

number is various, but the manners and nature of all, are nearly as described.

The *Cuttle Fish*, or *sea-polypi*, is about two feet long, covered with a very thin skin, and its flesh is composed of a gelatinous substance, which however, internally, is strengthened by a strong bone, of which such great use is made by the goldsmiths. It is round at one end, and at the other has eight kind of arms, which it extends, and which are probably of service to it in fishing for its prey; while alive, it is capable of lengthening or contracting these at pleasure; they feed upon small fish, which they seize with their arms; and they are bred from eggs, which are laid upon the weeds along the sea shore.

The cuttle-fish is found along many of the coasts of Europe, but is not easily caught, from a contrivance with which they are furnished by nature; this is a black substance, of the colour of ink, which is contained in a bladder generally on the left side of the belly, and which is ejected in the manner of an excrement from the anus. Whenever, therefore, this fish is pursued, and when it finds a difficulty of escaping, it spurts forth a great quantity