

sprouting of the new claw bears a strong analogy to the budding of a plant; both having their origin from an imperceptible atom, or germ, which is either formed on the occasion, or had pre-existed in the organization. We are, however, totally destitute of the means of deciding which of these alternatives is nearest to the truth. It is but too probable that the agents which can effect such wonderful operations will ever baffle our most scrutinizing inquiries, and that they are of too refined an order to come within the reach of the most subtle conjectures that human imagination can devise.