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### THE PRINCIPLES OF TREATMENT AND THEIR APPLICATIONS IN PRACTICAL MEDICINE.

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The work is divided into two parts. The first deals with general principles of treatment and contains chapters on the principles of treatment founded on aetiology, on pathology, on the clinical characters of disease, on the clinical course of disease, the proper relation of treatment to disease, means of treatment and the art of treatment. The various subjects are dealt with in a clear, concise and readable style.

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