



The Effect of Alcohol and Chloroform on the Grains of Indian Corn: Thesis (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Effect of Alcohol and Chloroform on the Grains of Indian Corn: Thesis The length of time during which seeds under various conditions retain their vitality is a subject which has interested numerous investigators. Seeds of various kinds have been subjected to extremes of temperature, to the prolonged action of certain gases, and to treatment with different poisonous liquids, with the result that dry seeds seem very resistant to conditions which do not favor growth. Such experiments are of interest because of their value in the investigation of the nature of living matter. From well directed experiments it has been concluded that living matter may exist without any chemical change, and may therefore, retain its vitality in a condition of suspended animation for an indefinite period of time. Other experiments dealing with the influence of poisons upon plant organs have suggested that the marked resistance of many seeds to certain poisons is due, not to the stability of quiescent protoplasm, but to the imperviousness of the seed coat. The seed coats of various grasses have been found to behave as a...



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