

a common and connected object, and one taking one department and another another.\*

The tentacles of the *Univalve Molluscs*, for the headless animal of the *Bivalves* has no such organ, are neither used for locomotion nor prehension, and therefore seem to have no claim to a place in the present chapter. But as they are clearly the analogues of the tentacles of the animals we have been considering, and though not prehensory, are certainly exploring and sensiferous organs, which are probably connected with prehension, I shall make a few observations upon them. They vary in their number, some having none,† others only two;‡ others again four;§ and, lastly, others six.|| They are without articulations, though they sometimes exhibit an annulated appearance:¶ they are also often retractile, and, in the snail and slug, they form a hollow tube, which can be inverted like the finger of a

\* It seems strange that the reverend author should so continually regard the destruction of animal existence as a punishment. It requires little observation to perceive that, throughout this world, MAN is the only animal permitted by nature to arrive at old age. (We speak not, of course, of such domestic animals as are protected by man's fostering care.) Man is the only created being capable of such a privilege. Man is the only being possessed of sufficient knowledge and forethought to enable him during his years of strength and vigour to provide for that period when decrepitude and decay will take the place of strength and energy. Elsewhere throughout the world, no sooner does feebleness manifest itself in any living thing, than the knife is at the throat, the butcher at the door, so that nothing but strength, health, and happiness are permitted to exist for any lengthened period; and pain, disease, and misery are banished from our globe.—T. R. J.

† Chiton.

‡ Cypræa. Voluta. Fig. 43. b.

§ Helix. Limax.

|| Clio. The tentacles in this genus are retractile, and when retracted form two tubercles, which make the head appear bilobed.

¶ Voluta Æthiopica.