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PROBABILITY OF ITS EFFECTING THE CURE OF SEVERAL DISEASES, IN WHICH IT
HAS NOT YET BEEN PRESCRIBED, AND AMPLE DIRECTIONS AS TO THE MODE OF
PREPARING AND USING THIS SURPRISING REMEDY: BEING AN ENTIRELY ORIGINAL
WORK ON THE SUBJECT;

BY THE REV. SAMUEL FENTON, M.A.

SECOND EDITION.

Πολλὰκι τοι καὶ μὲρὸς ἄρῃς κεραισίνων εἶρε.

"Vive, vale. Si quid novisti rectius istis,
Candidus impertit; si non, his usere mecum."

———"experio credita."

*The Preface of a Work is frequently deemed of little importance. In the present instance
the Preface to the Second, and especially that to the First Edition, will be found
unusually interesting.*

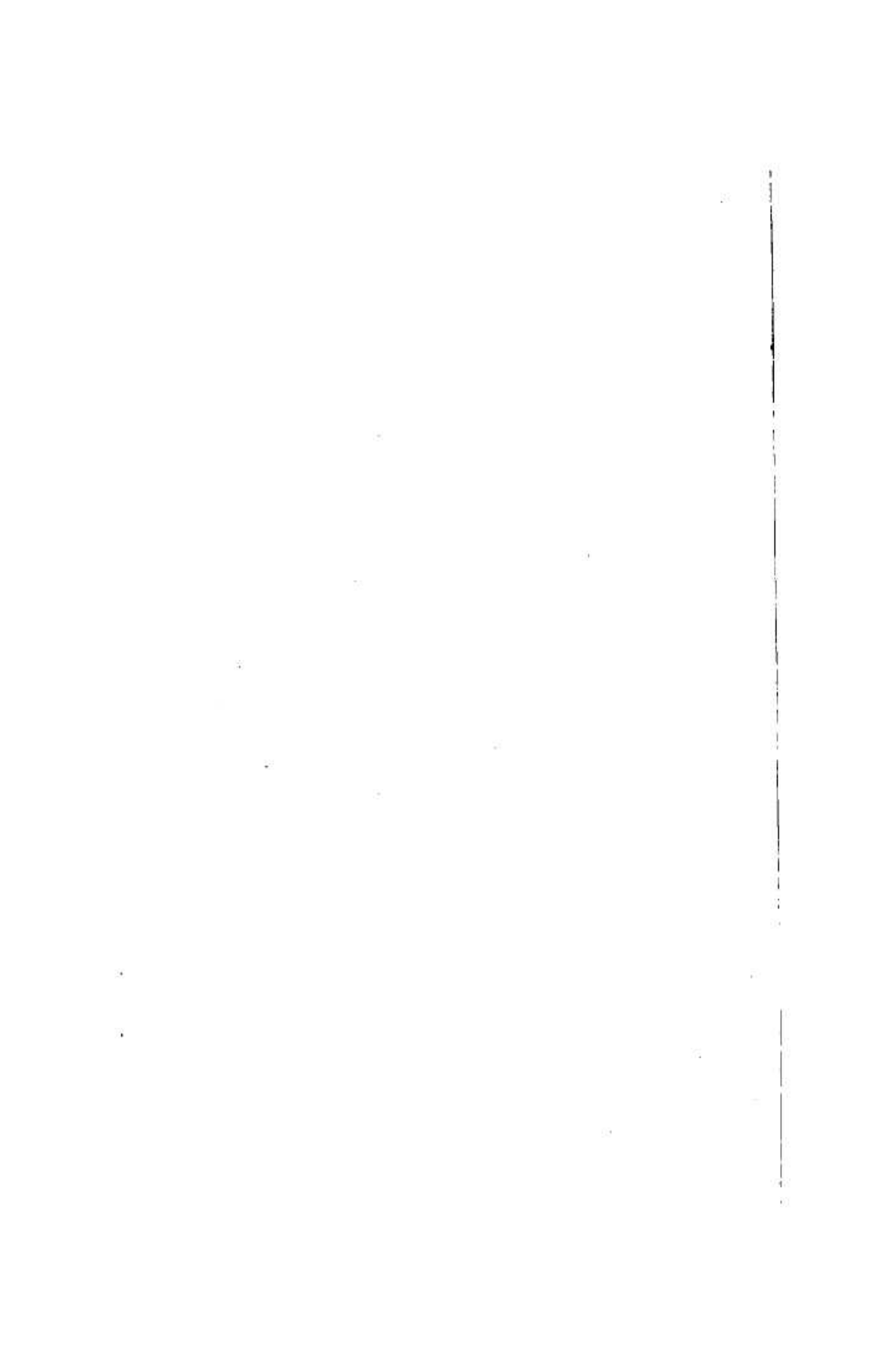
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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE First Edition of my Treatise on Salted Brandy appeared in the year 1841. Since that period, and about two years previously, (when all the remedies, to which I had recourse for the restoration of my health, were unsuccessful, and I consequently despaired of life,) I have had great reason to thank God, who, in His gracious providence, brought me into acquaintance with the medicine in question; as it proved the means of not only restoring my own health, but of producing such extraordinarily beneficial effects in other invalids, to whom it was my privilege to recommend, and my happiness to persuade its adoption.

