

with fear and joy of your escape, what I tell you, that you nearly fell a victim to its snares.' With what horror did you now listen, gasping, not daring to interrupt, and well knowing it was to such a masked revellers my friend alluded. work these you will have to be constantly watchful, else the present delight in their company will pierce you through with many sorrows, and end in the total destruction of your psyche. So great is their power that their victims do not see their danger, nor can it be seen

untouched. But when the period arrives at the close of the larva life, the difference appears;—those that have escaped the parasites—assuming the pupa state, from which they emerge butterflies. But as for the other ichneumon grubs at this period issue forth and spin their little cocoons of bright yellow silk, from which they are to issue as flies. Of the unfortunate caterpillar nothing remains but an empty skin, the butterfly has been secretly consumed.—*Whatley's Fur State Lecture.*