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### BRONCHITIS AND ALLIED DISORDERS.

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In this short paper, it is my intent to take a fairly comprehensive view of the affections which might properly be classed under the heading "Bronchitis and Allied Disorders," and yet not to single out any one class, and cover that one exhaustively. As the study of pathology has altered our ideas relative to many diseases, as for instance it has taught us to differentiate between different infections, drop-sies and Brights, by classifying them according to their *causes*. So we are taking a more comprehensive view of bronchitis, and to-day the term no longer means an inflammation of the bronchial tubules or tubes, but the nomenclature also, more often carries with it a knowledge as to the causation, and so we are learning to speak of asthmatic bronchitis, typhoid bronchitis, diphtheritic, tracheo-bronchitis, etc. This is surely a very desirable change, not only from the fact that it is more scientific and exact, but also for the reason that when once a diagnosis is made, a rational system of treatment more readily presents itself. It is obvious to the layman and physician alike that the treatment and prognosis in a case of bronchitis due to atmospheric changes, and in one due to diphtheritic infection, must be vastly different.