

the yolk of the egg, and closely wrapt about the foetus, being the conveyance of that nourishment whereby, at length, it gathers strength entirely to free itself from every obstruction. Thus the decrease of the yolk being the growth of the embryo, when it leaves the shell it carries along with it the remainder of the yolk, contained in a membrane fastened to the navel-string. Besides this string, there is another ligament, like the after-birth, the ends of which join to the inward tunicle, and to the belly of the foetus. Upon its being hatched, the navel-string and the after-birth detach themselves from the parts to which they are connected, and the infant crocodile is then enabled to begin his life of rapine.

The Leviathan of Scripture has been a subject of dispute among the learned; some fixing upon one animal, and some upon another. Dr. Shaw, who was doubtless well acquainted with eastern learning, is of opinion that the leviathan is no other than the crocodile, “ which, from the scaly quality and
“ hardness of its coat, (or, in the language of
“ Job, whose scales so stick together, that they
“ cannot be sundered) is in no danger of hav-
“ ing his skin filled with barbed irons, or his
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