

seen the alterations which happen to the ovary ; he did not see the small globules in the matrix which contain the apparatus of generation, and which De Graaf calls *eggs*. He had not even a supposition that the fœtus existed in this egg ; and though his experiments gave us nearly an exact account of what occurs during the growth of the fœtus, they give us no information either of the moment of fecundation or of the first developement. Schrader, a Dutch physician, who held Harvey in great veneration, owns that we must not put too great a reliance in that anatomist in many things, and especially on what he says of the fecundative moment, for the chicken in fact is in the egg before incubation, and that Joseph de Aromatarius was the first who observed it.* Although Harvey pretended that every animal proceeds from an egg, he did not imagine that the testicles of females contained these eggs, and has only repeated what Aristotle has said on this subject. The first who speaks of having discovered eggs in female ovaries is Steno, who says, in dissecting a female sea-dog he saw eggs in the testicles, although that animal is viviparous ; and he adds, that the testicles

* See *Observ. Justi Schraderi*, Amst. 1674.