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**HABICOT.**



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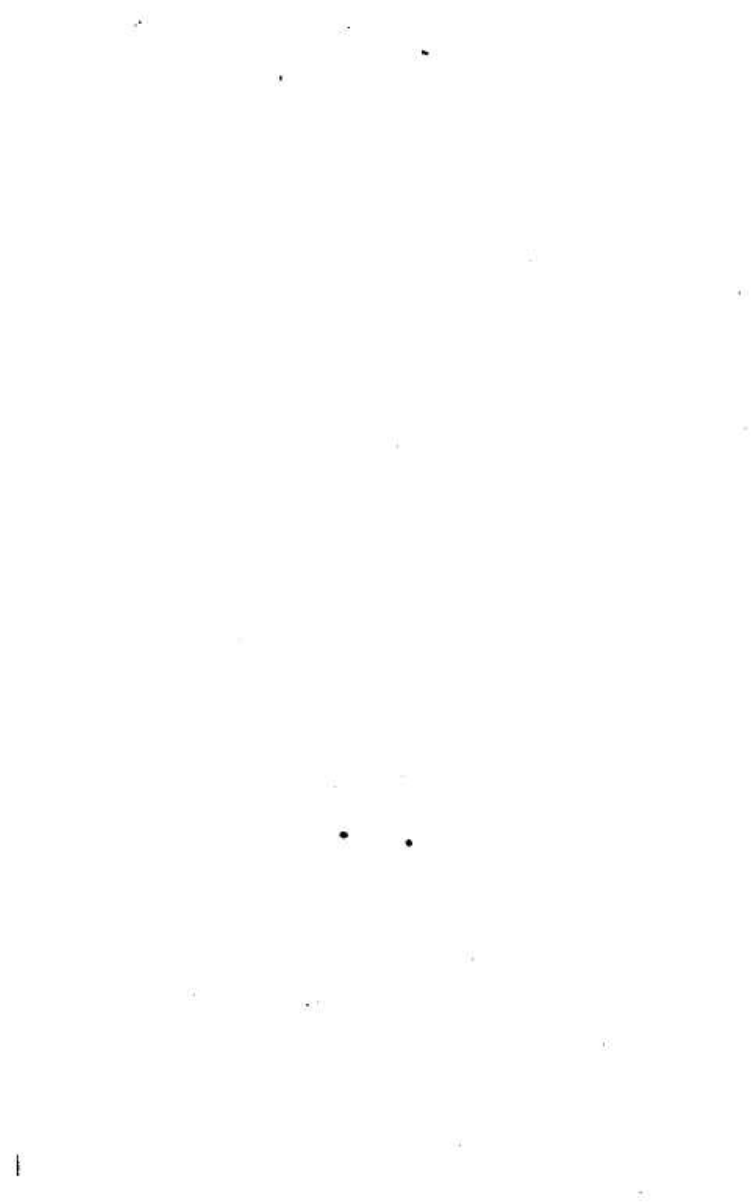
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UNDER WHOSE SUPERVISION MY FIRST

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WAS PERFORMED, AND THANKS TO WHOSE CARE  
IT PROVED SUCCESSFUL;

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICES IN THE  
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IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MUCH PERSONAL KINDNESS,

I RESPECTFULLY AND GRATEFULLY

**Dedicate**

THIS VOLUME.



## PREFACE.

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THE primary objects of this little book are two :—1. To advocate the utility and importance of local treatment in cases of laryngeal diphtheria (membranous croup); and 2. To give, for the use of house surgeons and practitioners, short but detailed instructions as to how this may be practically accomplished.

I am emboldened to publish it by the favourable reception which a paper of mine on the same subject received from the Fellows of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society in the early part of last Session, and which will be found in the last volume of the Transactions published by the Society. This book is to be regarded as an enlarged edition of that paper, and as containing details, which, though useful in practice, were not exactly adapted for reading before a learned Society. I would take this opportunity of thanking the Council for their kind permission to me to use for this book some of the woodcuts which illustrate the paper just referred to.

The recent discussion on "Tracheotomy in Croup" at Cork, at the Meeting of the British Medical Association, still further impressed me with the belief that my book will fill an acknowledged want in our medical literature, and that it will be acceptable to those for whom it is written.

It is perhaps not a little remarkable that none of our