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1000	division of the animal kingdom, including all
	those species which are furnished with a back-
	bone or vertebral column, as the mammalia,
20	birds, reptiles, and fishes.—Hoblyn
	Viscera. The bowels, or intestines; the contents
	of the thorax and abdomen.
	Viviparous. (Vivus, alive, and pario, to bring
	forth;) applied to animals which bring forth
	their young alive and perfect, and do not produce
	them in eggs, like the oviparous animals.
	Woodward, Mr. On the teeth of elephants found
17	in Norfolk and Suffolk,
	ZODIAC. A broad circle in the heavens, containing
	the twelve signs through which the sun passes in
	its annual course. The centre of this belt is the
	ecliptic, which is the apparent path of the sun.
	The name zodiac is from ζωδιον, zodion, little
	animal, and it has reference to the figures of
63	animals employed as signs,
	Zoological. (ζωον, an animal, and λογος, discourse;)
6	relating to zoology or the science of animals, .
	Zoophites. (ζωον, an animal, and φυτον, a plant.)
	In natural history, a body supposed to partake of
	the nature both of an animal and a vegetable, as
	madrepores, corallines, etc. The animals con- struct and occupy habitations, which are fixed to
	the ground, and which have the form of plants.
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