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Scottish physician and educator, the preeminent medical teacher of the eighteenth century. He co-founded the Glasgow Medical School in 1744 and thereafter taught at both Glasgow and Edinburgh. In 1769 he published *Synopsis Nosologiae Methodicae*, an elaborate classification of all known diseases, modeled on the work of Carolus Linnaeus and François Boissier de la Croix de Sauvages. Cullen's *First Lines of the Practice of Physic* (1777) and *A Treatise of the Materia Medica* (1789) each went into many editions and remained standard textbooks long after his death.