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P R E F A C E.

THE chief object of the following pages is to make known to the Profession and to the Public, the principle and application of a novel invention for the treatment of some of the most important diseases of women. I have witnessed so much suffering amongst women, and have so frequently had cause to regret the inefficiency of the ordinary means at disposal for its relief, that, having devised an invention which supplies the desideratum; having witnessed its application in numerous cases, with results far exceeding my most sanguine anticipations; having submitted it to, and obtained for it, the approval of Dr. JAMES BLUNDELL and Dr. ROBERT LEE, as well as of several professional friends; and well knowing that there are

thousands suffering to whom it might be beneficial, common humanity prompts me no longer to withhold the communication, but immediately to place at the disposal of all who need it, the means of mitigating some of the innumerable ills inseparable from the "Curse of Eve."

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A N E S S A Y
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DISEASES OF WOMEN.

THE experience, observation, and study of many years in hospital, dispensary, and private practice, both at home and abroad, have convinced me that there is no class of diseases more worthy of serious consideration than that of which it is the object of the following pages to treat ; whether we regard their often unsuspected and early commencement, their insidious and gradual development, the extreme sufferings they induce, their perfect tractability under judicious treatment, or their ultimate and too frequently fatal consequences when left to themselves. No age, rank, or condition in life is exempt from them—from the infant in the cradle, to the debilitated parent