

the two next subulated ; tail consisting of five joints ; the caudal fins rounded. It inhabits many of the rivers in England, lodges in holes which they form in the clay banks. Cardian says, that this species indicates the goodness of water : for in the best water they are boiled into the reddest colour.

The flesh of the cray-fish is cooling, moistening, and adapted to nourish such as labour under consumptions. Though they are variously dressed, yet no parts of them are eatable except their claws and tails. Soups are frequently made of them, which are rendered still more medicinal by the addition of herbs, snails, or other substances, according as circumstances may require. The flesh is accounted best in the summer months.

The delicate flavour of these fish depends in a great measure on their food. When they have well-tasted food, their flesh preserves the relish of it ; but when they feed on other things, they are often rendered of no value by the flavour which is thus communicated to their flesh.

There are great quantities of these fish in the river Obra, on the borders of Silesia ; but the people find them scarcely eatable, because of a bitter aromatic flavour, which is
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