

it think it more terrible than even that of a scorpion; the whole visage swells and the features are so disfigured, that a person is scarcely known by his most intimate acquaintance.

The *Ichneumon Fly*. Every rank of insects, however voracious, have enemies that are terrible to them, and that revenge upon them the injuries done upon the rest of the animated creation. The wasp, as we have seen, is very troublesome to man, and very formidable to the insect tribe; but the ichneumon fly (of which there are many varieties) fears not the wasp itself; it enters its retreats, plunders its habitations, and takes possession of that cell for its own young, which the wasp had laboriously built for a dearer posterity.

This fly receives its name from the little quadruped, which is found to be so destructive to the crocodile, as it bears a strong similitude in its courage and rapacity; but though there are many different kinds of it, yet the most formidable, and that best known, is called the common ichneumon, with four wings, like the bee, a long slender black body, and a three forked tail, consisting of bristles; the two outermost black, and the middlemost red. Though
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