

catching a fly, is so rapid that we do not see it, but only hear the snap. On the contrary, how very different are the means given to the chameleon for obtaining his food; he lies more still than the dead leaf, his skin is like the bark of the tree, and takes the hue of surrounding objects. Whilst other animals have excitement conforming to their rapid motions, the shrivelled face of the chameleon hardly indicates life; the eyelids are scarcely parted; he protrudes his tongue with a motion so imperceptible towards the insect, that it is touched and caught more certainly than by the most lively action. Thus, various creatures living upon insects reach their prey by different means and instincts; rapidity of motion, which gives no time for escape, is bestowed on some, while others have a languid and slow movement that excites no alarm.



The loris, a tardigrade animal, might be pitied too for the slowness of its motions, if they