

which they are at last seen to assume; and can only hop among the grass, without being able to fly. The wings, however, are not wanting, but are concealed within four little bunches, that seem to deform the sides of the animal: there they lie rolled up in a most curious manner; and occupying a smaller space than one could conceive. Indeed, all insects, whatever transmutations they seem to undergo, are yet brought forth with those very limbs, parts, and wings, which they afterwards seem to acquire.

The grasshopper, which, for above twenty days after its exclusion, has continued without the use of its wings, that were folded up to its body, at length prepares for its emancipation, and for a life of greater liberty and pleasure. To make the proper dispositions for the approaching change, it ceases from its grassy food, and seeks about for a convenient place, beneath some thorn or thistle; that may protect it from an accidental shower.

At length, the skin, covering the head and breast, is seen dividing above the neck; the head issues out first from the bursting skin; the efforts still continuing, the other parts follow successively; so that the little animal