

have before recounted the observations of Malpighius, who says he always found the foetus in those eggs produced by hens that had received the cock, and only a mass or mole in the cicatrice of those who had not; it is therefore very clear that the foetus does not exist in the egg till after impregnation.

Another difficulty against this system is, that not only the foetus is not seen in eggs before the junction of the sexes, but even the existence of eggs in viviparous animals is by no means proved. Those physicians who pretend that the spermatic worm is the foetus enveloped in a covering, are at least assured of spermatic worms; but those who affirm that the foetus is pre-existing in the egg, have no proof of the existence of the egg itself; on the contrary, there is a probability, almost equivalent to a certainty, that these eggs do not exist.

Although the partizans of the egg system do not agree what must be looked on as the true egg in the female testicle, nevertheless they all think that impregnation is made in the testicle called the *ovarium*, without paying any attention that if it was so most foetuses would be found in the abdomen instead of the matrix,