

In another letter, written the same year, to Boerhaave, he relates some further observations he made on rams, and says, that he has seen, in the *vasa deferentia*, flocks of animals which float all on one side, and others which go in a contrary direction; and he adds, “*Neque illud in unica epididymum parte, sed & in aliis quas præcideram partibus, observavi. Ad hæc, in quadam parastatarum resecta portione complura vidi animalcula, quæ necdum in justam magnitudinem adoleverant, nam et corpuscula illis exiliora & caudæ triplo breviores erant quam adultis. Ad hæc, caudas non habebant desinentes in mucronem, quales tamen adultis esse passim comperio. Præterea in quandam parastatarum portionem incidi, animalculis quantum discernere potui, destitutam, tantum illi quædam perexiguæ inerant particulæ, partim longiores, partim breviores, sed altera sui extremitate crassiunculæ; istas particulas in animalcula transituras esse non dubitabam.*” It is easy to see, by this passage, that Leeuwenhoek had seen, in this seminal liquor, what I found in all; that is to say, moving bodies of different sizes, figures, and motions; and which agrees much better with the idea of organic particles in motion than of that with real animals.