

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THIS volume, as its title indicates, is designed as a guide in the treatment of cases of emergency occurring in medical, surgical, or obstetrical practice. I have endeavored to combine, in a narrow compass, all the important subjects, giving special prominence to points of practical import in preference to theoretical considerations, and, with the results of my own personal observation, uniting the latest views of European and American authorities.

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