

## PREFACE

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THE sale of Book is enormous. 20,000 copies have been sold within the last two years,—equal to twenty ordinary editions,—and still the sale rapidly increases. The last edition, the eleventh, having been sold, a new edition, the twelfth, is now published.

In this Edition I have little to add, and nothing to alter ; indeed, the present is almost a *facsimile* impression of the previous one.

The Book, as experience has proved, was much needed, and has supplied a want which had long been felt ; hence, as a medical work, its marvellous and unprecedented success.

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