The Sick Child and Victorian Genre Painting. The Sense of What We Ought to Be. Something that Would Worthily Represent Me. As Christopher Lawrence notes: Practice, physicians agreed, consisted in the exercise of what they called skill, but skill was not a manual activity. It was constituted by the ability, as one physician put it in 1670, to exercise...a piercing Judgement. This could be done, he said, only by having a large Comprehension of...subtle and numerous natures and things (166).

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