

autumn: these last seem to be totally exhausted by generation, and die a short time after. Other animals, though not exhausted, become extremely lean and very weak, and require a considerable time to repair the loss which is made of the organic substance. Others are exhausted still less, and are soon restored to an engendering state; while man is scarcely in the least affected; his loss is speedily repaired, and therefore may be said to be at all times in a state for propagation; all which depends solely on the particular construction of the animal organs. The grand limits Nature has placed in the mode of existence are equally conspicuous in the manner of receiving and digesting the food, in the manner of retaining it in, or excluding it from, the body, and in the means by which the organic molecules, necessary for reproduction, are extracted. In a word, we shall find throughout all nature, that all what can be, is.

The same difference exists in the time of female gestation; some, as mares, carry their young eleven or twelve months; others, as women, cows, &c. nine months; others, as foxes, wolves, &c. five months; bitches, nine weeks; cats, six weeks; rabbits, thirty-one
8 days.