

the young ones are excluded from the shell, they get upon the back of the parent, who turns her tail over them, and defends them with her sting.

The *Scolopendra and Gally-worm*. Of these hideous and angry insects we know little, excepting the figure and their noxious qualities. With us they seldom grow above an inch long; in the tropical climates they are often found above a quarter of a yard.

The *Scolopendra* is otherwise called the *Centipes*, from the number of its feet; and is very common in many parts of the world, especially between the tropics. Those of the East Indies, where they grow to the largest size, are about six inches long, of a ruddy colour, and as thick as a man's finger: they consist of many joints, and from each joint is a leg on each side; they are covered with hair, and seem to have no eyes; but there are two feelers on the head, which they make use of to find out the way they are to pass: the head is very round, with two small sharp teeth, with which they inflict wounds that are very painful and dangerous. A sailor that was bitten by one on board a ship, felt an excessive pain, and his life was supposed to be in danger: however, he recovered