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PRACTICAL CLINICAL LESSONS

ON

SYPHILIS AND THE GENITO-URINARY DISEASES.

LESSON I.

Nature of Gonorrhœa—Of Chancroid—Of Syphilis—Infective Principle of Syphilis a living Germinal Cell—Its History dating back over 2000 Years B.C.—Syphilis never of Spontaneous Origin—Always Acquired from a Human Being suffering with Syphilis—Always Requiring a Breach of Surface for its Introduction—The Virus of Syphilis not an Irritant—The so-called Incubation of Syphilis—Its Practical Importance—Admixture of Syphilitic Secretions with Vicious Uterine Secretion a common cause of error in Diagnosis—The Initial Lesion of Syphilis due to a Localized Cell Proliferation—Not Necessarily resulting in an open Lesion—Clinical Cases illustrative of the Development of the Initial Lesion of Syphilis—Treatment by Excision.

GENTLEMEN: Through the light of modern teaching and experience, we recognize *three* separate and distinct contagious diseases resulting from venereal contact; viz., *Gonorrhœa, Chancroid, Syphilis.*

1st. GONORRHŒA.—A vicious, non-specific inflammation of mucous membrane, characterized by free purulent secretion without ulceration, chiefly occupying the urethra of the male, and the vagina and urethra of the female; exceptionally, the mucous surfaces of the bladder, the eye, the nares, the rectal and buccal cavities; usually, though not necessarily, of venereal origin; its contagious property transferred to sound mucous membrane without breach of tissue; its action immediately following contact; its vicious principle incapable of