

and growth, and the perfect resemblance between them, seem to indicate that they derive their origin from the simple parts; that there must reside in these simple parts a power which acts equally on each side, or, which answers the same meaning, they are the fixed points against which the power that produces the expansion of the double parts is exercised. That the power which acts on the right is equalled by that of the left side, and consequently they are counterbalanced by this re-action.

From hence we may infer, that if there is any defect or excess in the matter which is to serve for the formation of the double parts, as the powers which impel them on each side are equal, the defect or excess must be formed the same both on the right and left; for example, if, from a defect of matter, a man has but two fingers instead of five on the right hand, he will have but two on the left hand; or if, by an excess of matter, he has six fingers on one hand, he will have six on the other; or if the matter be vitiated, and causes an alteration in the right part, it will be the same on the left. This fact is very often seen. Most monsters are made with symmetry; the disarrangement of the parts of monsters appears