

infusion is required to see them in pús, spurred barley, honey, drugs, &c.

There exists therefore, an organic matter, universally diffused in all animal and vegetable substances, which alike serves for their nutrition, their growth, and their reproduction. Nutrition is performed by the intimate penetration of this matter in all parts of the animal or vegetable body. Expansion or growth is only a kind of more extended nutrition, which is made and performed as long as the parts have sufficient ductility to swell and extend; and reproduction is made by the same matter when it superabounds in the body of the animal or vegetable; each part of the body sends back, to the appropriate reservoirs, the organic particles which exceed what are sufficient for their nourishment. These particles are absolutely analogous to each part from which they are sent back, because they were destined to nourish those parts from hence, when all the particles sent back from, collect together, they must form a body similar to the first, since each particle is like that part from which it was detached; thus it is that reproduction is effected in all kinds of trees, plants, polypuses, pucerons, &c. where one individual can produce its like; and it is