

advice on the ground that he, too, had always a cross-eye, and what was good enough for him was good enough for Johnny. But illustrations more than enough have been given to enable us to understand the immensity of the problem, which lies before every modern community, if it is to seriously attempt to cope with this deep-seated source of personal ill-health, economic loss, social ineffectiveness and natural degeneration, compared with which all other purely physical evils sink into insignificance. Society is beginning to realize the dangers to which it has been subjected and to understand in some slight degree the possibility of protecting itself against the ubiquitous foe. It has been the worm which has blasted her fairest flowers in the bud, and the destroying monster which has boldly entered and slain without mercy the helpless inmates of the tenements of the poor. Every agency, scientific and medical, social and philanthropic, economic and commercial, which within its own sphere, and according to its own methods is advancing not only a knowledge of the cause and the methods