

transparent and homogeneous liquor, which did not contain one moving substance.

*XLIV.* At the same time I made observations on the liquor in an oyster ; on the water in which pepper had been boiled ; on the water wherein pepper had been only infused ; and on the water wherein I had put some vegetable seed ; the bottles which contained these waters were firmly closed, and in two days I perceived in the oyster liquor a great quantity of oval and globular substances, which seemed to swim like fish in a pond, and had all the appearance of being animals ; however they had no limbs nor tails, but were very large, transparent, and visible. I perceived them change their forms, and become smaller for seven or eight days successively ; and at length I and Mr. Needham observed animals similar to those in an infusion of jelly of roast veal, which had been also very exactly corked ; so that I am persuaded they are not real animals, at least according to the received acceptation of the words, as we shall hereafter explain.

The infusion of the seed presented an innumerable multitude of moving globules which appeared animated like those of the seminal liquors,