

In every remote region, there are many objects to engage the attention of a medical observer. The face of nature is new and interesting. The vegetable kingdom displays around him a number of her productions, whose history he had known only by description. Amid the general variety presented to view, he feels an inward pleasure in recognising some of those plants, which are also the offspring of his own native soil. His mind is no less interested with the peculiarities of the climate, than with the different forms of those diseases which are prevalent in the country.

In those changes which are every where conspicuous on the surface of the earth, the sun is to be regarded as an important agent. His heat and light promote vegetation. Besides, the remains of all vegetable and animal substances, draw, not only their putridity, but their infectious power, from the action of his beams.

There is often in the revolution of each season, a wide field laid open to medical pursuits. In unhealthy situations, a minute re-