

The *Gammarus*, or common lobster, with a smooth thorax, short serrated snout, very long antennæ, and between them two shorter ones, bifid claws and fangs large, the greater tuberculated, the lesser serrated on the inner edge; four pair of legs, six joints in the tail, tail-fins rounded. It inhabits all the rocky shores of our island, but chiefly where there is a depth of water. In Llyn, in Caernarvonshire, a certain small lobster, nothing different except in size, burrows in the sand. They are brought in vast quantities from the Orkney isles, and many parts of the Eastern coast of Scotland, to the London markets. Sixty or seventy thousand are annually brought from the neighbourhood of Montrose alone. The lobster was well known to the ancients, is accurately described by Aristotle, and is found as far as the Hellespont.

Lobsters fear thunder, and are apt to cast their claws on a great clap; it is said that they will do the same on the firing of a great gun, and that when men of war meet a lobster boat, a jocular threat is used, that, if the master does not sell them good lobsters, they will salute him. The habitation of this species is in the clearest water, at the foot of  
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