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branes, nerves and muscular fibres, as well as the most clear and transparent fluids.

The lymphatic seminal fluid is almost of the same nature and quality with that fluid which is secreted in the brain, and distributed through all the nerves of the body; for which reason, the more plentiful the evacuation of the former is, the more scanty and defective the secretion of the other in the brain must of course be. Hence also a reason may be assigned why those youths, who begin too early to taste the forbidden joys of *Venus*, sustain a considerable loss of memory, and are rendered unfit for study; and likewise why persons farther advanced in years, who are excessively addicted to venereal pleasure, lose their strength, and bring on a premature death.

There is a surprising concert  
between the spirituous seminal fluid  
and the humor of the eye, which is  
composed of the finest matter -

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(1767)

The reason of the nocturnal pollutions in the case just recited, is very plain; for the more copious and frequent the afflux of the humours, especially of the seminal matter, has been to the organs destined for generation, either by the force of imagination or otherwise; I say the more frequent and copious such an afflux has been, the more the spermatic vessels are dilated and relaxed, and the seminal juice for that very reason, flows into them in a greater quantity, and lays a foundation for those wanton ideas, and seminal excretions, which even during sleep affect people of a warm imagination.

But the most formidable species of this disease, is when the retaining vessels are so extremely relaxed, as to permit the seminal juices to pass off upon the slightest stimulus, as a luscious idea, or conversation with a woman, after straining at the discharge of the excrements, or after riding

on

small portion of nest  
with remains of small  
insects, etc. found at base  
with some old trash