

permanent is the result of a single application, yet the existence of any actual morbid condition has been wanting. It is precisely this class of patients that the charlatan delights to secure. By the use of his wonderful battery a person who has been suffering, perhaps for months, from hysterical aphonia, will by a single application regain her voice. Again, there are other conditions which are relieved by the applications of this therapeutic agent. Pain may be assuaged, spasms relieved, and paralysis ultimately removed. A third group of cases there are in which electricity will fail to cure, but in which the progress of the disease will be arrested; and lastly, there is a class of cases in which the application of electricity can do no good, but on the contrary much harm may follow its use. The author observes, "The general facts which I wish you therefore to bear in mind with regard to the two main directions in which electricity is useful are these: That like other modes of examination or treatment, this one has its limits, and that only by its appropriate employment within these limits can it be of any real service in either diagnosis or therapeutics."

We have next a description of the various forms of electricity in clinical use: as first, the Franklinic, static or friction electricity; under this head is included the electric bath, the shock, the application of sparks and the use of the Leyden vial. Secondly, Galvanic electricity, either the constant or the interrupted current. The meaning of the terms, direct and inverse are explained, and other practical observations are noted. Thirdly, that form of electricity known as faradization, or "that particular kind of which Faraday was the exponent." This is of very high tension, and resembles Franklinic electricity more closely than it does the galvanic current. This form of electricity has been known or distinguished by the several terms, "induced electricity," "magneto-electric," "voltao-magnetic," and "voltao-dynamic." With regard to this form, "there are two terms commonly used about it,