

liquor itself was pumped up and attracted thither, a supposition not only gratuitous but even against all human probability.

The doubts which this supposition gives rise to, confirm the opinion that the male fluid penetrates the matrix, and enters therein by the orifice, or across the membranous coat of the viscera. The female fluid may also enter into the matrix, either by the opening at the upper extremity of the trunks, or across the skin even of the trunks and matrix. M. de Weirbrech, an able anatomist of Petersburg, confirms this opinion:—“*Res omni attentione dignissima (says he) oblata mihi est in utero feminae alicujus a me dissectae; erat uterus ea magnitudine qua esse solet in virginibus, tubaeque ambae apertae quidem ad ingressum uteri, ita ut ex hoc in illas cum specillo facile possem transire ac flatum injicere, sed in turbarum extremo nulla dabatur apertura, nullus aditus; fimbriarum enim ne vestigium quidem aderat, sed loco illarum bulbus aliquis pyriformis materia subalbida fluida turgens, in cujus medio fibra plana nervea, cicatriculae aemula, apparebat, quae sub ligamenti speciei usque ad ovarii involucra protendebatur.*