

MODERN MALADIES.

Diseases Following in the Train of Progressing Civilization.

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As every pleasure in life brings its corresponding pain or bitterness, so it may be said that every civilized aid to existence devised for human kind develops an agency for introducing new ills to torment the suffering flesh and soul.

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The Prescher's Eosinum. There recently died a man who had for years kept a drug store in Medford. He was respected, and when death came it was natural that his funeral should be largely attended.

Case of Tight Collars. Dr. Foster, director of the Ophthalmic University at Breslau, has figured out a connection between tight collars and short-sightedness.

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Whatever opinion he may have entertained of the device he kept it to himself, for he resumed his seat without a word, but still kept on whistling softly.

The old gentleman glanced at the photograph, which was that of a rather comely country girl, and handed it back, remarking as he did so:

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

Information on Many Points of General Interest.

Temperature of Trees—Longevity of Elephants—Relation of Plants to Soil—Structure of Pulpy Fruits or Berries.

TEMPERATURE OF TREES.—From some observations recorded by Mr. H. L. Russell in the Botanical Gazette, it appears that as a general rule the temperature of the interior of a tree is somewhat higher than that of the air, except during the warmer parts of the day.

EXPERIMENTS MADE AT A TIME WHEN THE buds were starting, in order to determine whether the chemical action carried on in the tissues gives rise to heat, led to the conclusion that it is very doubtful whether the metabolic processes involved generate enough heat to influence the ordinary thermostat.

LONGEVITY OF ELEPHANTS.—The journals of Ceylon have recently mentioned the death of an elephant that was well known on the island and had been seen by several generations of Englishmen.

RELATION OF PLANTS TO SOIL.—Mr. G. Ville, in a paper read before the Academy of Sciences of Paris, shows that the composition of the soil influences plants in five principal characters, viz: The stature, the color, the amount of carotene and chlorophyll and the quantity of vegetation.

STRUCTURE OF PULPY FRUITS.—To the Annals of Botany Mr. J. B. Farmer contributes an article in which, after pointing out the very different sources of the pulp in different fruits, he gives detailed descriptions of its mode of formation in the elder, dulcamara, blackberry and ivy.

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