

drawn upon, it is not a book made from other books, but one largely built upon the wide experience of the author. The literary style of the author is good, being simple, direct and perspicuous. Acute rheumatism and dysentery are grouped among the infectious diseases, and acute pneumonia with the diseases of the lungs, though it is regarded as an infectious disease with the primary seat of infection in the lungs. On the same principle that dysentery is removed from the diseases of the digestive system and placed among the infectious diseases, we think that acute pneumonia should also be classified with these and removed from among the diseases of the lungs. We can speak in the very highest terms of praise of this work. It is a safe and trustworthy guide to the practice of medicine.

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HOW TO AVOID PRESCRIBING OPIUM AND MORPHINE.

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