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fundamentally the same; the true atom being not yet reached. We want better warning of approach to land, and better communication between ships and shore, and the century will see great developments in this direction.

The new artificial stone industry of Germany is claimed to have important advantages over brickmaking. The output is larger with a given investment, production can be continued throughout the year, and the stone is harder and stronger than brick. The ingredients are 4 to 6 per cent of lime and 94 to 96 per cent of sand. These are mixed and shaped into blocks, then placed in a boiler and exposed for ten hours to steam at a pressure of 120 to 150 pounds per square inch. Pressure and chemical action combined bring about a union of the calcium and silica, forming, it is stated, a much more flint like compound than results from the hardening of mortar.

A summary of the British climate for 1900, as reported from 18 stations in all parts of the Empire, shows that the hottest place was Adelaide, with a shade temperature of 112.2 degrees on January 1, and a sun temperature of 170.5 degrees. The coldest place was Winnipeg, which registered 34.8 degrees below zero on February 9, and had a range for the year of 153.3 degrees. The highest temperatures of London (95.2 degrees on July 16) and Toronto (98 degrees on August 6) exceeded any before recorded. The greatest rainfall was 89.3 inches at

Calcuta, and the least was 16.1 inches at Malta.

Physique and predisposing conditions could mark the Jews as probably the most consumptive of European peoples. They are the shortest in stature and the most narrow chested, they live mostly in towns, they are especially exposed to infection from second-hand clothing, they are weakened by consanguineous marriages, and they suffer from poverty, anxiety and persecution. Yet statistics in Europe, America and Australia show that the Jews are almost exempt from tuberculosis. How to account for this striking immunity is a problem of the greatest importance in the present war against this disease, but one whose solution is not easy. Lombroso explains that the Jews are not exposed to the weather in their usual occupations. Dr. Maurice Fishberg, a late writer, accepts the view of Behrend that the careful selection of meat prescribed by the Jewish religion is the chief reason why they have no more consumption, but believes that abstinence from alcohol is a contributing cause.

The blood corpuscles of animals are found by a Swiss biologist to vary enormously at different times. He concludes that life forces ebb and flow in daily and yearly periods from outside changes, and monthly from vital processes. Our senses are made unreliable by both normal and abnormal variations. Treating of fairies, apparitions, visions and hallucinations,

Sir Lander Brunton lately pointed out the great differences in the acuteness of the senses, some persons seeing blue flames in the fire in winter and some hearing the shrieks of bats and myriads of other sounds on summer evenings, while others perceive neither. Similarly, there are people who feel what others do not feel. Apparitions are probably due to abnormal conditions of the apparatus for receiving impressions. The internal vessel of the brain may contract, like those outside, and thus give anaemia of parts of the brain, and consequent affections of vision, hearing, smell and taste. Psychologists connect epilepsy with the form of headache known as migraine. Migraine is often preceded by a vision of zigzags, and a troop of spirits in this form with which Dore illustrated the "Inferno" suggests that both he and Dante suffered with this headache. Stories of fairies may be referred in part to visions. Hallucinations of sight glide naturally into hallucinations of hearing, and both into epileptic visions. To such visions the "Koran" of Mohammed seems to have been due, and it is curious to speculate upon the changes in history a thorough dosing of the prophet with bromide of potassium might have wrought.

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