

**THE PHILOSOPHY AND
MECHANICAL PRINCIPLES
OF OSTEOPATHY**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9781760570996

The Philosophy and Mechanical Principles of Osteopathy by Andrew Taylor Still

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

ANDREW TAYLOR STILL

**THE PHILOSOPHY AND
MECHANICAL PRINCIPLES
OF OSTEOPATHY**

Henry Phelps Whitcomb D.D.
Burlington Vt
Feb 29 1904

THE PHILOSOPHY
and
MECHANICAL PRINCIPLES
of
OSTEOPATHY.

By

ANDREW TAYLOR STILL,

*Discoverer of the Science of Osteopathy ;
Founder and President of the American School of Osteopathy,
Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri.*

1902.
HUDSON-KIMBERLY PUB. CO.
KANSAS CITY, MO.

WB940
S857p2
1902

Copyright, 1892,
ANDREW TAYLOR STILL.

Preface.

In taking up a pen at my age, and assuming the responsibility of writing a book on the causes and treatment of diseases, philosophically and in a comprehensible manner, with words and forms to meet the demands of this enlightened age, I feel it is a very great undertaking, and ask that the world give me its friendly criticism. Read and adopt, or reject, as you may feel disposed when you have perused what I may write. I start out on this journey alone, with no compass except my reason, and if I fail, no one will suffer for the trip, excepting myself.

A. T. S.

JANUARY 1, 1902.

CONTENTS.

	PAGE.
INTRODUCTION	9
My Authorities.....	9
Age of Osteopathy.....	9
Demand for Progress..	11
Truth Is Truth.....	15
Man Is Triune.....	16
Trash.....	17
Osteopathy.....	18
Nature Is Health.....	22
Our Relation to Other Systems.....	24
CHAPTER I.—IMPORTANT STUDIES	27
Anatomy.....	27
Physiology.....	29
Chemistry.....	31
Principles of Osteopathy.....	32
Symptomatology.....	33
Surgery.....	34
CHAPTER II.—SOME SUBSTANCES OF THE BODY	37
Two Hundred Bones.....	37
The Brain.....	40
Cerebro-Spinal Fluid.....	43
Spinal Cord.....	45
What Are Nerves?.....	47
Nerve Powers.....	50
Three Conditions of the Blood-Corpuseles.....	51
Fluids of the Body.....	53
Blood.....	53
Disease Defined.....	56
The Fascia.....	60
An Illustration of Conception.....	65
Lymphatics.....	65
Universally Distributed.....	65
Definition of the Word "Treat".....	69

	PAGE.
CHAPTER III.—DIVISIONS OF THE BODY.....	72
Mission of the Doctor.....	72
Five Divisions.....	72
CHAPTER IV.—HEAD, FACE, AND SCALP.....	77
Causes of Effects.....	77
Erysipelas.....	78
Baldness.....	79
Treatment of Erysipelas.....	81
CHAPTER V.—THE NECK.....	86
Organized Substances of the Body.....	86
Treatment of the Neck.....	87
The Arm.....	88
Structure of the Neck.....	89
Croup, Diphtheria, Tonsillitis.....	91
Treatment of Diphtheria.....	97
Whooping Cough.....	98
CHAPTER VI.—THORAX.....	101
Inhibition and Stimulation.....	101
Lungs—Place, Power, and Use.....	102
Pneumonia.....	104
Consumption.....	105
Its Description.....	108
Effects.....	108
The Cause.....	110
Miliary Tuberculosis.....	111
Variety of Births.....	113
Lung Diseases.....	116
Found Effects.....	117
Digestion.....	118
Its Philosophy.....	119
The Heart.....	121
Development.....	122
Heart Disease.....	123
Causes.....	125
A Few Facts.....	126
Aneurisms.....	128
Rheumatism.....	130
The Internal and External Mammary Arteries.....	131

CONTENTS.

5

	PAGE.
CHAPTER VII.—DIAPHRAGM	132
New Discoveries	132
Medical Doctors.....	134
Importance of Splanchnics	135
The Diaphragm in Health	136
Out of Position	138
Location	139
Nervous Prostration.....	140
CHAPTER VIII.—ABDOMEN.....	146
Inhibition	146
Thoracic Duct.....	150
Feast of Reason.....	152
The Pancreas.....	158
Importance of Pure Blood.....	159
Function of Viscera	166
The Mesentery.....	168
Omentum	169
Appendicitis	174
What Are Abdominal Tumors?.....	178
Prolapsed Viscera	180
Liver	182
Kidneys.....	183
Stomach	186
Process of Digestion by Electricity.....	188
Constipation of the Bowels	189
The Treatment of Constipation	190
CHAPTER IX—PELVIS.....	194
Diseases of Bladder.....	194
Rectum	194
Uterus	197
Effects of Wounds.....	198
Tumors	199
In Health and Disease	200
Gynecology.....	202
Importance of a Healthy Womb	205
Nature Our School	207
Anatomical Differences.....	208
Our Instruments	210
Machine Gives Out	211