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THE TREATMENT OF CYSTITIS.*

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Miscere utile cum dulci, to impart useful information in an entertaining manner in general addresses of the character I am asked to deliver, seems to be a custom as old as, and closely akin to, the use of excipients to carry a drug which is not pleasing if taken in its naked strength. Who does not recall with pleasure the "elegant" mixtures, the electuaries, and the compound syrups of our forefathers?

I have tried to meet our expectations, by bringing before this large audience, representative of the advanced medical thought of our day, one of the oldest and most rebellious of the enemies of our race, namely, cystitis, bound in chains; and I trust that you will find no small satisfaction as you note that one more step has thus been taken in the path of therapeutic progress.

The *résumé* I shall give you embraces over eighteen years of a personal experience, largely devoted to this particular subject.

In order not to raise too great expectations, let me declare at the outset that, as is often the case in that difficult art which we profess, I have no single drug or method to propose by which all cases can be cured. It is only by a painstaking study of all the conditions, and by persistent patient efforts that cystitis can be understood and successfully combated. The therapeutic side of the subject in which your interest naturally focuses, is so large

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