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SECTION II.

THE HYDROID FORM OF CORYNE MIRABILIS.

In order to obtain a correct idea of this Hydroid, the observer must watch it in its native element, under all the circumstances and conditions of its natural mode of existence and development. After it has been kept in confinement for a day or two, it loses its brightness and color, in a great. measure, and assumes strange attitudes; such as an excessive elongation of the club-shaped head and tentacles, which look as if reaching after something, or a stiff, angular position, bristling with straightened, rigid tentacles. But when floating freely in the water,