

Historical Timeline of Characters In The Play

Aristotle 384-322 BC

Vesalius 1514-1564
Leeuwenhoek 1632-1723
Swammerdam 1637-1680
De Graaf 1641-16730
Jane Sharp pub 1671
Spallanzani 1729-1799
Von Baer 1792-1876
Granville invents
the vibrator 1883

Aristotle 384-322 BC

Scenes of Von Baer working with Aristotle as the “voice of doubt in his head” and scenes between Von Baer and his family were interspersed through the play. This storyline culminated in his sister-in-law Veronica’s treatment for hysteria by Dr Probinski using the vibrator machine.
N.B. Both Veronica and Dr Probinski are fictitious characters, although they are based on real accounts.

John & Father Dimley’s
Midwife Scene - based
on Jane Sharp & De
Secretis Mulierum
Vesalius & Vincenzo
Will & Bill - Two Grave Robbers
Four Scientists based
on Leeuwenhoek,
De Graaf, Swammerdam
& Spallanzani

Timeline of The Play

For further information on the characters in the play,
please click on the characters section of The Man Who Discovered That Women Lay Eggs part of our website.