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Title pages

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T R E A T I S E
Collegii Regii
ON
Medicorum Edinens.
THE VENEREAL DISEASE.
N. d. 15. & 18.
By **JOHN HUNTER.**

SECOND EDITION.

LONDON;
SOLD AT N° 13, CASTLE-STREET, LEICESTER-SQUARE; AND BY MR. G. NICOL, PALL-
MALL; AND MR. J. JOHNSON, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH-YARD.
MDCCLXXXVIII.

Key passages

I have already observed, that this form of the disease is not capable of being continued beyond a certain time in any constitution ; and that in cases where it is violent, or lasted long, it is owing to the parts being very susceptible of such irritation, and readily retaining it. As we have no specific medicine for the gonorrhœa, it is fortunate that time alone will effect a cure : it is therefore very reasonable to suppose, that every such inflammation ceases of itself ; yet although this appears to be nearly the truth, it is worthy of consideration, whether medicine can be of any service in this form of the disease. I am inclined to believe it is very seldom of any kind of use, perhaps not once in ten cases ; but even this would be of some consequence, if we could distinguish the cases where it is of service, from those where it is not. Upon the idea that every gonorrhœa cures itself, I gave certain patients pills of bread, which were taken with great regularity. The patients always got well, but some of them, I believe, not so soon as they would have done, had the artificial methods of cure been employed.

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