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"I am not at all sure that the increased longevity of modern generations is not, in some degree, attributable to the capability of chewing their food which the skill of the dentist prolongs to persons far advanced in life."—*Lectures on the Principles and Practice of Physic. By Sir Thomas Watson, Bart., M.D.*

PREFACE.

MANY of the principles which should guide us in the preservation of health and in the treatment of disease are so obvious, that they may be said to be self-evident. But, while these self-evident principles are readily admitted in theory, they are frequently disregarded in practice. The necessity of perfect mastication and the influence this is capable of exerting over the progress of disease is generally allowed; although the organs by which it can alone be effected are too often neglected. The invalid who is anxious that the physician should examine the condition of his heart, his lungs, and of almost every organ in his body, would regard an investigation into the state of his teeth as altogether superfluous.

The object of the present work is to call greater attention to this portion of general hygiene; and to impress upon the mind of the reader the injury to the health which arises from the absence of the grinding teeth, and the consequent impairment of the power of digestion.

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