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TO  
MY FRIEND  
CHARLES H. MAYO, M. D.,  
OF  
ROCHESTER, MINN.,  
WHOM I ADMIRE AS A SURGICAL ARTIST,  
I DEDICATE THIS LITTLE BOOK.

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HE HAS EYES THAT FEEL AND FINGERS THAT SEE. HE  
TEACHES ALL THAT HE HAS LEARNED IN THE  
ONLY POSSIBLE WAY ONE MAN CAN TEACH  
ANOTHER—BY LETTING THE OTHER  
SEE HIM WORK; AND HE  
WEARS NO CLOAK!

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## PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

The complete exhaustion of a large first edition demands the present issue.

Practically all that particularly relates to rules of surgery in the first edition is retained in this. Some parts have been altered or rejected to suit our changed viewpoint, and all have been rearranged. Several new chapters have been added because of additions to our knowledge in surgery.

The book is intended for students, general practitioners, and beginners in surgery. I am not persuaded that it is vastly more beneficial to learn a fact by searching for it in a volume than by seeing it in a line. In surgery I do not believe it best to let the student find out all things for himself. Sixteen years' experience as a teacher convinces me that the short positive assertion is the most impressive.

Should any statement herein contained require later to be forgotten or unlearned, I ask to be forgiven and beg of you to remember that "there are exceptions to *m̄c̄st* rules."

W. F. COUGHLIN.

*January 1, 1913.*

## PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

In this guide to the study of surgery, short space compels me to deal only with the important and frequent occurrences, and not with rare cases.

Throughout the little volume will be found philosophical *causeries*. May they amuse the reader if they fail to convince him. If I may guide the student and keep him on the scientific track, I shall be content.

Many of the rules are taken from the fine selection of Golden Rules of Surgery, by Hurry Fenwick, F. R. C. S., England. I have altered them to suit my views and have added much new material. Rules on some subjects, for instance on genito-urinary subjects, are quoted unchanged and *in toto*. I desire to express my indebtedness to this author. On all doubtful or new matter, I give my views based on my own experience, whether differing from accepted views or not.

My experience of thirty years has been interspersed by frequent visits to my most renowned colleagues, both in this country and abroad. My judgment has been broadened and tempered by these annual voyages, and still I am often in error because I am only human.

A. C. BERNAYS.

*St. Louis, Mo., April, 1906.*

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