

promptitude to infinity. The remains of such minute animals have added much more to the mass of materials which compose the exterior crust of the globe, than the bones of Elephants, Hippopotami, and Whales.

CHAPTER XVI.

Proofs of Design in the Structure of Fossil Articulated Animals.

THE third grand division in Cuvier's arrangement of the animal kingdom, viz. the articulated animals, comprehends four classes.

1. The Annelidans, or worms with red blood.
2. Crustaceans, most familiar to us under the form of Crabs and Lobsters.
3. Arachnidans, or Spiders.
4. Insects.

SECTION I.

First Class of Articulated Animals.

FOSSIL ANNELIDANS.

HOWEVER numerous may have been the ancient species of Annelidans without a shelly covering, naked worms of this class can have left but slight