

experiments.—Lævo-campholic acid: Marcel **Guerbet**. A good yield of this acid is obtained by heating l-borneol with dehydrated caustic potash in sealed tubes. The acid has a rotation $\alpha_D = -49.1$.—The alkaline reduction of o-nitrodiphenylmethane: P. **Carré**. Reduction with zinc dust and caustic soda gives o-hydrazodiphenylmethane and o-aminodiphenylmethane.—The influence of aëration on the formation of volatile products in alcoholic fermentation: E. **Kayser** and A. **Demolon**. The amounts of aldehyde, acids, and esters are all modified by access of air to fermenting liquids. The presence of air, therefore, is an essential condition for the production of bouquet in wine.—The anatomy of the human thymus: Henri **Rieffel** and Jacques **Le Mée**. The two lobes of this gland are not united, but are easily separable, at least in the case of newly born infants. The contact of the thymus with the thyroid gland is not exceptional; this contact has been observed in 20 per cent. of the glands examined.—The rudimentary organs of the larvæ of the Muscidae: J. **Pantel**.—Contribution to the study of the singing voice: M. **Marage**. Curve tracings are given showing the changes taking place in the transition stage between chest and head notes.—The action of ink on the photographic plate: Guillaume **de Fontenay**. A criticism of some experiments by M. Darget.—The treatment of Baleri in the horse by orpiment: A. **Thiroux** and L. **Teppaz**. It is now shown that there are three forms of trypanosomiasis, curable by treatment with orpiment, infesting horses in Gambia, Souma, and Baleri. The diseases caused by *T. congolense* and *T. brucei* still have to be studied from this point of view.—Studies of cancer in mice. The different types of tumours appearing in the same growth: L. **Cuénot** and L. **Mercier**.—An enormous urinary calculus in man: A. **Guépin**. This calculus was removed from a man sixty-eight years of age, measured 8.5 cm. by 6.8 cm. by 4.5 cm., and weighed 220 grams.—The source of the Bise at Thau: MM. **Chevallier** and **Sudry**.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—Synthetic Wireless Telegraphy; with Specimens of Large Scale Measurements: Sir O. Lodge, F.R.S., and Dr. A. Muirhead, F.R.S.—The Leakage of Helium from Radio-active Minerals: Hon. R. J. Strutt, F.R.S.—The Mobilities of the Ions produced by Röntgen Rays in Gases and Vapours: E. M. Wellich.—Determination of the Surface Tension of Water by the Method of Jet Vibration: Prof. N. Bohr.—The Photo-electric Fatigue of Zinc, II.: H. Stanley Allen.
 LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.—The Genus *Nototriche*, Turcz.: Arthur W. Hill.—The Longitudinal Symmetry of Centrospermeae: Dr. Percy Groom.
 ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Mysteries of Metals: Prof. J. O. Arnold.
 INSTITUTION OF MINING AND METALLURGY, at 8.—A Theory of Volcanic Action and Ore Deposits, their Nature and Cause: Hiram W. Hixon.—An Instance of Secondary Impoverishment: H. H. Knox.—The Silver Islet Vein: Walter McDermott.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—The World of Life: as Visualised and Interpreted by Darwinism: Alfred Russel Wallace, O.M., F.R.S.
 PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 5.—The Effective Resistance and Inductance of a Concentric Main, and Methods of Computing the Ber and Bei and Allied Functions: Dr. A. Russell.—(1) The Luminous Efficiency of a Black Body; (2) The Use of the Potentiometer on Alternate Current Circuits: Dr. C. V. Drysdale.
 INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Experiments on a Diesel Engine: W. E. Fisher and E. B. Wood.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Electric Power Supply: G. L. Addenbrooke.
 ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—A Proposed North Polar Expedition: Captain Roald Amundsen.

INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES, at 5.—On an Approximate Method of Valuation of Whole-life Assurances, grouped according to Attained Ages, with Allowance for Selection, on the Basis of OIM Mortality: E. H. Brown.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Albinism in Man: Prof. Karl Pearson, F.R.S.
 ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, at 8.30.—Annual General Meeting. President's Address: The Relation of Anthropology to Classical Studies: Prof. W. Ridgeway.

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—On the Identity of Poonahlite with Mesolite: Dr. H. L. Bowman.—Contributions to the Study of Parallel Growths: Dr. S. Kreuz.—Note on the Spontaneous Crystallisation of Solutions in Spherulites: J. Chevalier.—On a Method for Studying the Optical Properties of Crystals: the late Dr. H. C. Sorby, F.R.S.—Some Additional Localities for Idocrase in Cornwall: G. Barrow and H. H. Thomas.—Detrital Andalusite in Tertiary and Post-Tertiary Sand: H. H. Thomas.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, at 8.—Further Discussion: High Speed on Railway-curves: J. W. Spiller.—A Practical Method for the Improvement of Existing Railway-curves: W. H. Shortt.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.—The Conway Succession: Dr. Gertrude L. Elles.—The Depth and Succession of the Bovey Deposits: A. J. Jukes-Browne.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—The Part played by Vermin in the Spread of Disease: J. Cantlie.

BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION, at 5.
 SOCIETY OF DYERS AND COLOURISTS, at 8.—The Locust Bean, and its Practical Application: M. C. Lamb and F. J. Farrell.—Chlorinated Wool: H. P. Pearson.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.—*Probable Papers*: The Action of the Venom of *Sepedon haemachates* from South Africa: Sir Thomas R. Fraser, F.R.S., and Dr. J. A. Gunn.—The Colours and Pigments of Flowers with Special Reference to Genetics: Miss M. Wheldale.—The Variations in the Pressure and Composition of the Blood in Cholera; and their Bearing on the Success of Hypertonic Saline Transfusion in its Treatment: Prof. Leonard Rogers, I.M.S.—The British Freshwater Phytoplankton, with Special Reference to the Desmid-plankton and the Distribution of British Desmids: W. West and G. S. West.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Mysteries of Metals: Prof. J. O. Arnold.
 INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, at 8.—The Parallel Operation of Alternators: Dr. E. Rosenberg.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 4.30.—Some Phases of Hinduism: Krishna Gobinda Gupta.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 9.—Improvements in Production and Application of Gun-cotton and Nitro-glycerine: Sir Frederick L. Nathan.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Sight and Seeing: Sir Hubert von Herkomer.
 ESSEX FIELD CLUB, at 6 (at Essex Museum of Natural History, Romford Road, Stratford).—Subsidence of Eastern England and Adjacent Areas: W. H. Dalton.—Some Notes on "Moorlog," a Peaty Deposit dredged up in the North Sea: H. Whitehead and H. H. Goodchild.

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