

tanquam nunquam adfuissent? Si quidem ex ovario ad tubas alia daretur via, præter illarum orificium, unico gressu omnes superarentur difficultates; sed fictiones intellectum quidem adjuvant, rei veritatem non demonstrant; præstat igitur ignorationem fateri, quam speculationibus indulgere*." The difficulties which occurred to this able author are insurmountable in the egg system, but which disappear in our explanation. This observation seems only to prove what we have observed, that the seminal liquor of both male and female may penetrate the coat of the matrix, and enter across the pores of the membranes; to be assured of it, it is only necessary to pay attention to the alteration that the seminal liquor of the male causes to the viscera, and to the kind of vegetation or expansion that it causes there. Besides, the liquor which issues by the vacuities of De Graaf, being of the same nature as the liquor of the glandular bodies, it is very evident that this liquor comes from the testicles, and yet there is no vessel through which it can pass; consequently we must conclude, that it penetrates the spongy coat of all these parts,

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* Vide Comment. Acad. Petropol. vol. IV. page 261 and 262.