

quickly sets about boring a hole to deposit her burthen; this she generally makes about half a foot deep, and in it she places her eggs, which are of an oblong shape, and bright yellow colour, and having covered them over, she leaves them.

In about three months after the eggs have been deposited in the earth, the contained insect begins to break its shell, and a small grub, or maggot, crawls forth, and feeds upon the roots of whatever vegetable happens to be nearest. All substances, of this kind, seem equally grateful, yet it is probable the mother insect has a choice among what kind of vegetables she shall deposit her young. In this manner, these voracious creatures continue in the worm state, for more than three years, devouring the roots of every plant they approach, and making their way under ground, in quest of food, with great dispatch and facility. At length they grow to above the size of a walnut, being a great thick white maggot with a red head, which is seen most frequently in new turned earth, and which is so greedily sought after by birds of every species.

When largest, they are found an inch and a half long, of a whitish yellow colour, with