

large meshes, and it resides in the centre ; the snares are spread for larges flies, wasps, drones, and even locusts ; the lesser insects can escape through the meshes. The animal when entangled is soon bound with strong threads, killed by the spider's jaws, and partly eaten if the spider be hungry : the rest is concealed under some neighbouring dry leaves, covered with a kind of web and a blackish glue in great abundance : its larder is said to be often plentifully stored. Its nest is of the size of a pigeon's egg, divided horizontally, and suspended by the threads of the insect, which are of a silvery white, and stronger than silk. The young ones live in amity, but when grown up are mortal enemies ; they never meet but they fight with violence, and their battle only ends with the death of the weakest : the dead body is carefully stored in the larder. Twelve of these spiders, by way of experiment, were shut up together, and after a battle of eight days, the strongest only remained alive.

13. The *Tarantula* has the breast and belly of an ash colour ; the legs are likewise ash coloured ; with blackish rings on the under part ; the fangs or nippers are red on the inner side, the rest being blackish ; two of its eyes are red, larger than the others, and placed in the front ;