

deunt, alter ad circumdantem, membranam tendit, alter ad luteum, officio umbilici."

Harvey attacks Aristotle for saying that the yolk ascends towards the small end of the egg, and concludes, that he had not seen any thing himself, but had apparently received his information from some good observer of Nature. Harvey was wrong in thus reproaching Aristotle, and in asserting that the yolk always ascends towards the broad end of the egg, for that depends on the position of the egg during the time of incubation, for the yolk always ascends to the uppermost part, as being lighter than the white, whether it be to the broad or the small end. William Langley, a physician at Dordrecht, who made observations on the hatching of eggs, in 1655, twenty years before Harvey, was the first who made this remark.*

But to return to the passage we have quoted. By that we see that the crystalline liquor, the animated speck, the two circles, the two blood vessels, &c. are described by Aristotle precisely as Harvey had seen them. This anatomist also pretends that the animated speck is the heart, that this heart is formed the first, and that

* See Wm. Langley *Observ. edæ a justo Schradero*, Amst. 1674.