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DEAR SIR,

This Treatise is inscribed in admiration of your learning and exquisite professional skill, which have raised you to the elevated station which you now occupy; and as a memorial of my gratitude for valuable professional services rendered to me when suffering from a severe injury to the hand, the preservation of which is entirely due, under Providence, to your untiring attention and skill shown on that occasion: thus placing under a lifelong obligation

Yours sincerely,

EDWIN MORRIS.



PREFACE.

IN SUBMITTING this Treatise to the Medical Profession, I would observe, that the materials of which it is composed were collected and arranged during the few leisure hours I could command from the time necessarily devoted to a laborious, general Practice.

The subject of 'Shock' is so comprehensive, that my humble efforts can be considered as little more than opening the way to future inquiries. I hope, however, at no distant period, to be able to treat it more fully, after further researches into the matter. Indulgence may fairly be claimed by one, who, during great mental exertion and fatigue, spares time to record the result of the experience of six-and-twenty years: on a subject, too, which has been so little understood. The Chapter 'on Shock from Railway Injuries,' has been written with a view to assist in unravelling those intricate cases in which

there is every reason to believe the symptoms are simulated, and at the same time to put medical men on their guard against such cases.

Imperfect as this Treatise may be, I cannot conclude without expressing a hope that it may be found worthy of the commendation of the Medical Profession, which I should highly value, and which would more than repay me for the time and labour bestowed upon it.

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SHOCK.*

Synonyms of Shock.

SUDDEN VITAL DEPRESSION: GREAT NERVOUS DEPRESSION: FINAL
SINKING OF VITALITY: NERVOUS SHOCK: VIOLENT MENTAL EMOTION.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON SHOCK.

By the word *shock* we understand that peculiar effect on the animal system, produced by violent injuries from any cause, or from violent mental emotions—such as grief, fear, horror or disgust. *Shock*, in a surgical sense, involves much that is interesting to the practical surgeon, and demands his most serious consideration. In the whole range of surgical literature but little notice has hitherto been taken of this subject, and then only incidentally.

After a diligent search amongst early surgical writers, the earliest record that I can find of *shock*

* From the Teuton language: a blow.