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### MASTER-MINDS IN MEDICINE—JOHN HUNTER (1728-93), GREAT MAN OF SCIENCE AND SURGEON.

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Author of "Songs by the Wayside," "Winona and Other Stories," "The Toller and Other Poems."

"I am not anxious about my children, but in their doing well in this world. I would rather make them feel one moral virtue than read libraries of all the dead and living languages."—JOHN HUNTER.

In the whole history of medicine it is almost impossible to find a more striking personality than John Hunter. Great man of science and surgeon that he was, we love to look back a few centuries, with pleasure and satisfaction, upon the eventful years that covered his life. "It is impossible," writes one, "to include in one view the multitudinous forms of Hunter's work; you cannot see the wood for the trees."

Picture Hunter going around as physician, surgeon, anatomist, biologist, pathologist and naturalist—all these faculties developed to a high degree—and your mind's eye can form a picture of the strong, versatile talent of this great and wonderful man. John Hunter was not an idle dreamer, sitting by the wayside, thinking and spinning out his wonderful theories, his fancy rearing strange castles in the air. No, far from it. Hunter was a builder. He