

All animals of this kind have a remarkable propensity to turn towards the light, and this might induce an enquirer to look for their eyes; but nothing that has the smallest resemblance to this organ was ever found over the whole body.

In the centre of the arms, the mouth is placed, which the animal can open and shut at pleasure, and this serves at once as a passage for food, and an opening for it after digestion. The inward part of the body seems to be one great stomach, which is open at both ends; but the purposes which the opening at the bottom serves are hitherto unknown, but certainly not for excluding their excrements. The surface of the body is studded with a number of warts, as are also the arms, especially when they are contracted.

These insects chiefly subsist upon others that are less than themselves: particularly a kind of millipeds that live in the water, and a very small red worm. No insect whatever, less than themselves, seems to come amiss to them. Wherever their prey is perceived, which the animal effects by its feeling, it is sufficient to touch the object it would seize upon, and it is fastened without a power of escaping. The greater the distance at which it is touched, the greater is the ease with
which