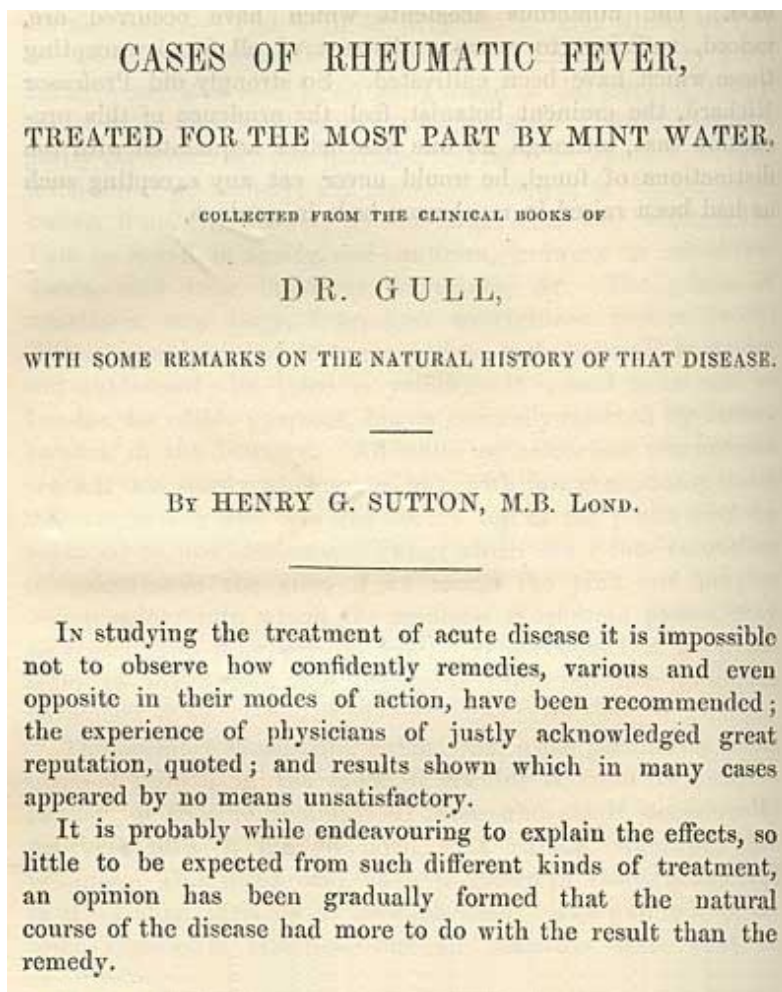


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And although the collective results may not warrant us condemning or praising any particular kind of treatment, yet they will probably warrant us concluding that we ought not to be too hasty in considering the apparent sudden and favorable change in the symptoms due to any medicine administered.

One of the chief objects Dr. Gull had in view in instituting these investigations was to endeavour to gain a more accurate knowledge of the course the disease tends to take—that is, its natural history ; and while, no doubt, we are enabled to compare cases in which little or no medicine has been given, with others in which it has been administered, and arrive at some conclusion, yet we cannot forget that rest in bed, a well-regulated diet, and good nursing, are powerful elements in the treatment of any acute disease, so powerful in fact that experience has shown not a few cases of continued fever and of pneumonia, and of other acute diseases, recover without further assistance.

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