

PREFACE.

Perhaps no fact is more firmly established in the popular mind than that conveyed by the time-worn adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and yet how few there are who really appreciate its significance when applied to the prevention of disease, until they are face to face with the dangers of an epidemic such as cholera, or perhaps menaced by the more immediate peril of infectious disease in their own home circle.

At no previous period in the world's history has there been concentrated on the *Prevention* of disease so much careful study and painstaking investigation as at the present time, and the results are apparent in the increased knowledge we now have as to the best methods of preventing the development of infectious diseases, or, when once originated, of reducing the possibility of their further spread to a minimum.

To briefly present the most approved agents for the prevention of infectious diseases, point out the necessity for their use, and explain their application so that any one of ordinary intelligence may be able to efficiently use them in the household, is the object of this little *brochure*.