

10. The *diogenes*, *soldier-crab*, or *hermit-crab*, with rough claws; the left claw is the longest, (this being the only difference between the *diogenes* and *herpadus*) the legs are subulated, and serrated along the upper ridge; the tail naked and slender, and furnished with a hook, by which it secures itself in its lodging. This species is parasitic, and inhabits the empty cavities of turbunated shells, changing its habitation according to its increase of growth, from the small *nerite* to the large *whelk*. Nature denies it the strong covering behind, which it has given to others of this class; and therefore directs it to take refuge in the deserted cases of other animals. They crawl very fast with the shell on their back; and at the approach of danger draw themselves within the shell, and, thrusting out the larger claw, will pinch very hard whatever molests them. By the moderns it is called the *soldier*, from the idea of its dwelling in a tent; or the *hermit*, from retiring into a cell.

It is very diverting to observe this animal when wanting to change its shell. The little soldier is seen busily parading the shore along that line of pebbles and shells which is formed by the extreme wave, still, however, dragging its  
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