

“ of the kind, which I put into a large bason
“ filled with rain-water, and fed for a long
“ time with potter’s earth, dissolved in the
“ water about them. On the thirteenth of
“ the same month I opened one of these
“ snails, when I found nine living snails in
“ its womb ; the largest of these were placed
“ foremost, as the first candidates for ex-
“ clusion. I put them into fresh water,
“ and they lived to the eighteenth of the
“ same month, moving and swimming, like
“ snails *full grown* ; nay, their manner of
“ swimming was much more beautiful.”

The *trochus*, commonly considered of the snail species, has no mouth whatever, but simply a kind of trunk, which in proportion to the size of the animal is very long ; this trunk is fleshy, muscular, supple, and hollow ; its extremity is bordered with a cartilage, and toothed like a saw. These snails are a predatory species, and are justly considered among the shelly tribe, the same as the tiger, eagle, and shark are to beasts, birds, and fish. The whole race of shelled animals, with every possible means, endeavour to avoid their approach, conscious, as it were, that whatever may be their size, their destruction is inevitable, as the strongest cover-
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