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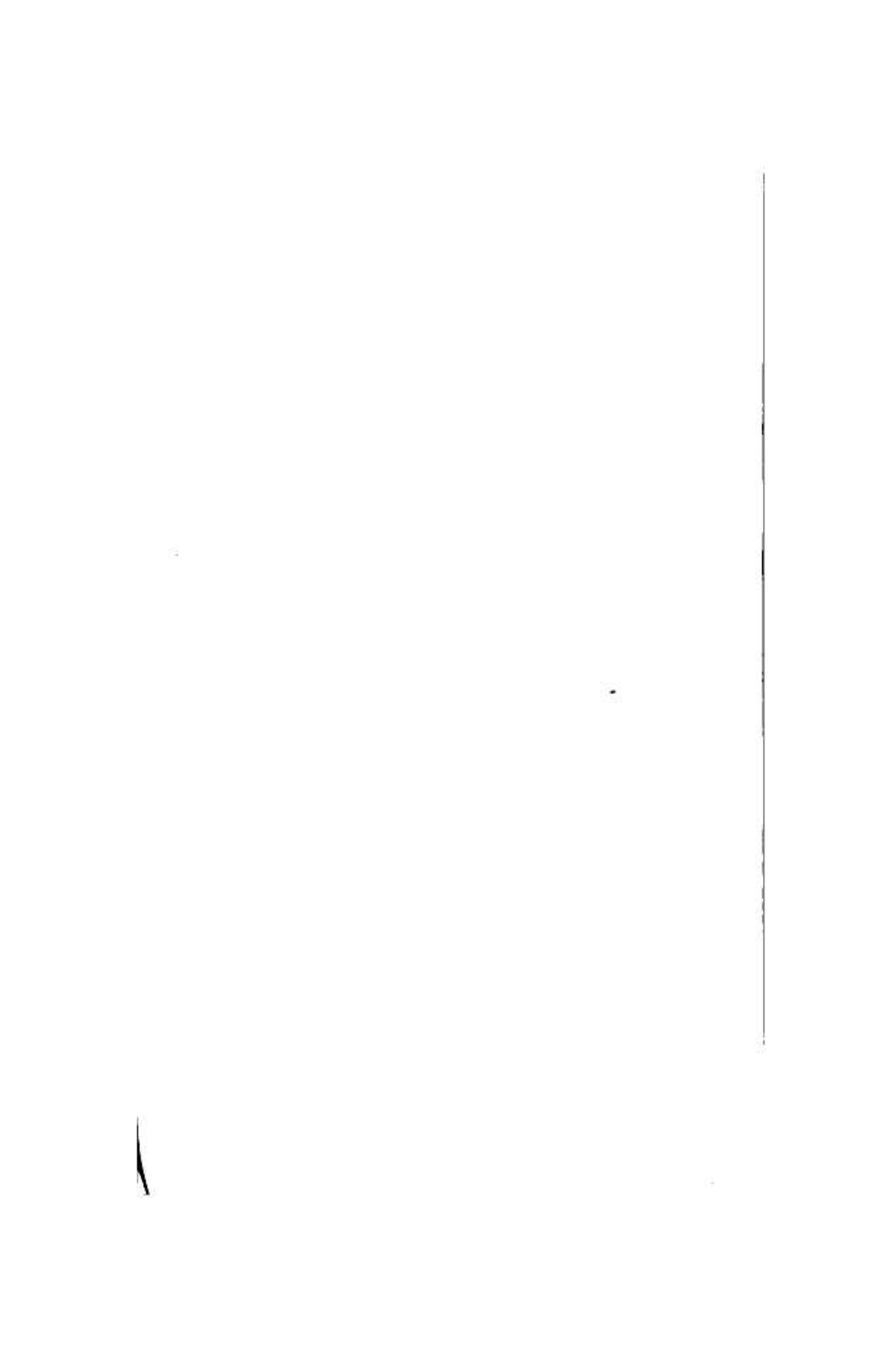
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OPERATIVE Surgery, an honourable branch of the Medical Profession, involves in its experience many interesting facts and speculations, which constantly conduct to useful and scientific inferences. Such operations properly belong to Hospital Surgery.

Being in the confidence of Surgeons of eminence and public celebrity, and knowing their opinion of the experiments on the throat for the removal of Impediments of Speech, the Writer may consider himself privileged, as a Lecturer on the Science and higher branches of Practical Elocution, to enter, once more, upon a topic which has occupied his attention for a period of twenty years.

From early youth, the Author has been taught to reverence the Medical Profession, of which his father himself was a member, and he trusts that other associations have not diminished his attachment for it. His Treatise on Impediments obtained the favourable reception, and secured to him the kind advice of the late Sir Astley Cooper; and, subsequently, that of Sir Charles Bell, to whom, by permission, his Letters on the causes and cure of Stuttering were addressed.

Should the Author, in the opinion of some of his readers, appear sarcastic or severe, still he trusts that they will, on reflection, acknowledge that the assertions which he has controverted required discountenance and reproof. The ruinous and barbarian novelty of experimenting with the knife on the