

seem to have various appetites. Some are found to place their eggs within the aurelia of some nascent insect, others place them within the nest, which the wasp had curiously contrived for its own young; and as both are produced at the same time, the young of the ichneumon not only devours the young wasp, but the whole supply of worms, which the parent had carefully provided for its provision. But the greatest number of the ichneumon tribe are seen settling upon the back of the caterpillar, and darting, at different intervals, their stings into its body. In this manner they leave from six to twelve eggs in the fatty substance without the reptile shewing the least symptoms of receiving any injury, but continues feeding as voraciously as before. Their internal enemies, however, soon burst from their egg state, and begin to prey upon the substance of their prison; as they encrease in growth they require a greater supply; till at last the animal, by whose vitals they are supported, is no longer able to sustain them, but dies, its inside being almost eaten away. It often happens, that the caterpillar survives the worm state of the infant ichneumons, and then they change into a crysalis, enclosed in its body till the time of their delivery approaches,