

Order, the most remarkable is the *Chlamyphorus*,* whose feet are armed with five long and sharp nails, especially the anterior ones, which must enable it to excavate its subterranean abode very rapidly. From the formation of its foot and these nails it does not appear to dig with them laterally, but in a line with the body; its singular clubbed tail therefore would be a very useful organ, if, as Mr. Yarrell supposes, it is used in removing backwards the loose earth accumulated under its belly by the action of the fore-legs.† This animal which is a native of Chili, is reputed to carry its young beneath the scaly armour attached principally to the spine, which covers it loosely like a cloak.

The last family, as we ascend, in the present Order, is very well distinguished by the name of *Tardigrades*, from the excessive slowness of their motions. Their nails are enormously long, compressed, and crooked, and exactly calculated for laying strong hold, so as to enable them to maintain their station on the trees, whose leaves and buds form their food. Their English appellation, the *Sloth*,‡ indicates their character; when they have satisfied their appetite, like most of the other Edentates, they can roll themselves up and take a long and reckless sleep. But I need not enlarge further upon this tribe, since Dr. Buckland has excellently—*justified the ways of God to man*;—and, in the present instance demonstrated, by most convincing arguments, that these animals, instead of being an abortion, imperfect, misshapen, and monstrous, are exactly, and in every respect, adapted for the station which God has assigned to them, and for the work which he has given them in charge.§

Next above the Edentate Mammalians is an Order, the *fifth* of Cuvier, consisting of a greater number of Genera and

* Frontispiece to Vol. i.

† Zool. Journ. iii. 551.

‡ Bradypus.

§ Linn. Trans. xvii. 17.