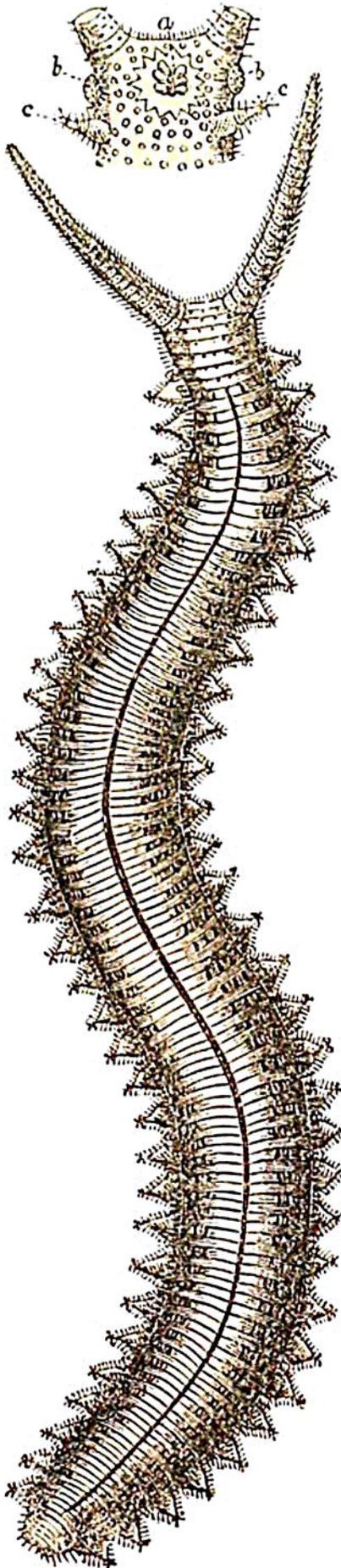


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also they twist about in all directions when handled, and conceal themselves in close places where they lie in wait for their prey. In one respect some of them add the instinct of the spider to that of the centipede, for they line and sometimes cover the cavities of the rocks which they inhabit with a slight silken web, and thus concealed they watch the approach of some animal, and, suddenly thrusting out the anterior part of their body, seize and devour it.

My late indefatigable and talented friend, the Rev. L. Guilding, once found a *land* species, in an ancient wood in the Island of St. Vincent's, which from its soft body he regarded as a Molluscan, but from its figure, and annulose structure, its jointed antennæ, and seemingly jointed legs crowned with bristles, it† certainly belongs, as Mr. Gray has remarked, to the present class. Though it has scarcely a distinct head, its resemblance to the cylindrical myriapods‡ is very striking. Other species of this Order resemble the Isopod

* *Peripatus Juliformis*. a. Mouth.
b. b. Eyes. c. c. First pair of legs.

† Mr. G. calls it *Peripatus juliformis*.

‡ *Julus*. L.