



Excerpt from, "Therapeutics versus Pathology," by Seth G. Shanks,
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"This thesis is the legitimate result of an attempt to write upon the subject, "Pathology the basis of medical treatment." It seemed to me to be rational to infer this, in fact it seems to be a general feeling - that our recent advances in pathology, have done everything for our profession - corrected old errors - explained obscure symptoms - discovered new ones which rendered diagnosis more certain, in fact made rational treatment a necessary sequence. The various text books teem with pathological indications for treatment. Morbid processes - founded upon post-mortem appearances - are enumerated, sometimes to the extent of an invasion of the realms of conjecture, in order to explain some conditions or effects in the course of disease."