

An Egg within an Egg.

"On the 12th February, a hen of the common 'bar-door' breed, as we understand, belonging to an Alexander Beaton, in the slate quarries of Ballachulish, dropped an egg which at once attracted attention because of its very abnormal size. It was quite as big as an average goose egg. As it was being shown about as a curiosity, it fortunately came in Dr. McCalman's hand, who punctured the ends that he might see what the contents were, of which contents a special note was made. It was found to contain a large flattened disc of yolk, and the albumen in a more fluid form than usual, all which having been blown through the punctured ends, there still remained, to the doctor's no little astonishment, another egg, of about the usual size, occupying the centre of the larger shell; literally an egg within an egg, the inner egg as perfect in every way as the outer one!"

The preceding account of a most extraordinary occurrence, reported in the Inverness Courier of March the 6th, has, says Dr. W. B. Kesteven in The Science Monthly for May, been verified to the writer by Dr. McCalman of Glenoe, N. B., and the Rev. Alexander Stewart, of Oniah Manse, Ballachulish, a naturalist of known repute. Dr. McCalman informs me that the egg measured, in its long diameter, 3 1/16 inches, and that its girth at the largest part is 7/9-16 inches. The albumen of the outer egg enveloped the enclosed egg, and its yolk lay on one side. The inner egg contained white and yolk, and was of the ordinary size of a hen's egg. The hen that laid it is not at all a large bird; she has laid an ordinary egg daily since. The prominent feature, however, of this case is, that it seems to run counter to the known physiology of ovulation. The ova of birds, after their separation from the ovary, pass into a membranous tube, termed the oviduct—the oviduct must be familiar to any one who has seen the viscera of a fowl the bead-like string of eggs being one of the most conspicuous objects among these—where it becomes recalcified, or remains sterile, as the case may be. The oviduct extends through the abdomen, to the cloaca, or common outlet. In its passage through the oviduct, the ovum acquires a layer of albumen (the "white") which becomes enclosed in a delicate membrane, that splits into two layers at the obtuse end of the egg, and encloses a bubble of air. This coat sends out shaggy little processes into the shell, which is formed by the calcification of this membrane. The yolk is held in its place by two cords, called Chalazae, developed from funnel-shaped prolongations of the enveloping membrane, opposite the poles of the egg. By this simple contrivance, the embryo is placed in the most advantageous position for receiving the maternal heat during incubation.

The puzzle of the egg under consideration, is how the one could have got into the other. It recalls Peter Pindar's account of the King and the apple dumplings. His Majesty, not finding any seam in an apple dumpling was at a loss to account for the presence of the apple:—"No!" cried the strange monarch, with a grin, "How the devil got the apple in?"

It is intelligible that in the earliest stages of their progress down the oviduct, fusion of ova may happen, previous to the formation of the fibrous lining of the shell, as often seen in the case of double yolks in one shell, and of soft eggs, and also in the formation of monstrosities among mammals, such as Siamese twins, "Two-headed nightingales," &c. The writer has in his possession the body of a two-headed duckling, engendered, doubtless, in this manner; but when and where, in its transit through the oviduct, the involution of the egg now described can have taken place is by no means so clear.

A good story is told of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Atlanta, Ga. He recently addressed a large assembly of Sunday School children, and wound up by asking, in a very paternal and condescending way:—"And now, is there a-a-n-y little boy or a-a-n-y little girl who would like to ask me a question?" After a pause he repeated the question:—"Is there a-a-n-y little boy or a-a-n-y little girl who would like to ask me a question?" A little shrill voice called out:—"Please, sir why did the angels walk up and down Jacob's ladder, when they had wings?" "Oh! ah! Yes—I see," said the bishop. "And now, is there a-a-n-y little boy or a-a-n-y little girl who would like to answer little M-a-n-y's question?"

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