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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Retrospect of Practical Medicine and Surgery, Vol. 7 The acoustic examination of disease having been so profoundly as well as generally studied, it is not surprising that the instruments used in it should have wanted modifications to make them exhibit better the phenomena which increased experience and skill have discovered. To make these improvements some knowledge of acoustic science is necessary; and it might seem to be the province more of the natural philosopher, than of the physician to suggest them. But it must be borne in mind, that a good understanding of the ends in view, as well as of the instrument, is required. To suggest what a stethoscope ought to be, a knowledge of acoustics is not more necessary than an acquaintance with disease, and experience in its investigation. A want of these latter qualifications, in my opinion, renders some recent suggestions from the Professor of Natural Philosophy at Edinburgh, of little value to practical men; and an imperfect acquaintance with the whole of the purposes and principles of the stethoscope seems to me...



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