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PREFACE.

A PORTION of the materials of which this volume is composed has appeared from time to time in the pages of the "Homœopathic World," and from the flattering communications which I have received from some of my colleagues in England, as well as in the United States of America, relative to the practical bearing of the subject on which it treats, has induced me to publish it in the form now presented to the reader.

In undertaking this task I have kept prominently in view that familiar phrase "brevity is the soul of wit," consequently I have endeavoured to concentrate into the smallest possible compass, compatible with the scope and usefulness of the work,—the history, anatomy, chemistry, pathology, physiology, and treatment, both allopathic and homœopathic, of each disease.

The sections referring to allopathy, or the so-called "orthodox doctrine of medicine," are simply introduced by way of contrast, from which it is hoped the general reader may derive food for thought, and weapons for fair arguments and well balanced comparisons.

For a knowledge of the early history and advanced pathology of many of the more obscure diseases of the liver, I am indebted to the researches of Frerichs and Rokitanski; for practical experiments to Sanders; for tropical and pyæmic abscesses to Annesley and Ward; and for valuable clinical observations to Budd and others.

This little work does not aim at being a complete or exhaustive exposition of the subject upon which it treats; it, however, embraces a large section of the most important of "liver complaints," and the author anticipates for it, with all its shortcomings, a useful career.

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HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICINES,

THEIR MODE OF PREPARATION; THEIR CURATIVE SELECTION; THE DOSE OR POTENCY, AND THE MANNER OF THEIR ADMINISTRATION, BRIEFLY EXPLAINED.

Homœopathic Medicines.

The homœopathic "Materia Medica" contains at the present time from 260 to 270 medicinal preparations; the greater number of these have been faithfully proved on man, woman, and child, while in a state of health, in order to ascertain the pathogenetic and specific properties of each drug, others have been but partially proved, and hold a place in its pages on empirical grounds.

Homœopathic medicines are prepared and kept in the form of Tinctures, Triturations, Pilules, and Globules; a few in ether and glycerine, such as the snake poisons.

The tinctures are chiefly derived from the vegetable and animal kingdoms; known as expressed juice, mother tincture, or matrix tincture, the symbol of which is the Greek ϕ .

From these tinctures the various dilutions or potencies are prepared; and the higher we ascend in the scale of dilution the further we depart from the crude substance, which accounts for the non-poisonous, and consequently non-injurious properties of homœopathically prepared medicines; but they nevertheless retain medicinal

properties of marvellous efficacy, which are potent against the disease; and inert against the constitution, when homœopathically or specifically selected. Triturations, on the contrary, are chiefly prepared from substances derived from the mineral kingdom. Among these may be enumerated sulphur, mercury, arsenic, zinc, tin, baryta, gold, silver, iron, lime, copper, alum, tellurium, and many more. The mode of preparing the various potencies from the matrix triturations is similar to those prepared from the tinctures; for the manipulation of which the reader is referred to the pages of the Homœopathic Pharmacopœia, recently published under the auspices of the British Homœopathic Society.

Pilules and Globules.

These little pellets, which have afforded our allopathic brethren no scanty field for amusement and ridicule, are not in reality homœopathic medicines at all: they are simply elegant and ingenious little *vehicles* for the administration of the various remedies when reduced to the liquid form (tincture), and used on the same principle as Doctor Dosewell' selects honey, syrup, jam, or jelly for his nauseous compound of grey powder, rhubarb, senna, or Dover's powder:—*in quovis vehiculo crasso*—in some convenient vehicle: or as once facetiously translated by a candidate for the licence of the Apothecaries' Company—in some stout Hackney coach.

On the Selection of Remedies.

The fundamental principle of homœopathic practice—the law of cure—as discovered, demonstrated, an