

serve as food for the young one the instant it awakens into life. When this supply is regularly arranged and laid in, the old one then, with as much assiduity as it before worked out its hole, now closes the mouth of the passages; and thus leaving its young one immured in perfect security, and with a copious supply of animal food, she dies satisfied with having provided for a future progeny.

When the young one leaves the egg it is scarcely visible, and is seen immured among a number of insects, infinitely larger than itself, ranged in proper order around it, which however give it no sort of fear. Whether the parent, when she laid in the insect provision, contrived to disable the worms from resistance, or whether they were at first incapable of any, is not known. Certain it is, that the young glutton feasts upon the living spoil without any controul; its game lies ready, and it devours one after the other as the calls of appetite incite. The life of the young animal is, therefore, spent in the most luxurious manner, till its whole stock of worms is exhausted, and the time of its transformation begins to approach; and then spinning a silken web, it continues fixed in its cell till the sun calls