joints) do the working part; they extract and collect honey and wax, build up the cells, keep watch, and do a variety of other things.

The males, whose antennæ consist of fifteen joints, do no work; they serve the female once, and that at the expence of their lives; they may be considered in the light of a set of parasites, or cecisbeos; but as soon as their business of impregnation is over, they are expelled by their servants, the neuters, who now shake off the yoke, but yet pay all due respect to their common mother the queen. Nearly the same economy takes place in wasps, where the  
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