

A famous experiment, in favour of the egg system, is supplied by De Nuck; he opened a bitch three days after copulation; he drew out one of the horns of the matrix, and made a ligature in the middle, so that the upper part of the passage could have no communication with the lower; after which he replaced this horn, and closed up the wound, with which the bitch seemed but little incommoded. At the end of twenty-one days he opened it again, and found two foetuses in the upper part, that is between the testicles and the ligature; but in the lower part there was no foetus. In the other horn of the matrix, which had not been tied by a ligature, he found three foetuses, which were regularly disposed, which proves, he says, that the foetus does not proceed from the seed of the male, but exists in the female egg. Supposing this experiment, which has only been made once, was always followed with the same effect, we should not then be right in concluding that fecundation is made in the ovary, and that eggs are detached therefrom which contain the foetus completely formed. It would only prove that the foetus may be formed in the upper parts of the horns of the matrix as well as in the lower; and it seems very natural