



FIGURE 61 Silkworm life cycle in the first entry of Merian's study journal. She painted all studies with watercolor and gouache on vellum. Several details shown in the final plate are absent from this study.

descriptors are printed in a way that makes them stand out for the reader by using a larger font. The published text on the silkworm contains more information on the husbandry of the insects than does the study journal, and she states her reason for including the silkworm in the frontispiece or title page of her book.