

“ parts, as it is : and it seems to be better con-  
 “ stituted for this purpose than any similar in-  
 “ strument ; for it not only can apply itself to  
 “ substances of a spherical form, so as to touch  
 “ them with every part of itself ; but it also can  
 “ securely hold substances of a plane or of a  
 “ concave surface ; and, consequently, it can  
 “ hold substances of any form.

“ And, because many bodies are of too great  
 “ a size to be held by one hand alone, nature  
 “ has therefore made each hand an assistant to  
 “ its fellow ; so that the two, when together lay-  
 “ ing hold of bodies of unusual bulk, on opposite  
 “ sides, are fully equivalent to a single hand of  
 “ the very largest dimensions : and, on this ac-  
 “ count, the hands are inclined towards, and in  
 “ every point are made equal to, each other ;  
 “ which is at least desirable, if not necessary,  
 “ in instruments intended to have a combined  
 “ action.

“ Take then any one of those unwieldy bodies,  
 “ which a man can only lay hold of by means of  
 “ both his hands, as a millstone or a rafter ; or  
 “ take one of the smallest objects, as a millet-  
 “ seed or a hair, or a minute thorn ; or, lastly,  
 “ reflect on that vast multitude of objects of every  
 “ possible size, intermediate to the greatest and  
 “ the least of those above mentioned ; and you  
 “ will find the hands so exactly capable of grasp-  
 “ ing each particular one, as if they had been