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The attention of the members of the Medical profession, has been but little directed to cold water, as a therapeutic agent, in the congestive forms of disease. It has been regarded as an article, suited only to remove the morbid heat, and irritation, and to allay the inordinate action, which mark the stages of excitement in fever. The credit of enlightening the medical world on the subject of its use, is due to Dr Currie, of Liverpool, and the profession is certainly much in his debt, for the impulse he has given to a remedy, which experience has since proved to be entitled to a high place in the consideration of the physician. Like antimony and mercury, it has and will have its enemies, & like them, resting on its own worth, it can never be displaced from its position, among the first articles of ^{the} Materia Medica. That it often fails, and that it sometimes exerts a mischievous influence, cannot be denied; but the same objection can be urged, with equal force, against every therapeutic mean, which has been yet addressed to the cure of disease. And it is the misfortune of medicine, that she must ever labor under this disadvantage, while the ~~associating~~ imperfections of the human intellect, the occult character of the nature and causes of disease, and ^{the} the specific virtue of its remedies