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when its natural standard has been reduced, as is too frequently the case in our days, by over-taxation of mind or body, by diseases of a debilitating nature, by the pernicious use of violent drugs, or by excesses of any kind.

2nd. That it is particularly in the diseases termed Chronic or of long standing, which so frequently baffle the ordinary modes of treatment, that Electricity has proved so valuable, owing to its strengthening influence upon the Nervous System, as well as its purifying and vitalizing effects upon the blood.

Lastly; I shall indicate more particularly the diseases in which it has been found effective, so that any mind of ordinary capacity may be able to judge how far it would be judicious or advisable to undergo a course of Electric treatment.

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