

took out half-a-dozen, and placed them in a jar with an Actinia (*Anthea flagellifera*). On looking at them about three hours after, I found that, instead of climbing like the others to the top of the water, they remained just where they had fallen, closely withdrawn into their shells. Supposing them to be dead, they were taken out, when they directly began to emerge; and when returned to the jar with the other Monodontas, they were in less than five minutes clustered round its mouth. On placing them again in the jar with the Actinia, though kept there for two hours, they did not once show themselves out of the shell. Once more placing them along with the other shells, they exhibited their former signs of life and activity. The experiment was repeated several times with a large Littorina, with the same result, evincing fear of the Actinia on the part of the Mollusks."

Gosse gives the following fish story, which is much to the point. Speaking of the *Anthea cereus*, or Opelet, a British species, he says (p. 168):—"I one day saw an amusing example of its power of passive resistance. A beautiful little specimen of the variety *alabastrina*, which had been sent to me by Mr. Gatehouse, I had occasion to remove from one tank to another. There was a half-grown Bullhead (*Cottus bubalis*) at the bottom, which had been in captivity rather more than a fortnight. As he had not been fed during that time, I presume he was somewhat sharp-set. He marked the Anthea falling, and before it could reach the bottom, opened his cavern of a mouth and sucked in the *bonne bouche*. It was not to his taste, however, for as instantly he shot it out again. Not discouraged, he returned to the attack, and once more sucked it in, but with no better success; for, after a moment's rolling of the morsel around his mouth, out it shot once more; and now the Bullhead, acknowledging his master, turned tail, and darted into a hole on the opposite side of the tank in manifest discomfiture."

He adds:—"But if you, my gentle reader, be disposed for exploits in gastronomy, do not be alarmed at the Bullhead's failure: only take the precaution to 'cook your hare.' Risso calls this species '*edulis*,' and says of it—'*On le mange en*