

matrix, where the anatomists have sometimes found fœtuses; and it is natural to imagine, that those which have been found out of the matrix, and in the cavity of the abdomen, have escaped by the extremity of the trunks, or by some accidental opening, and that they never fall from the testicles into the abdomen, because it is almost an impossibility that the seminal liquor of the male can ascend so high. Leeuwenhoek has computed the motion of these pretended spermatic animals to be four or five inches in forty minutes, which would be more than sufficient for the animalcules to traverse from the vagina into the matrix, from the matrix into the trunks, and from the trunks into the testicles, in an hour or two, provided all the liquor had that motion. But how is this to be conceived, that the organic molecules, whose motion ceases as soon as the liquid fails, can arrive as far as the testicles, unless brought there by the liquor in which they swim? This progressive motion cannot be given by the organic molecules to the liquor which it contains, therefore, whatever activity these molecules may be supposed to have, we cannot see how they can arrive at the testicles, and form a fœtus there, unless the
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