

As other illustrations may be mentioned asthma, pericarditis, pleurisy, appendicitis.

GROUP VII.—ARTIFICIAL CIRCLES

To this Group are relegated such Circles as do not arise in the natural course of disease but are artefacts. Many such are dependent on social customs ; for others, alas ! injudicious treatment has been responsible.

Numerous examples belonging to this Group will be found in the following pages. A few striking ones are collected in Chapter XIV. Let us hope that such atrocities as are there referred to will soon lose all but a historical interest, and that the day will soon dawn when the practitioner of medicine will merit at any rate in some measure the high eulogium pronounced upon him by Hippocrates :

Ἰατρός γὰρ φιλόσοφος ἰσόθεος.

