

are some which are only a kind of machines, whose action is limited to a certain effect, and which can act but once in such a certain time, as those in the calmar; and there are others, as we have just remarked, which we can cause to act as long and as often as we please. There are vegetating beings which produce animated bodies, as the filaments of the human seed, from whence the active globules spring, and which move by their own powers. In the corruption, fermentation, or rather the decomposition of animal and vegetable substances, there are organized bodies which are real animals, and can propagate their like, although they have not been so produced. The limits of these varieties are perhaps still greater than we can imagine. We may extend our ideas, and exert every effort to reduce the effects of Nature to certain points, and class her productions to certain classes, yet an infinite number of links will always escape us.