

"Ut Medici rerum novarum Videntur esse avidi, ita vocum plerumque novitate capicentur." Yes, we now chase any new scheme as did our illustrious fathers—master minds in medicine and lamentable it is to find out how few there are who do not do their own thinking "altho' man a thinking being was designed" and the "heart of man a differential possibility of unfathomed potentiality." (Bostonian). J. S. Sprague, Stirling.

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