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It is consonant with the right Method of philosophising, first to analyse the subject, whose Nature and Properties we intend to make any Researches into, by a regular and numerous Series of Experiments: And then, by laying the Event of these experiments before us in one View, thereby to see what Light their united and concurring Evidence will give us. . . . . The Capital things of Nature generally lie out of the beaten Paths, so that he who would make new and useful Discoveries, must take the Pains to walk by himself in untrodden Roads.—WROCCLE, XIV.

BROWNE LANGRISH.

*(The Modern Theory and Practice of Physic.)*

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Memory  
OF  
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UNDER THE EVER-LIVING  
INFLUENCE OF WHOSE GREAT TEACHINGS

THIS HUMBLE EFFORT

IS HOPEFULLY DEDICATED BY

The Author.

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## P R E F A C E .

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I HAVE endeavoured in the following pages to bring together the cream of what I have read, seen, and do know of the nature, causes, and cure of Cataract. For this information I have gleaned in many fields, and wandered in many more where there was, unhappily, nothing to glean. Cataract having been declared immedicable by the Schools, it is not astonishing that those who pass through the Schools, (for the most part like sheep through a gap,) should live their practical lives as the mere echoes of their scholastic teachings, and thus it comes to pass that no progress is made in ophthalmic *medicine*, indeed such a person as an ophthalmic *physician* does not, I believe, exist in Europe.