

"WHATEVER may be said of them, mineral waters are not simple medicaments; whatever may be the predominant mineralizing agent, as demonstrated by analysis, it acts not alone. Nature, in combining with the more or less notable elements which chemistry may isolate, other exceedingly variable ingredients and principles, which have not yet been discovered, has done for this mineralized agent that which we seek to imitate each day in our prescriptions, when we endeavor to reinforce or diminish the effect of a medical substance by associating others with it."—TROUSSEAU, *Clinique Médicale*, tome iii., p. 58.

"ALL substances administered in powder are active in proportion to the fineness of their division. Hence solutions, which are only minuter divisions of substances than powders, act more rapidly and energetically on the system at large than the latter, while their local action is less intense. On these accounts natural mineral waters are much more active than artificial solutions containing the same ingredients."—STILLÉ, *Therapeutics and Materia Medica*, vol. i., p. 75.