

**A Practical Treatise on Materia Medica and Therapeutics.** By ROBERT BARTHLOW, M.A., M.D., LL.D., Professor Emeritus of Materia Medica, General Therapeutics and Hygiene in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia; formerly Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, and of the Practice of Medicine in the Medical College of Ohio; Fellow of the College of Physicians, etc., etc. Eleventh edition. Revised and enlarged. New York and London: D. Appleton. 1903. 866 pages.

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