

and being stretched, transparent, with here and there several bristly hairs; in the fore-part is a proboscis, or sucker, which is seldom visible; on each side of the head are antennæ, or horns, each divided into five joints, covered with bristly hair; and several other white vessels are seen through these horns; behind these are the eyes, which seem to want those divisions observable in other insects, and appear encompassed with some few hairs; the neck is very short, and the breast is divided into three parts; on each side of which are placed six legs, consisting of six joints, covered also with bristly hairs; the ends of the legs are armed with a large and a small ruddy claw, serving them as a finger and thumb, by which they catch hold of such objects as they approach; the end of the body terminates in a cloven tail, while the sides are covered with hair, the whole resembling clear parchment, and, when roughly pressed, cracking with a noise. On a closer view its white veins, and other internal parts become apparent, as likewise a most wonderful motion in its intestines, from the transparency of its external covering. When the louse feeds, the blood is seen to rush like a torrent, into the stomach; and its greediness is so great, that the excrements contained in

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