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Nullum est jam dictum
Non dictum primum

But few subjects within the compass of medicine or the boundless fields of science, stands so preeminent, and calls more loudly, deservedly, and irresistibly, the attention of the Practitioner than the one now under consideration. I allude to the attention of the Medical Philosopher, and not the Practitioner in the general, acceptance of the term.

For an exposition of this subject I shall necessarily commence my remarks in an indirect manner. And first, on Miasm Malaria - as it is improperly so called. Improperly I say because the true source from which it emanates is, as yet unknown. It would have received much more appropriately, the term pestiferous, deleterious, or baneful effluvia. - The change of Suez - or the unknown something, from Miasm Malaria, or the putrefaction, or which is probably a more appropriate term; the decomposition of vegetables, and as a few