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Cooper's First Lines of Surgery, 1826.

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INTRODUCTION.

The publication of an Essay on the treatment of Diseased Joints, may, perhaps, be deemed superfluous; especially, when so many excellent works on the subject have been recently published. But if it be taken into consideration, the variety of the modes of treatment recommended, and also, that even the most celebrated authors who have written on the subject, declare the impossibility of curing diseases of the hip or kneejoint, when advanced beyond a certain stage, by any mode hitherto known; it becomes then an imperious duty in every practitioner, to communicate to the public such modes of treatment, which have, under his care, effected a cure, in