

The silkworm is a large caterpillar, of a whitish colour, with twelve feet, and producing a butterfly of the moth kind. There are two methods of breeding silk-worms; for they may be left to grow, and remain at liberty upon the trees where they are hatched; or they may be kept in a place built for that purpose, and fed every day with fresh leaves. The first method is used in China, Tonquin, and other hot countries; but to breed them in Europe, they must be sheltered and protected from every external injury. For this purpose, a room is chosen, with a south aspect; and the windows are so well glazed, as not to admit the least air; the walls are well built, and the planks of the floor exceedingly close, so as to admit neither birds nor mice, nor even so much as an insect. In the middle there should be four pillars erected, or four wooden posts, so placed as to form a pretty large square. Between these are different stories made of ozier hurdles; and under each hurdle there should be a floor, with an upright border all round. These hurdles and floors must hang upon pulleys, so as to be placed, or taken down at pleasure.

When the worms are hatched, some tender mulberry leaves are provided, and placed in the
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