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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1895 Excerpt: ...a given period, cause the death of this animal, and that a minute fragment from the medulla of this rabbit will give rise to the same disease in a second rabbit, and so on through an endless series, we are forced to believe that we have to do here with a living germ capable of most rapid multiplication. Then, again, the organism can be separated from fluids containing it by passage through a porcelain filter. What is of great importance, as Pasteur has taught us, is that this organism does not originate de novo, but is propagated from animal to animal and from animal to man. The instance cited by Goldschmidt of the occurrence of hydrophobia in the island of Madeira is very instructive: with a population of 130,000 inhabitants, and about 11,000 dogs, there had never been a case of rabies on this island until June, 1892. At this time a mysterious sickness suddenly appeared amongst the dogs: many of these died, but not before they had bitten other animals, and a number of the inhabitants. Inoculation experiments proved that the disease was undoubtedly rabies. A careful investigation disclosed the fact that a dog imported from Lisbon, in the month of May, 1892, and which died of rabies early in July, had been the means of introducing the disease into this community. Prompt police regulations, such as the killing of suspected animals and the muzzling of all dogs, quickly led to the disappearance of this epidemic: no case occurring after December, 1892: and when Goldschmidt's account was published, January, 1894, no other case had occurred. Goldschmidt reported ten deaths in three districts, with a population of 60,000, which would amount to something like about 7,000 deaths in a population as large as that of the United States. The investigations of DiVestea and...

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