For the last twenty-three years, I have been making experiments with this medicine; and such have been the numerous and happy results, upon which I reflect with so much satisfaction and thankfulness, that so far from my estimation of it having suffered the least abatement, my long experience of its wonderful efficacy has greatly exalted and confirmed my opinion of its power. The more I think of the marvellous effects which so simple a medicine, as is Salted Brandy, has produced in so great a variety of instances, the more am I convinced that there is hardly any malady (not positively pronounced beyond the reach of remedy) for the cure of which it may not be confidently applied; and it has this signal advantage that, whereas other medicines, through the ignorance and inexperience of those who have taken them, without consulting a medical man, have been frequently attended with prejudicial, and, in some cases, with fatal consequences, be the person taking Salted Brandy ever so ignorant or inexperienced, no injurious, if no beneficial, effects will be found to result from it: and here I challenge the whole medical world to produce one and the same remedy for both internal and external use and application, which is so generally efficacious, and yet, at the same time, so perfectly harmless, as is Salted Brandy; so that, should it do no good, it will be productive of no injury. By way of illustration, I cannot refrain from introducing an anecdote which I heard some years ago.

A young Scotchman had become, as the saying is, very wild, and to such excess did he pursue a course of dissipation, that he ran away from home, and went to the Continent; and after various wanderings, he came to Paris; where, being destitute and consequently anxious for any kind of employment, he was glad to be engaged to stand in the porch of a Popish chapel, to sprinkle with holy water every person entering the chapel; which, very soon after he had commenced his function, became crowded to suffocation; and the cause of this was his using certain words with each aspersion; which, not being understood, were considered cabalistic, and as adding efficacy to the sprinkling. This practice led to his discovery; for a friend of his family happening to be in Paris, and accidentally hearing of the crowds of people who resorted to this chapel, and their inducement for so doing, was prompted by mere curiosity to go to it; and, as he was entering, he received a most copious aspersion of holy water, the act being accompanied in broad Scotch provinciality, "If it do you no gude, it will do you no harum!" These words are equally applicable to Salted Brandy, which, though it cannot (as the Papists superstitiously maintain that holy water will) keep away evil spirits, will be found of essential service in the cure of evil diseases! Another circumstance which I ought to mention is, that Salted Brandy will not be found to interfere prejudicially with any other medicine, which may be deemed necessary to be simultaneously taken with it.

I feel perfectly satisfied that, as Salted Brandy is so powerful a sedative, purifier of the blood, and an antiputrescent, it would prove efficacious in all kinds of fever, and in Small-pox; (for what are these diseases, with many others which I could mention, but incipient putrescents, or blood poisons? and, consequently, to be counteracted by antiseptics, among which Salted Brandy holds, perhaps, the very first place,) and that ultimately it will be patronized by medical men.

Upon the cases, which I have stated in confirmation of the efficacious action of Salted Brandy, the most perfect reliance may be placed; as I have used the most scrutinizing investigation and the greatest caution respecting them.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THOUGH a very general interest has been excited by the several statements which have appeared respecting the sanative properties of Brandy and Salt, or, more properly speaking, of Salted Brandy, (and it is an undeniable fact that the beneficial effects of the medicine therein recommended have been numerous and extraordinary,) there are, nevertheless, thousands who are so far from being favourably, that they are prejudicially, affected by these statements; owing, probably, to the too enthusiastic and unguarded manner in which they have been drawn up. Several examples of this injudicious mode of proceeding might be adduced; but I shall content myself with bringing forward the instance of one gentleman who has written on this subject, recommending this medicine for the cure of *meant*, and exhorting all Missionaries to be provided with it, conceiving that it would considerably aid the Gospel in making converts to Christianity from among the Heathen; as the wonderful effects of this medicine, provided the knowledge of its composition were kept secret, might be considered as a kind of miracle! I think it would be advisable to serve him as Phalaris did Perillus, the founder of the celebrated Brazen Bull, namely, to bring him under the operation of his favourite remedy by embrocating his head with Salted Brandy, until the fever of his enthusiasm should be abated: but, whatever power it might possess for the cure of his or of others' insanity, it is evident that it is unable to remove spiritual ignorance; otherwise this gentleman, who speaks of the benefit he has received from taking this remedy, would have known that the Gospel needs not any artificial aid or juggling in order to its being made "the Power of God unto salvation," but that its Divine Author would be likely to withhold His blessing, whenever such unhallowed means might be adopted with a view to insuring its success. The authors of these overcharged statements, who, by their unwise conduct, have injured the cause which they desired to promote, may perhaps be regarded as infected with some such humour as influenced the practice of Dr. Sangrado, who, having, to his