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## PREFACE

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*This book is from the pen of a surgeon, one whose daily life is largely engaged in dealing, professionally, with conditions that affect the power of the human race to perpetuate itself.*

*It was first conceived as a message from the operating room, a danger signal or a series of danger signals from the hospital ward, a revelation from the council chamber—that great and sacred confessional of the medical profession.*

*The motive prompting the effort was a desire in some measure to overcome the ignorance which, in too many instances, keeps innocent victims from protecting themselves and their offspring from disease and degeneracy. An incidental object was and is to avert many of those conditions that destroy the possible happiness of the married state and convert the bridal chamber into the anteroom of the divorce court.*

*This broadened purpose made it necessary to consider the laws, the natural laws of human breeding inherent in the individual, as the very foundation of my thesis. We are constantly hearing of these laws, but their text is rarely, if ever, given and their application is but rarely explained in terms comprehensible to the reader not*