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## Lectures on Auto-Intoxication in Disease: Or Self-Poisoning of the Individual (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Lectures on Auto-Intoxication in Disease: Or Self-Poisoning of the Individual It was to these substances that the Italian toxicologist, Selmi, gave the name of ptomaines, - by which is meant chemical compounds basic in character, and formed by the action of bacteria upon organic matter. It is owing to these basic properties and their resemblance to vegetable alkaloids that ptomaines are sometimes spoken of as putrefactive or vegetable alkaloids, - the term leucomaines, or animal alkaloids, being reserved for those basic substances resulting from tissue metabolism in the body. Without discussing the question as to whether ptomaines are poisonous or not, - for Bouchard in these pages confines himself rather to the general action of animal poisons than to a designation of them, - it is sufficient to state that all ptomaines are not poisonous. Some are quite inert. Brieger restricts the term ptomaine to the non-poisonous basic products, whilst those that are poisonous he calls toxins. Ptomaines contain nitrogen, and in this respect the resemble vegetable alkaloids. Many of them contain oxygen, whilst in others...



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