

inches and a half, or even seven inches, in the fifth ; eight inches and a half, or nine inches, in the sixth ; eleven inches, in the seventh ; fourteen inches, in the eighth ; and eighteen inches, in the ninth. Although this measurement may vary in different children, yet if the child be 18 inches at its birth, it will not increase more than six or seven inches in the first year after : that is, at the end of the first year, it will be 24 or 25 inches ; of the second, 28 or 29 inches ; of the third, only 30, or, at most 32 inches ; and from this age till that of puberty, it will not advance more than one inch and a half, or two inches, in the course of each year. From these remarks it is evident that the foetus increases more in a month, towards the close of its residence in the matrix than the infant does in a year, till it arrives at the age of puberty ; when Nature seems to make one grand effort to unfold the animal machine, and render her work complete.

So essential is it, that the constitution of the nurse should be sound, and her juices untainted that we have many instances of diseases being imparted from the nurse to the infant, and from the infant to the nurse. Whole villages have