

every garden is infested with some peculiarly destructive. Linnæus tells us, that he once found a vegetable louse upon some plants newly arrived from America; and willing to trace the little animal through its various stages, he took it with him from London to Leyden, where he carefully preserved it during the winter, until it bred in the spring; but the louse it seems did not treat him with all the gratitude he expected; for it became the parent of so numerous a progeny, that it soon overrun all the physic-garden of that beautiful city; and leaves, to this day, many a gardener to curse the Swede's too indulgent curiosity.

The animal which some have called the *Leaf Louse*, is of the size of a flea, and of a bright green, or bluish green colour; the body is nearly oval, and is largest and most convex on the hinder part; the breast is very small, and the head is blunt and green; the eyes may be seen very plainly, being prominent on the front part of the head, and of a shining black colour; near these there is a black line on each side; and the legs are very slender. These animals are usually found upon the leaves of the orache, and other plants; and the weaker the leaves and buds are, in the greater abundance do these insects