

EXPERIMENTS.

I. I took from the seminal vessels of a man, who died a violent death, and whose body was still warm, all the liquor therein contained, and put it into a small bottle; of this I put a drop on the table of the microscope, without the addition of water or any other liquor. The first thing which presented, was a vapour which steamed from the liquor towards the lens, and obscured it. These vapours being dissipated, I perceived large filaments, (*fig. 1.*) which in some places seemed to extend into different branches, and in others to intermingle together. These filaments clearly appeared to be internally agitated by an undulating motion, and looked like hollow tubes which contained some moving substance. I distinctly saw two of these filaments (*fig. 2.*) were joined together, and had a vibration nearly like that of two extended strings, which are tied at the two extremities, and pulled asunder in the middle. These filaments were composed of globules which touched each other, and resembled beads. I afterwards saw filaments which swelled in certain

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