

scrotum of males, may derive their origin from the liquor of the individual in which they are found. But enough of observations upon facts, which appear to be as uncertain as inexplicable, for I am much inclined to believe, that, in certain circumstances, the seminal liquor of each individual may produce something alone and of itself, and that young girls might form moles without any communication with the male, as hens form eggs without having received the cock. I might support this opinion with observations which appear to me as credible as those I have quoted. M. de la Saone, physician and anatomist of the Academy of Sciences, published a memoir on this subject, in which he asserts, that religious nuns, though strictly cloistered, had formed moles. Why should that be impossible, since hens form eggs without communication with the cock? and in the cicatrice of these eggs we perceive a mole, with appendages, instead of a chicken? The analogy appears to me to have sufficient power for us, at least to doubt, or suspend our determination. Be this as it will, it is certain that the mixture of the two liquors are required to form a foetus, and that this mixture cannot come to any effect but when it is in the
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