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The embryo grain of wheat, at the time of blossoming, being carefully taken out of the husk, will be found to have a small downy tuft at its extremity, which, when viewed in a microscope, greatly resembles the branches of thorn; spreading archwise, in opposite directions. By expanding a few of the grains, and selecting the most perfect, a very pretty microscopic object will be obtained for preservation.

Experiment to shew the Separation of Bodies by Weight.

Take a bottle with a long neck, and fill part of it with water; take a glass, and pour claret and water into it; reverse the bottle with the bottom upwards, stopping the mouth of it with your finger; then dip the mouth within the glass, and remove the finger, keep the bottle in that position for a time, and the wine will separate from the water, ascend and settle in the top of the bottle, and the water will descend from the bottle and settle in the bottom of the glass, the passage will be apparent to the eye, for you will see the wine, as it were in a small vein, rising through the water.

Let the upper glass be wine and the lower water, there follows no motion at all; this separation of the wine and water appears to be made by weight, the

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