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THE author does not for a moment delude himself with the idea that this little work will supply a "long-felt want." The chief reason for writing it is to record certain opinions which the author holds upon the causes and effective treatment of hay-fever. These opinions, although not exactly in accordance with those generally current in this country, he is convinced, from a considerable experience, are substantially correct. This little work, which does not pretend to be an exhaustive treatise, of necessity deals with the subject in a more or less sketchy manner. The author nevertheless hopes that it will be found to contribute something of service to those interested.

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CHAPTER I.

A REVIEW OF THE OPINIONS HELD ON THE EXCITING CAUSES OF HAY-FEVER.

Hay-fever, hay-asthma, was first described by Bostock, in the year 1819. In a paper read before the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society of London, he gave an account of what he termed "A Case of the Periodical Affection of the Eyes and Chest." This was followed in 1828 by a second paper on this subject before the above-named Society, in which he gave a more lengthened and exact account of the symptoms of the disease, and endeavoured to prove that the symptoms in his case were due to heat. In the latter communication the disorder was designated "catarrhus æstivus" or "summer catarrh," showing that Dr. Bostock was quite aware of the circumstance that it commonly came on during the hay season, and must be credited with having first appreciated this connection.

About 1850 the subject excited increased interest amongst the laity and also amongst the members of the medical profession, which showed itself not only in the publication of numerous articles in the Medical Journals, but also in the works of various writers on systematic medicine on the Continent, in America, and