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XVII. I then successively opened ten rabbits, on different days, to examine their seminal liquors ; the first had not a drop, either in the testicles or seminal vessels. In the second I was no more successful, although I was assured he was the father of a very numerous progeny. I succeeded no better in the third. I then imagined that the presence of the female might be requisite ; I therefore put males and females into cages so contrived that it was impossible for them to copulate. At first these endeavours did not succeed ; for, on opening two, not a drop of seminal liquor was to be found ; however, in the sixth that I opened, a large white rabbit, I found, in the seminal vesicles, as much liquor as could be contained in a teaspoon ; this matter resembled calves' jelly, was nearly transparent, and of a citron colour. Having examined it with the microscope, I perceived it to resolve, by slow degrees, into filaments and thick globules, many of which appeared fastened to each other ; but I did not remark any distinct motion in them, only as the
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