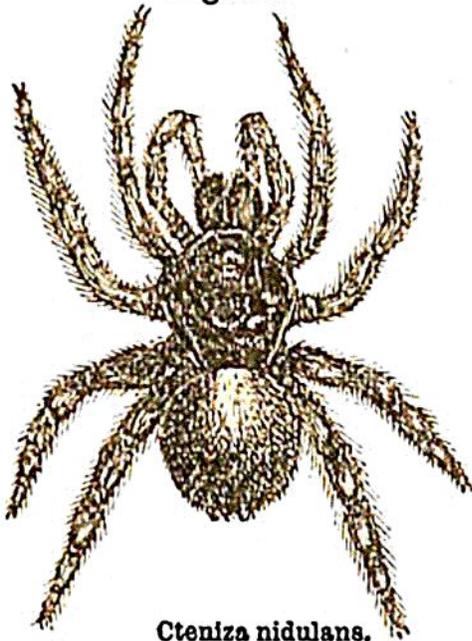


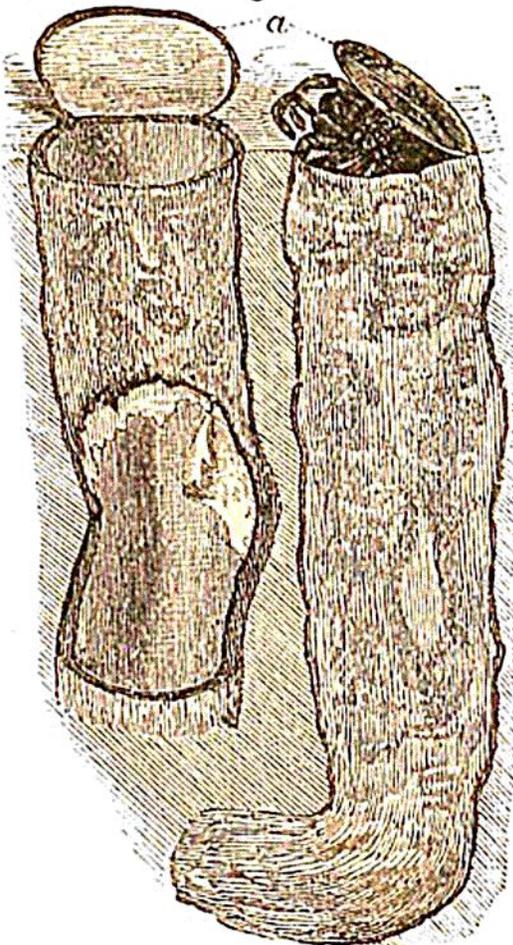
Fig. 89.



Cteniza nidulans.

the island of Naxos;\* another in Jamaica;† a third in

Fig. 90.



Nest and tube of *Cteniza fodiens*.  
*a.* Lid or trap-door surmounting the  
 tube or nest.

\* *Cteniza ariana*.

† *Ct. nidulans*.

‡ *Ct. cœmentaria*.

§ Wanderings in N. S. Wales, &c. i. 328.

The interior of these habitations, he continues, is not less remarkable for the extreme neatness which reigns there; whatever be the humidity of the soil in which they are constructed, water never penetrates them; the walls are nicely covered with a tapestry of silk, having usually the lustre of satin, and almost always of a dazzling whiteness. He mentions only four species of the genus as at present known. One which was found in

Montpellier;‡ and a fourth, that which is the subject of his Memoir, in Corsica; to which I may add a fifth species, found frequently by Mr. Bennett, in different parts of New South Wales.§

The habitations of the species in question are found in an argillaceous kind of red earth, in which they bore tubes about three inches in depth, and ten lines in width. The walls of these tubes are not left just as they are bored, but they are covered with a kind of mortar, sufficiently solid to be easily separated from the mass that surrounds it. If the tube is