

ment is to the opinion of Harvey, for he saw nothing of a form for the two first days of incubation, and it was the third day before the sign of the foetus appears, which is the animated speck: whereas according to Malpighius, the outlines of the foetus exist in the egg before incubation has commenced.

After being assured of this important matter, Malpighius examined, with like attention, the cicatrice of unimpregnated eggs, which, as we have observed, is smaller than those which have been impregnated; it has often irregular circumscriptions, and sometimes differs in different eggs. Near its centre, instead of the ball that encloses the foetus, there is a globular mole, which does not contain any thing organized, and which being opened does not present any thing formed or arranged, but only some appendages filled with a thick but transparent fluid; and this unshapen mass is surrounded with many concentric circles.

After six hours incubation the cicatrice is considerably dilated, and the ball formed by the amnios is easily discovered; this ball is filled with a liquor, in the middle of which the head of the chicken and back-bone are distinctly seen. In about six hours more the little animal

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