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ZOOPHYTES.

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THESE are supposed to be the last order of animated nature, or rather the link by which the animal and vegetable world are united. The gradations throughout the whole system, as Buffon has judiciously remarked, are by such imperceptible degrees that it would be impossible to say, positively, where the one begins and the other ends; particularly in this, as the sensitive plant, the fly-trap, &c. have more actual motion than the oyster, and others that are called animals. In the vegetable world the species may be continued by cutting a slip from a plant, and the same also may be done in this order, and a thousand perfect beings be formed by cutting one into as many pieces.

In the class of zoophytes, we may place all those animals, which may be propagated by

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