

its web in neglected rooms; the *garden-spider*, that spreads its toils from tree to tree; and rests in the centre; the *wandering spider*, that has no abode like the rest; and the *field-spider*, which is sometimes seen mounting, web and all, into the clouds. These are the chief of our native spiders; and which, though reputed to be venomous, are entirely inoffensive. But they form a much more terrible tribe in Africa and America; and it is a well known fact, that the bottom of the *Martinico spider's* body is as large as a hen's egg, and covered all over with hair. Its web is strong, and its bite dangerous.

Every spider has two divisions in its body. The fore part, containing the head and breast, is separated from the hinder part or belly by a very slender thread, through which, however, there is a communication from one part to the other. The fore part is covered with a hard shell, as well as the legs, which adhere to the breast. The hinder part is clothed with a supple skin, beset all over with hair. They have several brilliant and acute eyes all round the head; they are sometimes eight in number, sometimes but six; two behind, two before, and the rest on each side. Like all other insects, their eyes are immoveable; and they