



The Vitality and Organization of Protoplasm (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 The Vitality and Organization of Protoplasm The problem to be here considered is that of vitality. The things we perceive consist of what is physically and chemically designated as matter. This irrespective of whatever theory may be formed regarding the real consistency of what is thus designated. In plants and animals this material substance is found to be alive. It manifests the peculiar phenomena that are called vital, and which essentially distinguish living beings from lifeless things. It is, therefore, above all, incumbent upon biology, as the science of life, to seek to ascertain the special conditions which give rise to the vital properties of the substance composing plants and animals. The explanation of vitality to be here advanced has been arrived at as the result of many years of observation devoted to the vital phenomena of primitive forms of life, such as the Protozoa. No general definition of life, such as philosophizing biologists have abundantly advanced, can here at all avail. Our insight into the process which are operative in the manifestation of vital...



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