

influence which electricity exercises over vegetable and animal phenomena. I have proved by Professor Faraday and others, that the electrical, the galvanic, and the magnetic forces are identical; and that heat is a modification of the same agent. It has been proved that there are constant currents of electricity passing round the earth, *from east to west*—that these currents are liable, from astronomical or other causes, to periodical and irregular variations in their quantity and intensity, by which animal and vegetable substances are both sensibly and insensibly affected.

Fourthly,—Independent of astronomical or geological causes, I have adduced one good reason that *may account* for the origin of Cholera in India, in the year 1817, on the foregoing principles. I have proved that, in the great majority of cases, eight out of every ten, the producing cause of Cholera has been food, in an electro-negative state, which almost puts it beyond doubt, considering the occult nature of the essential element, *that such food produced Cholera in all cases*. I have demonstrated that the cause implicated is fully competent, according to *natural law*, to produce the effect; and in conclusion, I have proved by the most indubitable evidence, that the cause identified actually did exist, in proportion to the effect observed. *That cause was a great diminution of the ordinary electricity of the food and air;—that effect was ASIATIC CHOLERA.*

That Cholera has often been ascribed to the cause which I have identified, is a fact of which I have given several illustrations; but the statement has been as often and as flatly contradicted; because the chain of natural relations subsisting between the disease and the cause presumptive was not made manifest. *This desideratum* I have endeavoured to supply: with what success, let each determine for himself.

In conclusion, it is pleasing to observe that those remedies which are now the most generally recognised as being the most beneficial in the treatment of Cholera, are just the medicines indicated by the electric theory, viz., those of a positively electric character—hydro-car-