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THE PHRENOLOGY OF GALL AND FLECHSIG'S DOCTRINE OF ASSOCIATION CENTRES IN THE CEREBRUM.*

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IN the history of medicine the eighteenth century stands out prominently as a period in which flourished a whole host of so-called medical systems and theories. The *animismus* of Stahl and the nerve-ether theory of Hoffmann had been displaced by the system of Boerhaave ; the last, in turn, being gradually supplanted by the doctrine of irritability advanced by Albrecht von Haller, who had formulated a new theory based upon his experiments in physiology. William Cullen, again, combining Hoffmann's system with the doctrine of irritability of Haller, sought the cause for all pathological

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