

moist or dewy evening brings them forth from their retreats, for the universal purpose of continuing their kind. They chiefly live in a light, rich, and fertile soil, moistened by dews or accidental showers, but avoid those places where the water is apt to lie on the surface of the earth, or where the clay is too stiff for their easy progression under ground.

Helpless as they are formed, yet they seem very vigilant in avoiding those animals that chiefly make them their prey; in particular, the mole, who feeds entirely upon them beneath the surface, and who seldom ventures, from the dimness of its sight, into the open air; him they avoid, by darting up from the earth, the instant they feel the ground move. They are also driven from their retreats under ground, by pouring bitter or acid water on it, such as the water in which green walnuts have been steeped, or a lye made of pot-ashes.

Some animals live without their limbs, and are often seen to re-produce them; some are seen to live without their brain for many weeks together; caterpillars continue to encrease and grow large, though all their nobler organs are entirely destroyed within; some animals continue to exist, though cut in two, their nobler parts