

MANTIS STRUMARIA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Caput nutans, maxillosum, palpis instructum.

Antennæ (plerisque) setaceæ.

Alæ quatuor, membranaceæ, (plerisque) convolutæ; inferiores plicatæ.

Pedes antici compressi, subtus ferrato-denticulati, armati ungue solitario et digito setaceo laterali articulado. *Postici* quatuor, læves, gresforii.

Thorax linearis, elongatus, angustatus.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 689.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MANTIS thorace utrinque membranaceo-dilatato obcordato.

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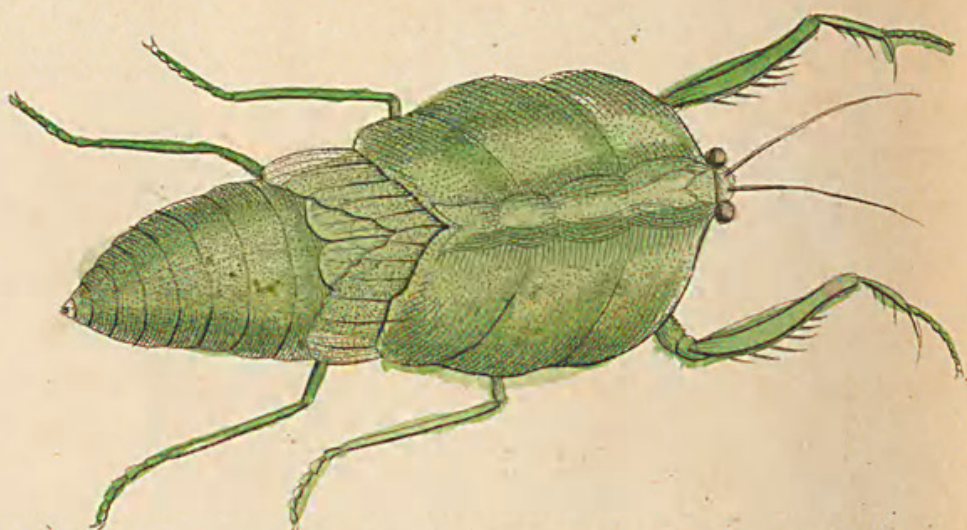
Mer. Sur. 27. t. 27.

Cum anteaetis temporibus, fabulis et erroribus immerfa jaceret veritas, non defuere qui hujusmodi insecta folia esse quasi animata firmiter credididerint. Notabilis admodum est thorax permagnus et dilatatus. Alæ inferiores

feriores pellucidæ sunt, levissimo tantum virore tinctæ.
Americam Australem incolit singulare hoc animal-
culum.

Fig. 1, Pupa, seu insectum adhuc imperfectum.

Fig. 2, Imago, seu insectum declaratum.



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THE
BROAD-BREASTED MANTIS.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Head unsteady: Mouth armed with jaws, and furnished with palpi.

Antennæ setaceous, (some few species excepted.)

Wings four, membranaceous, in most species convoluted: the lower ones (generally) plicated.

Feet anterior compressed, ferrated beneath, armed with a lateral solitary claw and jointed process; *posterior* four, smooth, formed for walking.

Thorax (in most species) elongated and narrowed.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

MANTIS with the sides of the thorax nearly membranaceous and greatly dilated.

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The Mantis *Strumaria* is amongst the number of those insects which in less enlightened times have been considered as a kind of animated leaves. The very large, dilated thorax in this insect is highly remarkable.

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The lower wings are of a transparent appearance, and have but a slight cast of green. This curious animal is a native of South America.

Fig. 1, The insect in its pupa state.

Fig. 2, The insect in its complete state.



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