THE EYE OF THE MOLE*

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THE Mole is commonly supposed not to possess any eyes. The persistence of this erroneous idea is not surprising, as the globe is only 1 mm. in diameter, and when the animal is skinned, the eyes adhere and come away with the pelt, leaving the sockets empty.

FIGURE.—Section through right eye of the mole. $\times 80$.

After numerous attempts I have been successful in obtaining the accompanying section, which goes through the pupil and optic nerve.

The eye shows the features of arrested development in an embryonic stage.

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