

great tribes in the present Order, distinguished by this instinct,—the *wasps* and *hornets*, the *bees* and *humble-bees*, and the *ants*.

The *wasps* and *hornets* are remarkable for the curious papier-maché edifices, in the construction of which they employ filaments of wood,—scraped from posts and rails with their own jaws,—mixed with saliva, of which the hexagonal cells, in which they rear their young, are formed, and often their combs are separated and supported by pillars of the same material; and the external walls of their nests are formed by foliaceous layers of their ligneous paper.* Latreille mentions a Brazilian species that makes an abundant provision of *honey*.

In the book of Joshua we are informed† that God, by means of some animal of this genus, drove out the two kings of the Amorites from before the Children of Israel. In the second volume of Lieut. Holman's Travels—in whom the loss of sight has been compensated by a wonderful acuteness of mental vision—the following anecdote is related illustrative of this fact.‡

“ Eight miles from Grandie ———, the muleteers suddenly called out ‘Marambundas, Marambundas!’ which indicated the approach of a host of *wasps*. In a moment all the animals, whether loaded or otherwise, laid down on their backs, kicking most violently; while the blacks, and all persons not already attacked, ran away in different directions, all being careful, by a wide sweep, to avoid the swarms of tormentors that came forward like a cloud. I never witnessed a panic so sudden and complete, and really believe that the bursting of a water-spout could hardly have produced more commotion. However, it must be confessed that the alarm was not without a good reason, for so severe

* See Introd. to Ent. i. 501.

† xxiv. 12.

‡ Quoted in Lit. Gazette, Jan. 3, 1835, p. 4.