

Dr. Leuckart's questions concerning the eggs he had sent him, and some farther account of his own observations upon them.

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. . . Now you shall hear what I know of the "Hebammen Kröte." How the fecundation takes place I know not, but it must needs be the same as in other kinds of the related Bombinator; *igneus* throws out almost as many eggs hanging together in clusters as *obstetricans*; *fuscus* throws them out from itself in strings (see Röseld's illustration). . . . I have now carefully examined the egg clusters of *obstetricans*; all the eggs are in one string and hang together. This string is a bag, in which the eggs lie inclosed at different distances, though they seem in the empty space to be fallen, thread-like, together. But if you stretch the thread and press the eggs, they change their places, and you can distinctly see that they lie free in the bag, having their own membranous envelopes corresponding to those of other batrachian eggs. Surely this species seeks the water at the time of fecundation, for so do all batrachians, the water being indeed a more fitting medium for fecundation