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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHEMISTRY OF NATURAL WATERS.

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It is proposed to divide this essay into three parts, in the first of which will be considered some general principles which must form the basis of a correct chemical history of natural waters. The second part will embrace a series of chemical analyses of mineral waters from the paleozoic rocks of the Champlain and St. Lawrence basins, together with some river-waters; and the third part will consist chiefly of deductions and generalizations from these analyses.

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§ 1. The solvent powers of water are such that this liquid is never met with in nature in a perfectly pure state: even