

scurity in his descriptions; his observations are related chiefly on memory; and although he often says the contrary, Aristotle appears to have been his guide more than experience; for he has only seen in eggs what Aristotle has before mentioned; and that most of his observations which may be deemed essential had been made before him, we shall be perfectly convinced if we pay a little attention to what follows:

Aristotle knew that the ligaments (Chalazæ) were of no service to the generation of the chicken. "*Quæ ad principium lutei grandines hærent, nil conferunt ad generationem, ut quidam suspicantur.*"* Parisanus, Volcher, Coiter, Aquapendente, and others, remarked the cicatrice as well as Harvey: Aquapendente supposed it of no use; but Parisanus pretended that it was formed by the male semen, or at least that the white speck in the middle of the cicatrice was the seed of the male which would produce the chicken. "*Est-que, says he, illud galli semen alba & tenuissima tunica abductum, quod substat duabus communibus toti ovo membranis, &c.*" Therefore the only discovery which properly belongs

* Hist. Anim. lib. vi. cap. 2.