

liquor of the dog, excepting they had not any threads. They moved in all manner of directions with great swiftness. I observed these bodies, which appeared animated for some time, and saw many change their form; I perceived some to lengthen, and others to contract, while some swelled at both extremities: there were numbers that were smaller and thicker than the rest; but they were all in motion, and were about the size and figure of those I have described in the fourth experiment.

XVI. The next morning the number of these globules were increased, but they appeared smaller; their motion was more rapid and irregular; they had also another appearance with respect to their form and manner of moving, which seemed confused; the next and several days after, till the fifteenth day, there were moving bodies in the water, whose size gradually diminished till they were no longer visible. The last, which I perceived with great difficulty, was on the nineteenth and twentieth days, and they moved with greater rapidity than ever. Upon the water a kind of pellicle was formed, which appeared to be composed of the coverings of those moving bodies, small threads, scales, &c. but entirely motionless;