

contains the whole product of generation, is not adherent to the matrix. De Graaf, in his experiments on doe rabbits, made these globules, wherein the whole business of generation lies, move about in the matrix. Thus, in the first stages, they increase and grow by drawing nutriment from the liquors which bathe the matrix, to which they are afterwards attached by a mucilage, in which small vessels are formed with time, as we shall hereafter explain.

But, not to quit the subject, let us return to the immediate formation of the foetus, on which there are many remarks to be made, both as to its situation, and the different circumstances which may prevent or stop its formation.

In the human species, the seed of the male enters into the matrix, the cavity of which is considerable; and when it meets with a sufficient quantity of female semen, a mixture of the organic particles succeed, and the formation of the foetus ensues : the whole, perhaps, is done instantaneously, especially if the liquors are both in an active and flourishing state. The place where the foetus is formed, is the cavity of the matrix, because the seed of the male can enter there more easily than into the trunks ; and as this viscera has but one small orifice, which