

who have brought forth only girls by their first husbands, and produced boys with other men, were only those who furnished more particles proper for generation with their first husband than with the second; or that the second husband furnished more particles proper for generation with the second wife than with the first; for when, in the instant of conception, the organic molecules of the male are more abundant than those of the female, the result will be a male, and when those of the female abounds a female will be produced; nor is it in the least surprising that a man should have a disadvantage in this respect with some women, while he will have a superiority over others.

This great physician supposes, that the seed of the male is a secretion of the strongest and most essential parts of all that is humid in the human body; and he thus explains how this secretion is made: "*Venæ & nervi*, he says, *ab omni corpore in pudendum vergunt, quibus dum aliquantulum teruntur & calescunt ac implentur, velut pruritus incidit, ex hoc toti corpori voluptas ac caliditas accidit; quum vero pudendum teritur & homo movetur, humidum in corpore calescit ac diffunditur, & a motu con-*
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