

ANNOUNCEMENT.

As I purpose devoting my attention SOLELY TO THIS DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL SURGERY, not being otherwise engaged in practice, I appeal with confidence to the *profession* for their encouragement in introducing a Truss which I know will meet a want not otherwise supplied, as it can be bent and moulded to fit any conformations and will afford to all (even the worst cases) immediate and permanent relief. "The treatment of ruptures," observes Lawrence, "demands as great a combination of anatomical skill, with experience and judgment, as that of any disorders in Surgery." Holtman writes:—"In spite of this undeniable truth, the public seem to imagine that they have only to purchase a truss as they would a hat, in order to be at once relieved of their malady." Birkett says:—"The injurious results of this practice are being continually forced on the attention of Surgeons. Among the poor we constantly observe the lamentable effects of this proceeding. Ill-shaped trusses are applied: the springs being too feeble, allow the hernia to descend behind the pad, when it becomes compressed; or they are too strong, and their pressure induces absorption of the abdominal parieties on which the pad presses. Frequently a truss, suitable for supporting a femoral hernia is applied to one of the inguinal kind, and *vice versa*."

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