A full and accurate account of the new method of curing dyspepsia: discovered and practised by O. Halsted: with some observations on diseases of the digestive organs.

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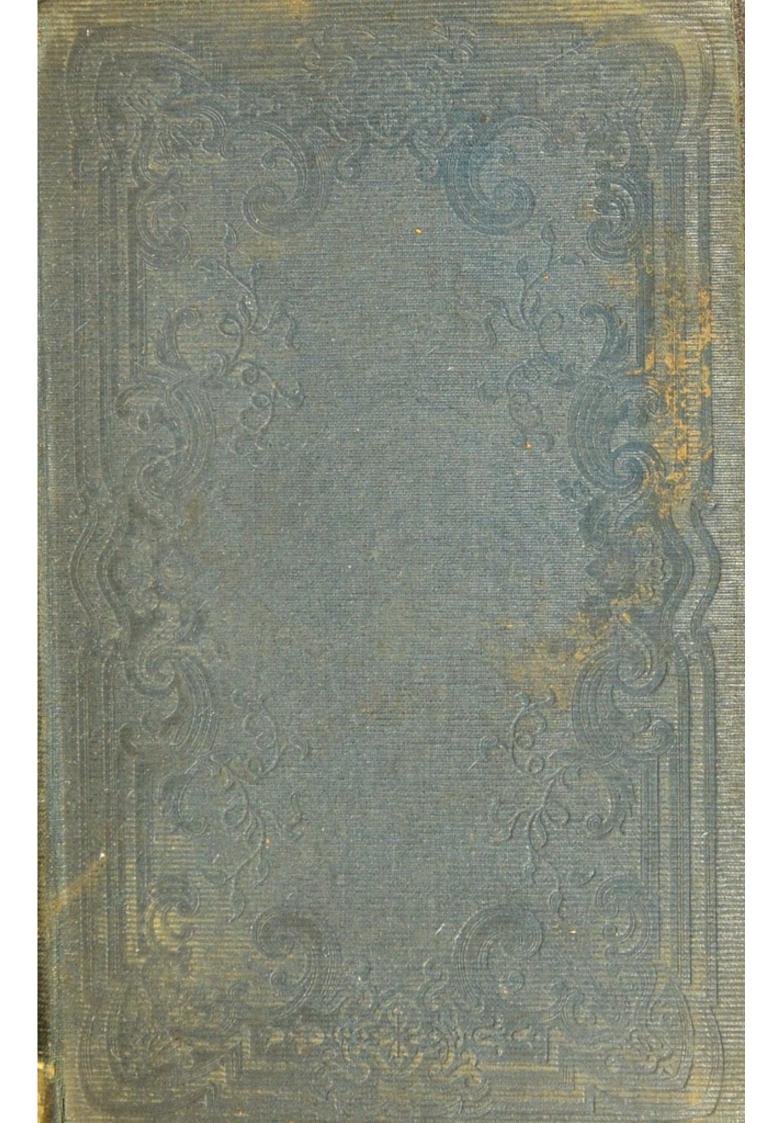
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It may simply be observed, without entering into any disquisition respecting the peculiar modus operandi, that the muscles throughout the system are stimulated to action by the influence of the nerves. In other words, by means of a certain something, the precise nature of which is not perfectly understood, but which from its effects, is supposed to resemble the Galvanic fluid, or to be identical with it, communicated from the brain or sensorium, through the medium of the nerves, the muscular fibre is excited to contract; and by the contractions thus produced, all the various motions of the body are performed.

The stomach, we have seen, is principally supplied by a pair of nerves proceeding directly from the brain, by means of which nerves it is excited to perform its proper functions. It also appears that besides the nervous influence, a certain degree of mechanical stimulus, communicated as we have seen, by external motion or agitation, is re-

