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Two comets return to perihelion during present year. The first, the well-known the present year. The first, the well-known Eneke's comet, which has been seen at 26 consecutive returns since 1818, was nearest the sun on February 4th; the other, discovered in 1884 at Lick Observatory, will be at its nearest point on June 3rd, when it will be about as for from the earth as the planet. bout as far from the earth as the planet Mars.

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Roots draw enormous quantities of moisture from the soil, and by this means it is discharged into the atmosphere. For example, the common sunflower was found to ample, the common sunflower was found to exhale twelve ounces of water in twelve hours, and an oak tree with an estimated number of 700,000 leaves would in the same way give off some thing like seven hundred tons of water during the five months it carries its foliage.

A diphtheria chart has been published in gland. It is intended more especially for recording the events of the disease in relation recording the events of the disease in relation to its treatment by antitoxin, and is practically a scheme for case taking arranged in a tabular form, appended to an ordinary temperature chart, and no doubt it will tend to encourage the methodical observation of the various details suggested by it—a service of no little importance.

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