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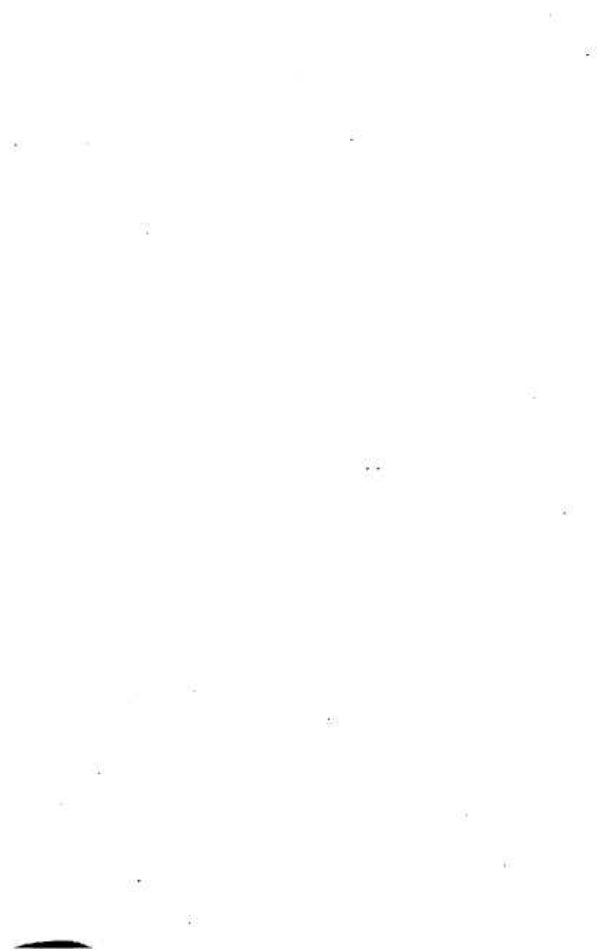
IN presenting THE ESSENTIALS OF THE DISEASES OF CHILDREN the author wishes to state that the substance-matter has been chiefly drawn from the works of Eustace Smith of London; J. Lewis Smith of New York; Edward Ellis of New Zealand; J. E. Goodhart's American Edition, by Louis Starr of Philadelphia; Diseases of the Digestive Organs by Louis Starr, and Meigs and Pepper's Diseases of Children.

Being a work of necessarily limited scope, the subject has been discussed mainly from its symptomatic and therapeutical standpoints, the questions of diet, general hygiene, and nursing, while receiving their place, being less fully considered than in the various books devoted to these important branches. In covering the provinces of symptomatology and therapeutics an effort has been made to bring the book thoroughly abreast of the times.

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ESSENTIALS OF DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

Introduction.

Medical Examination.

When is the best time to examine a child ?

While it is sleeping.

Why ?

In order that the pulse may be counted, the breathing, state of the skin, and general posture noted.

What other points should be noticed before arousing it ?

The attitude, the posture, if natural ; the color of the face, whether flushed or pale ; the lips, if pale or tinted ; the skin, if dry or moist ; the general expression, if natural or painful ; the presence or absence of moaning, starting, grinding of the teeth ; the movements of the nostrils, if quiet or working strongly ; the eyes if closed, partly closed, or staring should be carefully observed. The respirations should be counted ; the condition of the fontanelle must be carefully examined, if closed or open, if pulsating greatly, if distended or retracted ; the pulse should be taken, the size and shape of the head should be noted, if large, and whether the veins are full.

What should be noticed after the child is aroused ?

The expression of the face ; whether it is fretful or languid ; excited or quiet ; if it has dark circles under the eyes ; the color and shape of the face, and the presence or absence of snuffing.