

2. Exactly how mercury acts.
3. The nature of a vital process (especially the physiological kind).
4. The exact position of the oxorinous centre.
5. The nature of positive and negative chemiotaxis.

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We just finished with something on immortality. How our admiration rises to its zenith, when we behold that we can point to a man in our midst, who has associated undying fame with the humble occupation of janitor. Cook — the great and only, he that weareth a crown (formula, in 100 parts, Stibium 60, Cuprum 34, Ferrum 5, and $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 = 1$ part, the latter being on the surface may be rubbed off with good stove polish), and likewise golden spectacles, we shall tell our children of thy greatness! Of pomposity and bombast thou hast none. Suavity of speech and manners, docility of intellect, benignity of expression, combined with magnanimity of nature, in fact all that is synonymous with unobtrusive greatness, mark you as one of the unique men with whom we have come in contact. "We and the Dean" are surely worthy of our confidence. Your fame began to dawn nearly twenty-five years ago, when the father of the present writer was a student in medicine; now your brilliancy is like the noon day sun; and our earnest wish is that the sunset of your glory may be long delayed, even till we all send children of our own back to thy domain.

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Even the most sanguine amongst us would have been amazed if he were told that Prof. Michael Foster would cross the Atlantic, and in our presence declare that the whole of Physiology could not be learned by using "my book." We had been led to believe otherwise. And many were the expressions of regret that *Pears' Soap*, after the air of the doxology, was not

rendered on the same occasion. This song, several times previous, had proved so disastrous to the unravelling of "vital processes," that we were anxious to know if it had the same effect on transatlantic investigators. However, should Haidenhain, Hoffe-Seyler, or our friend Schæffer ever visit us, the mystery will be put to the test beyond all doubt.

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We had just finished making a few "marginal notes" on the nature of true love (see *Romeo and Juliet*), when Yorkshire the younger entered, and informed us that we were wanted upstairs, and to be sure and bring our smaller work on Chemistry. After those who had not spoken, nor touched anything, nor spat on the floor, nor put spots on the table, nor made any noise in opening drawers, or in turning on taps, had reported their state of excellence, we were then requested to give our attention to the following details: "Turn the gas low, our gas bill is too high; don't blow out the gas; take test-tube out of gas when it gets too hot; don't make a spurt when turning on water; don't use too much water; bill in this respect also too high; please to make still less noise in opening drawers. Everything needed is at your desk, except a little spittle which you provide, also a test-tube cleaner which you provide; anything else wanted you write a cheque for it, which will be honoured by Yorkshire junior, or in case of his absence by Yorkshire senior, who is also a "good man." Attention to these details is absolutely necessary for the aggrandizement of your scientific foundations."

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Scene. — Reading room. 11 a.m. Oct. 27th, 1897.

Football Committee. — "Will play centre-scrimmage for our next match, Caesar; you played a horse of a game against the 4th year?"