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"Nisi utile est, quod agimus, vana gloria nostra."



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PREFACE.

THIS little book is not a complete treatise on the pathology and therapeutics of diseases of the venous system, but comprehends merely my own experience (Part I.) in the MEDICINAL TREATMENT OF DILATED VEINS in various regions of the body.

Nevertheless, it is hoped that some few practical hints herein contained will be of interest and clinical value to others who may wander the same way, and to make it more useful to such, the Second Part contains indications for about 50 remedies likely to be useful in varicose conditions.

The more I learn of practical medicine, the more I am impressed with the wise words of *Fernelius* . . .
Nulla usquam est remediorum penuria, sed nostra eorum plerumque turpis ignoratio.
Verily, remedies are a great deal more than mere "aids to faith in the weary time."

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PART I.

WHEN a man comes forward with a proposition not generally received by his fellows in his own walk of life, it behoves him to proceed inductively and independently. If he does this he is proceeding scientifically, and trained minds, not being overladen with prejudice, soon know where they are in dealing with his proposition.

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Experience proves that a proposition may be demonstrably true, and that it may yet meet with only a very limited acceptance; especially is this the case with new truths, and truths that involve unpleasant consequences. And when a person has once committed himself, once taken sides, he is very apt to go on thenceforth for ever—for *his* ever—from the stand-point of a *parti pris*.

Most medical men are pretty well agreed that Diseases of the Veins are not amenable to drug treatment in any important degree. I refer more especially to general varicosis, hæmorrhoids, varicocele, and varicose veins. These affections are therefore relegated to

the domain of the surgeon; and, no doubt, the surgery of the veins—particularly of hæmorrhoids—is now nearly perfect, being nearly bloodless and painless. That is very beautiful, and a matter of sincere congratulation for us all. It being pretty well perfect, the the question may not unreasonably be raised . . . Is *surgery*, then, the ONLY crutch to rely upon; has medicine *nothing* to say to the behoof of healing affections of the veins?

May not venous subjects fairly say to the *physicians*—What have *you* all been doing the past two thousand years; have you not, with all your learning, vivisections and mortisections, poisonings and drug-