

composition, but it must be remembered that some of the pure waters have an undoubted therapeutical effect, and that chemical analysis, which is absolutely reliable only in its estimation of basic salts and acids, will not always explain the medicinal effects of a water, and that small quantities of some constituents are often more effective as remedial agents than others that are present in larger quantities.

MINERAL SPRINGS.--Their Origin.

“From whence comes the abundant, never-failing supply of Mineral Water, changing but little from day to day, oozing, bubbling, spouting, in all sorts of fantastic figures. The undisputed facts are that all springs, mineral or otherwise, are meteoric in their origin. Springs have always been a very puzzling question and a fruitful subject of debate for ancient philosophers.”

“Aristotle taught

that there were large cavities in the interior of the earth filled with air, and that this air condensed to water on the cold ceilings and made its way to the surface through fissures.”