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PREFACE.

MARKED changes in the breath have heretofore received little consideration from the profession. Our medical text-books contain scarcely an allusion to their existence. I have endeavored, in the following pages, to give a succinct account of the diseased conditions in which a fetid breath is the most important feature. The principal facts detailed concerning the production of the offensive odors are the results obtained from personal investigations, conducted both in private practice and in our city hospitals.

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An offensive breath is a functional disorder liable to occur at all periods of life. Men are more subject to it than women. It is a prominent symptom of many morbid conditions. The affection derives its importance from the fact that it is a constant source of misery to all who, by force of circumstances, are compelled to associate with the unfortunate patient. In its worst forms it effectually destroys the communion of friends, and