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ticulars respecting my birth and parhave erected over my remains. I was that is to say half educated, like most have destiny is the medical profession, mental and commercial academy. There her I was once, and only once, flogged; bestion because the infliction made a impression on me, and, I believe, was a dising me much good. My offence a griph field in My carent feet in the second of the erbal fiction. My executioner, with ing lash, bade me mind how I told uture. I recollected this advice in o my no small success and advaning left school, and being required to ling, I made choice of physic, influ-ieve, chiefly by the love of the mysnarvellous; attributes with which martenous; attributes with which add invested that science. A e of practical pharmacy, however, in a surgery, soon dissipated all the rooms I had formed respecting it, but me at the same time in an unexpectmy, and that their correspondophals, or 'putting up,' as it was bust: Rub!' Haust: Nig!' Mist: ce sorts of medicine, I thought to going diseases, and the dim forecast of der generalization, the embryotic no-

ped, as a matter of course, to London, urpose of completing my studies. To early did apply myself with some dili-

issili, and that the better com-to offer, the more he would gain it. How beautifully was I de-not less beautifully undeceived, presently! Under this delusion, cram my head with scientific ver-to pass the Hall and College, but dended hospital practice, and hestrength of the public of the hus acquiring a knowledge of dis-reatment at the bed-side. Hence the two great principles in therapeu-lave above enunciated; but this I certainly did find that there was mber of diseases, whose cure really entife knowledge, applied by sound judgment; and among these my I may mention, that I thought my-fane fellow, if not somewhat of a for the mode in which I managed verily believe that I saved several large number of eyes and limbs. by

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as a hawk's, put a pair of spectacles on my nose, for the very reason that I had known this done by pretenders whom I used to despise. Thus all yat I now regret is, that I wasthine as I dil in attending lectures tions, and storing my mind with a colone, and storing my mind with a colone where and placebo-pills was serice is chemistry, and because it has been been all up by rote, I forgot after my examination than I had are membered them, would have use to me. A large per centage of because is to be cured with a blue bill dose; those which are incurable are set with colored water and placebo-pills. What service is chemistry, or any thing fin the prescription of such remedies I To arrive at the great truths containforceoing statement, it will be supposented are described by the case; for before I enprivate practice, I thought, and cerwithout a show of reason, that the a medical man was proportionate to small skill, and that the better compand to offer, the more he would gain of it. How beautifully undeceived, show presently! Under this delusion, and error pass the Hall and Collers where the passional cargagement; but I seldom let one without having ingratiated myself with some old lady or gestleman afflicted with indigestion or good.

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more feeble in mind, pampered to extreme sensitiveness, unable to bear the least pain, and frightness to death at the slightness symptom of disorder. Incapable of rearoning or hearing reason, knowing little of anything, and least of all of themseives, physically or mentally; they judge merely from their sensations. If these tall in the targe number of eyes and limbs, by I afterward found how little the preside in the theory of the saving a limb than of amputating ment anticipate.

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