

“ swim grows thicker, the eggs, black at first,
“ begin to grow whiter, and as they encrease
“ in size take somewhat of a spherical form.
“ The twenty-first day the egg is seen to open
“ a little on one side, and the beginning of a
“ tail to peep out, which becomes more and
“ more distinct every day. The thirty-ninth
“ day the little animal begins to have motion ;
“ it moves, at intervals, its tail, and it is per-
“ ceived that the liquor in which it is circum-
“ fused, serves it for nourishment. In two
“ days more some of these little creatures fall
“ to the bottom, while others remain swimming
“ in the fluid round them, and their vivacity
“ and motion is seen to encrease. Those which
“ fall to the bottom remain there the whole
“ day, but having lengthened themselves a lit-
“ tle, for hitherto they are doubled up, they
“ frequently mount to the mucus which they
“ had quitted, and feed upon it with great eager-
“ ness. The next day they acquire their tad-
“ pole form. In three days more they are per-
“ ceived to have two little fingers, that serve
“ as fins beneath the head ; and these in four
“ days after assume a more perfect form. It is
“ then also they are seen to feed very greedily
“ on pond-weed, and on which they continue
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