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<ab>on some of the <tl>high shelves</tl>, &amp; at that time, one knows when they want to climb up when, on the leaf, they <del><fr>hau</fr></del> lengthen &amp; raise the head &amp; a part of the body. At that time one carries them to the <pa>heather</pa> branches where they stop &amp; begin to spin their prison, which one calls cocoon, commonly the <ms>size of a <al>pigeon</al> egg</ms>, although one finds many much bigger because it sometimes happens that two or three &amp; up to xi <al>worms</al> are put in a cocoon, which is hairy &amp; downy all around <del>&amp;</del>, the hair of which is <m>ferret-silk</m> or <m><fr>floret</fr></m><comment>c\_054r\_02</comment>; &amp; from the cocoon, which is a white, solid, continuous &amp; firm skin, <m>silk</m> is made. The cocoon is so hard that one only cuts it with difficulty with a <tl><bp>fingernail</bp></tl>. And, however, for leaving its prison, <del><fr>elle</fr></del> the <al>worm</al> gnaws it at one end, &amp; after <add>having</add> stayed inside living on its own sap <del><fr>il</fr></del> for three <ms><tmp>weeks</tmp></ms>, it comes out, diminished <ms>by half</ms>. For when it begins to spin, it is <ms>as long as a <bp>ring finger</bp></ms> &amp; has eight feet, &amp; coming out it <ms>shorter by half</ms> &amp; only has 4 feet. On the other hand, it has become a <al>butterfly</al> &amp; has wings, without flying however. And there are male &amp; female. As soon as they come out of the cocoon, the male charges the female &amp; one puts them on a <tl>white linen</tl>, where they make their eggs. Which female would not be good &amp; profitable if the male was not given to her. And when the male has detached himself from a female, one needs to throw it, for it would not be good to give it to another. They have completed spinning &amp; making their eggs in three <ms><tmp>weeks</tmp></ms> &amp; <tmp>around <pn>Saint John</pn>'s Day</tmp>. And at that time one keeps their eggs &amp; seed <ms><tmp>until Holy Week</tmp></ms>, as <del><fr>on</fr></del> is said. Some spin among the leaves &amp; make their cocoon there without climbing high.</ab>

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The <m>silk</m> of the cocoons where there are</ab>

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