

himself one near to the female; and when love invites, he breaks through the thread walls of the female's dwelling, and the two bubbles attached to the bellies of both, uniting in one, form one large nuptial chamber. The female is sometimes laid, for a whole day together, stretched on her back, waiting for the arrival of the male, without motion, and seemingly as if dead. As soon as he enters, and glides over her, she seems to be brought to life again, gets on her legs, and runs after the male, who makes his escape with all possible speed. The female takes care of the young, and constructs similar apartments on purpose for them. The figure of this spider has nothing remarkable; and would be overlooked among a crowd of curiosities, if the spectator be unacquainted with its singular art of constructing an aerial habitation under water, and thus uniting together the properties of both elements. It lodges during the winter in empty shells, which it dexterously shuts up with a web.

12. The *Fasciata*, with yellow bands round the bell, and dusky rings round the legs, is a native of Barbary, and is as large as the thumb. It inhabits hedges and thickets: its webs have
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