

from behind the arras, and travels, with great assiduity, to attack those who have retired to rest. It is generally in vain that you destroy one only, since there are hundreds more to revenge their companion's fate ; so that the person who is thus subject to be bitten, remains the whole night, like a centinel upon duty, rather watching the approach of fresh invaders, than inviting the pleasing approaches of sleep.

Nor are these insects less disagreeable from their nauseous stench, than their unceasing appetites. When they begin to crawl, the whole bed is infected with the smell ; but if they are accidentally killed, it is then insupportable.

These are a part of the inconveniences that result from the persecution of these odious insects : but happily for Great Britain, they multiply less in that island, than in any part of the continent. In France and Italy the beds swarm with them ; and every place of furniture seems to afford them a retreat. They grow larger also with them than in England, and bite with more cruel appetite.

This animal, if examined minutely, appears to consist of three principals parts ; the head, the corselet, and the belly. It has two brown eyes, that are very small, and a little prominent, besides