

which is always shut, excepting when the ardour of love causes it to open, the materials of generation remain there with safety, and scarcely ever reissue but by rare and unfrequent circumstances: but as the liquor of the male sprinkles the vagina, before it penetrates the matrix, by the activity of the organic molecules which compose it, it may go farther into the trunks, and, perhaps, into the ovarium. As the liquor of the female has already its perfection in the glandular bodies of the testicles, from which it flows and moistens the trunks and other parts before it descends into the matrix, and as it may issue out of the vacuities left around the neck of the matrix, it is not impossible, that the mixture of the two liquors may be made in all these different places. It is, therefore, probable that *foetuses* are often formed in the vagina, but which fall out as soon as they are formed, because there is nothing to retain them. It may also sometimes happen, that *foetuses* are formed in the trunks; but this case is very rare, and cannot happen but when the seminal liquor of the male enters the matrix in great plenty.

The collection of anatomical observations makes mention of *foetuses* not only being found