

HEALTH, PROSPERITY, AND GOOD OLD AGE

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We are not going to impose upon you along justice, neither have we any apology to offer for
 thus presenting you this little work. We are not going to dip our pen in the sublime and lucid
 poetry for you, but we wish to come before you with honest Nature's own language, and unfold to
 you the truth as it is in medicine, the death stripped of all its mystic covering and professional
 fallaciousness. You have all your previous opinions with regard to medicine and the man who practices
 them. You have your favorite doctor, whom you select from among others as being the most
 skillful; the selected one is chosen by your neighbor, who thinks your doctor an ignoramus, and
 observes, "These the plain human family are divided in opinion not only in regard to the physicians
 of different schools, but have their differences in the choice of the various medical practices. Some
 of you believe in the old spine practice, handed down to you from generation to generation, viz.
 blood-letting, cupping, &c. Others have traditions of old material, viz. in Hints, &c.
 which is equivalent to giving the patient a severe letting alone. A third takes the "Water-Cure
 Journal," and expatiates all other sort of treatment, while a fourth stands by his old and tried
 and best-kept in the city, and avows allegiance to Therapeutics as the science now in the use
 of others." And still we notice all sorts of views, all sorts of opinions, all sorts of
 theories, all sorts of systems, and, in the midst of dissension, and, despite the skill of these various
 systems of medicine, do not hear our fellow-men say, "From time immemorial medicine has been a
 science of speculation and imagination." We are informed that *Therapeutics* was the god of medicine,
 but whether such games of fancy were ever existed, we have no authentic record; as his life is
 involved in fiction, his doctrine, claiming to be a temple was erected in dedication of his power, called
 the *Therapeutic*, to which the multitude resorted to get cured of the various maladies with
 which they were afflicted; the multitude resorted to being bled, cupping, leeches, or other parts.
 Much would we have wished to know of the opinions of the dissenters, and what denoted
 by *Hypnotism*, especially 400 years B.C. and who is called the father of medicine collected all the
 traditions, records, and the writings, and published different books on the pathology and cure of
 diseases, and his opinions were much respected by our political physicians. Galen
 translated the *Therapeutic* into the principles of *Hypnotism*, and held the same of the people in
 the city of Rome. In the fourth century, the monks were in a state of *Therapeutic* and
 holding the truth which was deposited there, he original works of Galen and *Hypnotism* were
 deposited among the monks, giving them to two parties the one for Galen, the other for *Hypnotism*.