

a kind of life or vegetation, which is continually increasing till the time of delivery ; for if the matrix was only a pouch, a destined receptacle to receive the seed and contain the foetus, it would extend and grow thin in proportion as the foetus increased in size ; but in reality the matrix not only extends in proportion as the foetus grows larger, but receives at the same time a thickness and solidity. This augmentation is a real growth, like the expansion of the body in young animals, which can only be produced by the intimate penetration of the organic molecules analogous to the substance of the parts : and as this expansion of the matrix never happens but after impregnation, we cannot doubt its being produced by the liquor of the male, especially as the expansion takes place before the foetus has sufficient bulk to dilate it.

It seems certain, by my experiments, that the female has a seminal liquor which commences to be formed in the testicles, and is completed in the glandular bodies : this liquor distills through the small holes, at the extremities of these bodies ; and may, like that of the male, enter into the matrix in two different manners, either by these holes at the extremi-