

matrix of a cow, which he dissected six hours after copulation.* The celebrated Ruysch asserts, that having dissected a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery, and was assassinated, he found, not only in the cavity of the matrix, but also in the trunks, a quantity of the seminal liquor of the male.† Valisnieri affirms, that Fallopius and other anatomists had also discovered male seed in the matrix of many women. After the positive testimony of these great anatomists, there can remain no doubt but Harvey was deceived in this important point; especially when to these are added that of Leeuwenhoek, who found the male seed in the matrix of a great number of females of different species.

Harvey makes another error in speaking of an abortion in the second month, where the mass was as large as a pigeon's egg, but without any foetus regularly formed; whereas, it is maintained by Ruysch, and many other anatomists, that the foetus is perceptible, even to the naked eye, in the first month. The History of the Academy mentions a foetus, that was completely formed in twenty-one days after impregnation. If to these authorities we add that of
Malpighius,

* See Verheyen Sup. Anat. Tra. v. cap. iii.

† See Ruysch, Thes. Anat. p. 90, tab. vi, fig. 1.