

“ Body. Then with a green Stick, which he had in  
 “ his Hand, about a Foot an half long, the Bark be-  
 “ ing newly peel’d off, urged and provoked the Head,  
 “ ’till it bit the Stick in fury several times. Upon this  
 “ the Colonel observed small green Streaks to rise up  
 “ along the Stick towards his Hand. He threw the  
 “ Stick upon the Ground, and in a quarter of an  
 “ Hour, the Stick of its own accord split into feve-  
 “ ral Pieces, and fell asunder from end to end. This  
 “ Account I had from him again at the Writing  
 “ hereof.” [*Beverley’s History of Virginia*, from  
*pag. 260, to 267.*]

Father *Labat* likewise tells us (in his *Nouveau Voyage aux Isles de l’Amerique*, Tom. IV. pag. 96, and 106. Ed. Paris, 1722. in 8°.) that Serpents, when they bite their Prey, retire, to avoid being hurt by them; and when dead, cover them with their Spittle, extend their Feet along their Sides and Tails, if Quadrupeds, and then swallow them.

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II. *Part of a Letter from Dr. Richardson,  
 F. R. S. to Sir Hans Sloane, Bart. President  
 of the Royal Society, and Colleg. Physic.  
 concerning the Squilla aquæ dulcis.*

I Have met with very little of late in Natural Hi-  
 story worth mentioning to you. One Thing I  
 cannot omit, which I do not remember is taken no-  
 tice of by any Naturalist; that is, the great Destru-  
 ction that is made amongst the small Fry of Fish by  
 the *Squilla aquæ dulcis*, which abound in most  
 standing

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standing Waters. In a small breeding Pond nigh my House, where I had formerly plenty of small Carp and Tench every Year, and of late scarce any young Breed to be met with, my Gardener not long ago observed one of the *Squilla*, with a Carp in its Mouth almost as large as itself; and has since observed these Insects hunting amongst the Weeds, and vigorously pursuing the small Fry. I order'd the Gardener to catch some of these Insects, and bring them home alive, with some of the smallest Fish he could meet with. We put them together in a large Bason of Water. The Insects were so rapacious, that they fell upon the Fish immediately, and destroy'd several in my Sight; and before Morning had devoured all that were in the Bason.

North-Eierley,  
Sept. 5, 1733.

RICHARD RICHARDSON.

III. *Schema Eclipseos Solaris paulo ante solis occasum observatæ, Vitembergæ Saxonum Die 11<sup>do</sup> Maii Stil. veter. A. Chr. CIO IO CC XXXIII. A Joh. Frider. Weidlero LL. D. Mathem. Superior. Prof. Ordin. R. S. S.*

Phases crescentis Eclipseos.

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