

in proportion than the membranes of the foetus, both of which are now easily distinguished.

According to Hippocrates, the male foetus is developed sooner than the female. He says all parts of the body in the first are apparent in thirty, whereas the latter are not so till the expiration of forty-two days.

In six weeks the foetus is nearly two inches long ; the human figure begins to be more perfect ; the head is only larger in proportion than the other parts of the body ; the motion of the heart is perceived about this time. It has been seen to beat in a foetus of sixty days, a long while after it had been taken out of the womb of its mother.

In two months the foetus is more than two inches long ; the ossification is discernible as far as the middle of the arm, thigh, and leg, and in the point of the lower jaw, which is then very forward before the upper. These, however, are only ossified points ; but by the effect of a more ready expansion, the clavicles are wholly ossified. The umbilical cord is formed, and the vessels which compose it, begin to twist nearly like threads which compose a rope ; but this cord is still very short in comparison of what it becomes hereafter.

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