

Leyden were turned into blood! He went directly to the place where the water was said to be thus changed, and put some of it into a glass: he was himself much astonished at first, but upon viewing it with attention, he observed that it abounded with infinite numbers of these little red insects, which tinged the whole body of the fluid with that seemingly formidable colour.

This little animal has several branching arms with which, when in the water, it can move in a straight line, waving them as a bird does its wings in the air, sometimes upward, sometimes downward, sometimes to the right, sometimes to the left, yet still continuing to proceed in a right line. By striking the water with its arms, it can ascend with great velocity; and by striking in a contrary direction, it dives with equal ease. As these motions are very rapid, the little animal appears to jump in the water, its head always tending to the surface, and its tail stretching downward. This insect is produced from an egg, which, when excluded, is carried on the back of the female, and soon after is seen floating in the water round her. When excluded from the egg its appearance is that of a small whitish insect, endued