2. The Avicularia has a convex round breast, hollowed transversely in the middle. It is a native of America, and feeds upon small birds, insects, &c. the bite of this spider is as venomous as that of the serpent.

3. The Ocellati, has three pair of eyes on its thighs; it is about the same size with the tarantula, of a pale colour, with a black ring round the belly, and two large black spots on the sides of the breast; it is a native of China.

4. The Saceata, has an oval belly, of a dusky iron colour; it lives in the ground, and carries a sack with its eggs wherever it goes. This sack it glues to its belly, and will rather die than leave it behind.

5. The Diadema, is the largest spider this country produces; the abdomen is of an oval form, downy, and of a ruddy yellow colour, which is very variable in different seasons, being sometimes paler, at others very dark coloured, the upper part is beautifully adorned with black and white circles and dots, having a longitudinal band in the middle, composed of oblong and oval shaped pearl coloured spots, so arranged as to resemble a fillet, similar to those worn by the

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