

if it fastens upon, it will sooner die than quit the grasp.

The hermit crabs frequent mostly those parts of the sea-shore which are covered with shrubs and trees, producing various wild fruits on which they subsist; though they will also feed on the fragments of fish and other animal substances cast on shore. When roasted in the shell, they are esteemed delicate. The hermit crab, hung in the air, dissolves into a kind of oil, which gives speedy relief to rheumatic pains, if rubbed upon the part.

11. The *vocans*, or sand-crab, is but of a small size; its colour light brown, or dusky white. It has eight legs, and two claws, one of which is double the size of the other: these claws serve both to defend and feed themselves with. The head has two square holes, which are receptacles for its eyes, out of which it thrusts them and draws them in again at pleasure. Their only abode is on the sandy shores of Flathera, and many other of the Bahama islands. They run very fast, and retreat from danger into little holes which they make in the sand.

12. The *grapsus*, or red-mottled crab, has a round body, the legs longer and larger than in other kinds; the claws red, except which, the