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PREFACE.

There are few subjects in practical surgery on which opinion is more unsettled than on the best method of treating intestinal obstruction and injuries of the gastro-intestinal canal. While the following pages are not intended to serve the purpose of a complete textbook on Intestinal Surgery, still the author hopes that they contain some new facts and suggestions which will prove useful to those who practice this branch of surgery.

The first part of the book contains a résumé of the best literature on the surgical treatment of intestinal obstruction, which has been arranged in a systematic manner for ready reference. The advice given to the surgeon who is confronted by certain anatomico-pathological conditions, is based on clinical experience and the results obtained by experimental investigation.

The second part represents the author's own original work, made with special reference to the surgical treatment of intestinal obstruction, and the diagnosis of perforation of the gastro-intestinal canal; to which is added the report of three cases of gunshot wound of the abdomen, in which inflation with hydrogen gas proved a positive test in making a correct diagnosis, before the abdomen was opened.

One of the principal objects in publishing these papers in book form is a desire to stimulate the young men in our profession to enter the field of original investigation, as the author is firmly convinced that experimental research constitutes the shortest and safest route to the perfection of the principles and practice of intestinal surgery.

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