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PREFACE.

If I have, in any degree, macadamized the road to the theory of surgery, I have accomplished my utmost wishes. I must, however, remind the student, that a practical acquaintance with the science is only to be obtained in the wards, the dissecting and out-patients' rooms, and the dead-house.

DOVER,

September, 1860.

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EPITOME
OF
PRACTICAL SURGERY.

Collapse, or Prostration.

Symptoms: Coldness; insensibility, more or less perfect; pulse weak and fluttering; respiration sighing; sometimes nausea, or vomiting; or convulsions. The symptoms vary according as the nervous or the vascular system is the more affected.

Terminations: 1. Reaction terminating in complete recovery; 2. Fever with the usual symptoms; 3. Prostration with excitement (to be mentioned hereafter); 4. Sudden or gradual dissolution.

Treatment: Put the patient to bed; warmth to extremities; beef tea, wine, and other stimulants, as the general symptoms indicate.

Prostration with Excitement.—Prominent symptoms: Excitement of the nervous system: muscles tremble; skin perspires; patient watchful, anxious, and suspicious; sometimes becomes absolutely maniacal.

Prognosis: Favorable if patient becomes tranquil and sleeps, and *vicé versâ*.

Treatment: Stimulants, nourishment, and opium to procure sleep.

Fever, Inflammatory.—Lassitude and weakness; pain in head, back, and limbs; shivering succeeded by heat; pulse hard and frequent; thirst; dry skin and tongue; all the functions deranged.

Terminations: Recovery, the patient gradually returning to a state of health: death when the pulse becomes more rapid and intermittent; extremities cold, and delirium.

Treatment: Clear the alimentary canal; anodynes to ease pain and give sleep; febrifuges, low diet, and blood-letting, as the case may require. Always remember not to waste strength unnecessarily by blood-letting, or disturb an important limb or organ by purging.

Hectic Fever occurs in the course of chronic exhausting disorders, and is remittent.

Symptoms: Emaciation; pulse frequent small, and weak; flush on face as if painted appetite variable or almost gone; exacerbation in the evening with sleepiness, heat, and thirst; but towards morning patient falls asleep and wakes exhausted and saturated with perspiration.

Prognosis: As symptoms increase or decrease.

Treatment: Remove cause, as scrofulous joint which suppurates profusely. If that be impossible prolong life by good, nourishing, digestible diet; ol. morrhue, quinine; change to a warm and equable climate.

Typhoid is essentially a fever of debility.

Symptoms: Heat and thirst; weak, fluttering, frequent pulse; dry brown tongue; delirium and restlessness; perhaps sordes on teeth, and petechiæ on skin.

Prognosis: According as symptoms decrease or increase.

Treatment: Support strength; give nourishment and stimulants; remove cause, if possible; keep an eye on the bladder, and to the probability of congestion in chest and head. Treat the latter by emp. lyttæ nuchæ, and raising the