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PREFACE TO THE PRESENT EDITION.

THE demand for a new edition of this Work, affords the author an opportunity of expressing his sense of gratitude to the public for their kind reception of the former ones, and of endeavouring to make the present one still more worthy of their approbation.

Acting on a suggestion made by the publisher, the author has undertaken to re-write the greater portion of the Work; has erased much which was considered as theoretical; has avoided, as far as able, the use of professional and technical terms, so as to bring it within the scope of a practical "Domestic Guide."

The dimensions of the volume have likewise been reduced to a more portable size; and although much matter has been weeded, much has been added of a more useful and practical nature—consisting of new sections on Water-brash; Heartburn; Itching, and Fissure of the Anus; Diseases of the Liver; Mineral Waters; and Wines particularly adapted for the

dyspeptic; thus forming, as it were, a circle of those distressing ailments which affect the various organs appertaining to the process of digestion and assimilation.

Tyndale Place, Islington, N. June 1st, 1866.

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE recognition and practice of Homeopathy by men of acknowledged position in medical science, was the chief cause that first directed the author's attention to the study of this mode of treatment. Four years ago he was as strong an opponent to this so-called innovation, as he is now, upon conviction, its supporter. He had not long, however, adopted the system, when he became sensible that homeopathic writers had hitherto bestowed but little attention upon the important class of diseases which form the subject of the brief treatise now submitted to the reader.

In the treatment of these diseases, he has dwelt as much on the Anatomy, Pathology, and Hygiene connected therewith, as the narrow limits of so small a volume allowed. And he would inculcate most forcibly, that without minute investigation of those subjects, homosopathic, as well as all other practice, must be unavailing.

Diseases resulting from irregularity or debility of the digestive organs are so frequent in their occurrence, that scarcely a family can be found in which one or more of its members are not sufferers thereby; and it is from almost habitual success in testing the efficiency of homoeopathic treatment in such cases, as will hereafter be noticed, that the author feels some confidence in putting forth the following remarks.

In conclusion, the author would entreat those who possess a rooted disbelief in the principles and effects of Homœopathy, first to remember, that it is on the selection, not on the amount of the medicine, that the practitioner of Homœopathy relies for success: secondly, he would ask both patients and practitioners to test the effects of infinitesimal doses—of medicines homœopathically selected—before they summarily condemn their application.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE fact that one thousand copies, which formed the first edition of this Work, should have been disposed of within a period of four years, has forcibly impressed upon the mind of the author, that a treatise upon the subjects therein contained was much needed by the public.

The present edition has been carefully revised.

A new illustration of the organs appertaining to the process of digestion has been added, and copious additions have been interspersed throughout the Work.

As the author claims no pretension to the gastronomic talents of M. Soyer, he begs to observe, that the section devoted to the preparation of articles suited to the delicate and dyspeptic patient has been added at the suggestion of the publisher: he, consequently, lays no claim to any merit which undoubtedly may be attached to it, although perfectly concurring in the advantages it exhibits.