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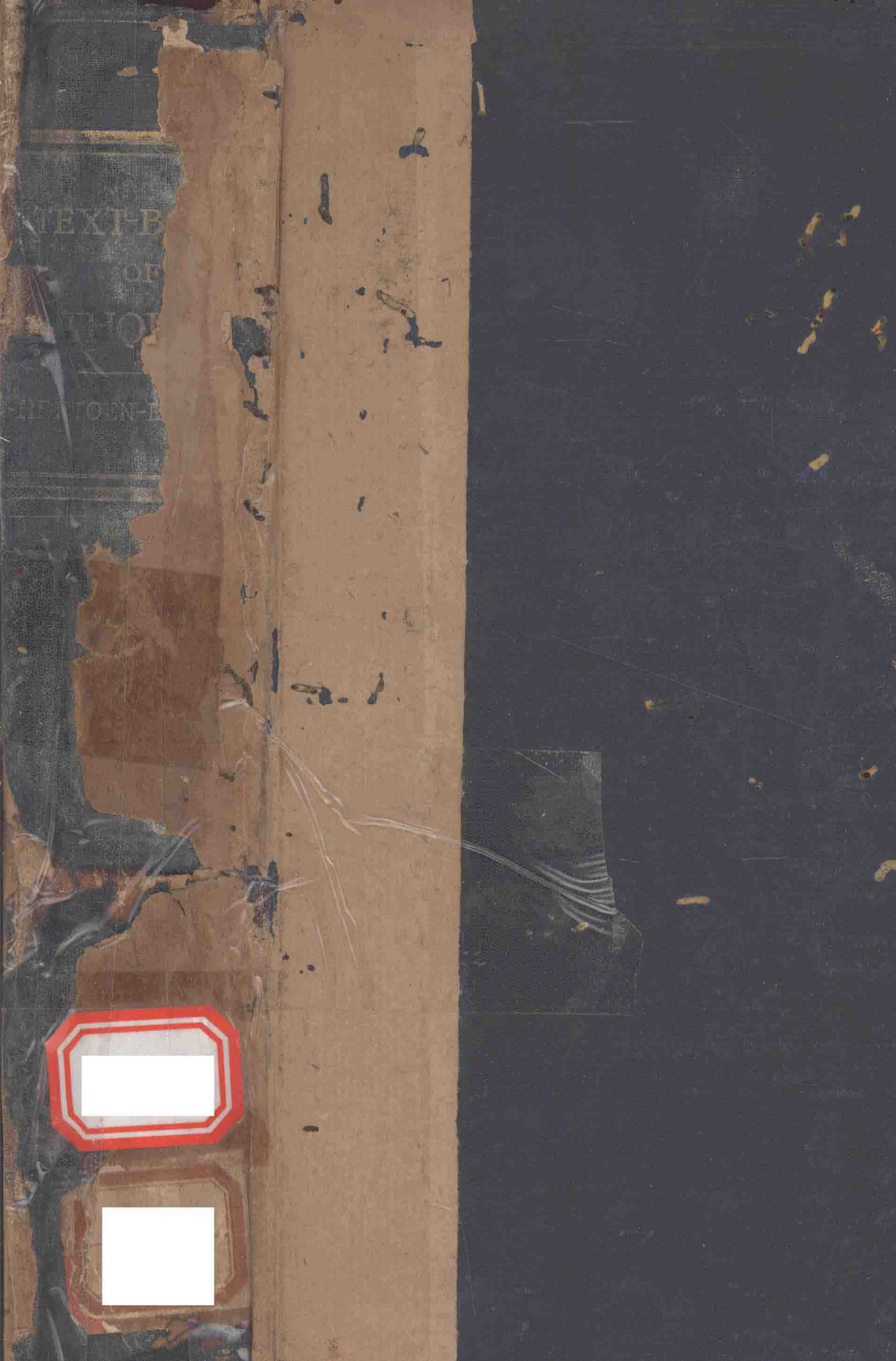
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PREFACE.

THE present volume is the outcome of a desire on the part of the editors and the publishers to place in the hands of the medical student and the physician a comprehensive text-book upon the essential principles and facts in General Pathology and Pathologic Anatomy. Pathology has made such enormous strides in recent years that it is almost an impossibility for one man to make himself fully conversant with the entire field of knowledge in this important branch of science. Realizing this, the editors have endeavored to secure for each of the major departments the services of one who is thoroughly familiar with the particular subject, and can best put the theories and conclusions in an authoritative form. Each writer has been left a large share of freedom in utilizing the material at his hand, so as not to dwarf all individuality—a feature which the editors trust will commend itself to the reader. In this fact lies the explanation why, for instance, references to the literature are more frequent in some articles than in others.

The editors wish to thank heartily all the collaborators in the preparation of this book for their earnest efforts to make the work thorough and useful, and a worthy exponent of the great subject with which it deals. To Dr. John Guitéras, who, previous to his removal to Havana, had taken an editorial interest in the book, the editors are indebted for the privilege of using a number of excellent illustrations. They also desire to express their sincere appreciation of the valuable assistance and patient cooperation of the publishers.

