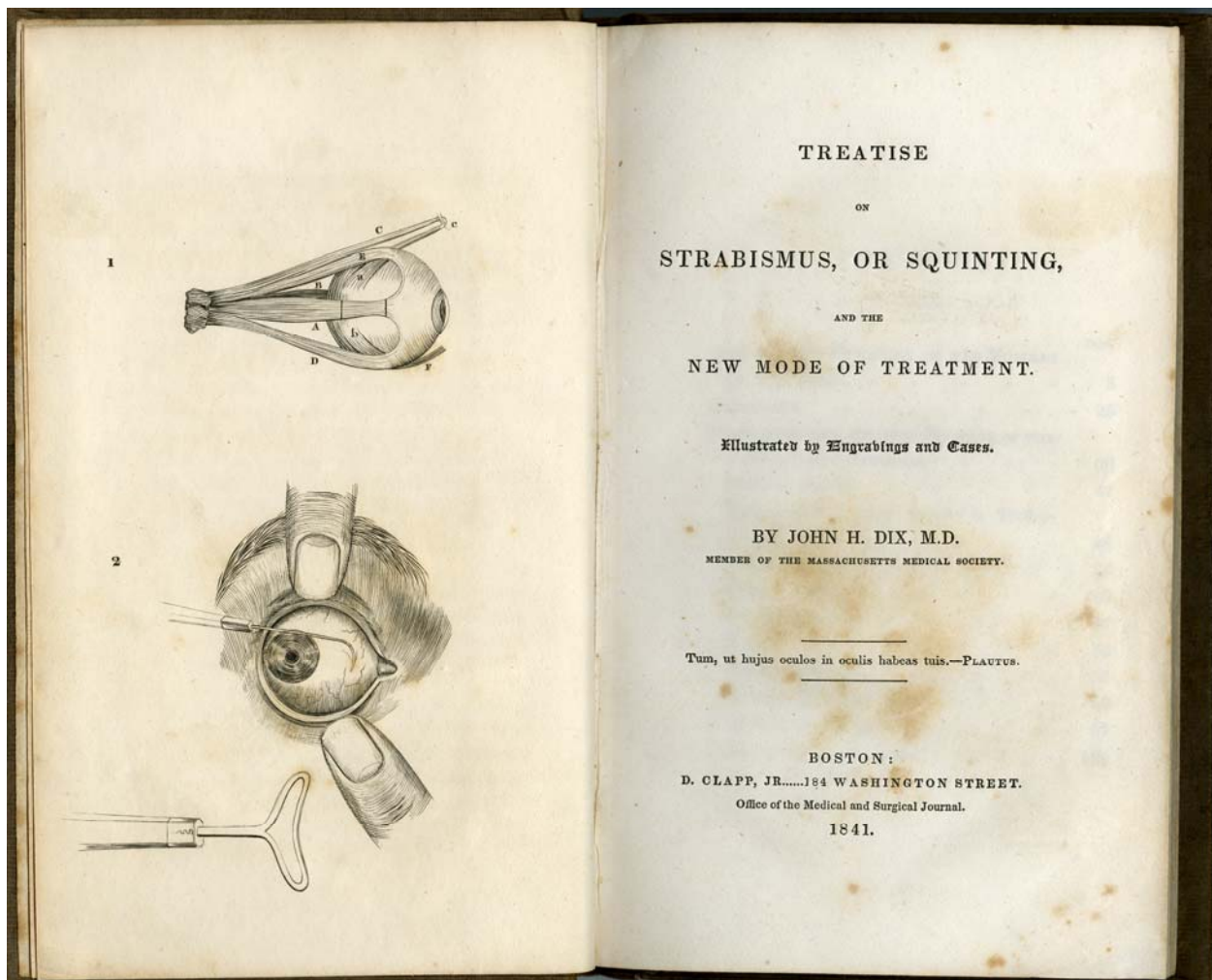


John Homer Dix (1811-1884) began studying medicine under Dr. John Jeffries, the co-founder of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and eventually received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, in 1836. Dr. Dix was affiliated with MEEI until 1840 when he began a solo practice.

During his career, Dix was to accomplish many firsts in ophthalmology including the first resident to train at MEEI, the first to perform the Dieffenbach operation for strabismus, the first to operate on the eye using ether anesthesia, the first American to own an ophthalmoscope and the first American to write about the instrument.

Dr. Dix was a prolific writer, including 23 journal articles and three textbooks. Charles Snyder remarked that, "For over 20 years his writings were among the best and most original to be found in American ophthalmic literature."



"Treatise on Strabismus, or Squinting and the New Mode of Treatment" by John H. Dix, 1841.