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PHOTOTHERAPY.

IN describing the treatment of small-pox, Watson, by way of a comment on the methods in vogue a few centuries ago, mentions that "John, of Gaddesden, who flourished in the fourteenth century surrounded the small-pox patient with red curtains, red walls, red furniture of all kinds; everything he saw was to be red, for in that color there was, John pretended, a peculiar virtue."

Dr. Finsen, of Copenhagen, who has devoted special attention to the treatment of small-pox after the manner followed by John of Gaddesden, observes in *La Presse Medicale* that by excluding