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Medicina Physic.—Un medico de Chicago ha discoperite que sensibilissime microphonios permette le differentiation del sonos producite per le articulation del genu secundo que illo es rheumatoide, osteo-arthritis, o normal. Le identification acustic de rheumatismo e de osteoarthritis del genu es possibile, dice Dr. H. Fischer, multo ante que le roentgenogramma revela ulle alteration.

Physiologia de Plantas.—Pro retardar le florescentia de poinsettias per un decena de dies usque a noel—normalmente iste plantas attinge le culmine de lor florition circum le 10 de decembre—it es solmente necessari interrumpere lor "sonnio" durante un hora amne nocte inter le 22 de septiembre e le 10 de octubre. On ha semper sapite que poinsettias es plantas de "die breve", i.e. que illos comencia formar lor flores quando le dies comencia devenir plus breve. In le effortio de exploitar iste facto, on ha frequentemente tentate le metodo de prolongar lor dies artificialmente quando on volea retardar lor florescentia. Sed recercatores del Departamento de Agricultura del Stato de Ohio ha trovate post duo annos de experimentation que adder un hora o duo de lumine artificial al comenciamiento e al fin del die natural es minus efficace in le obtencion del mentionate objectivo que interrumpere de obscuritate del nocte a su medietate. Il pare que poinsettias es plantas de "nocte longe" plus tosto que de "die breve". Le mechanismo de iste phenomeno remane incomprendente. Le plus estranie aspecto de illo es que le hora de luminositate medienocturne non ha a esser continue: il es possibile applicar in loco de illo un serie de subite pulsos de lumine con intervallos de un minuta. Isto rende le metodo multo plus economic, e on sape que in le States Unite le provision de poinsettias in flor a noel es un grande industria.

Statistica Vital.—Le juvene americanos de ambe sexos es currentemente plus grande e plus pesante que lor parentes esseva a correspondente etates. Pro masculos le differentia de peso amonta a inter cinque e dece libras, pro femininas a inter dua e cinque. Omne isto es un del resultatos de un studio effectuate per recercatores del statounitese Departamento de Agricultura. Le mesme studio etiam monstra—curiosamente—que homines e feminas qui profita (o ha profita) de un education superior tende a esser plus grande e minus pesante que le alteres qui ha debite contentar se de un education elemantari.

Radiation Ionisante.—Certe scientistas russe—per contrasto con le majoritate de lor collegas occidental—insiste que alterations structural de cellulas nervose non es le sol possibile neuro-effecto adverse de irradiation ionisante. In experimentos con canes illes crede haber demonstrate que le prolongate exposition a basse doses de radiation affice le memoria, reducente le capacitate de apprender e accelerante le "capacitate" de oblidar. Pro explicar iste constataciones, le supra-mentionate russos ha elaborate le hypothese que doses de radiation que non suffice a lesionar le structura del cellulas nervose es nonobstante sufficiente a disturbar e forsan a alterar permanentemente le metabolismo de ille cellulas.

Microbiologia.—Le investigation del question—de apparentia satis academic—si actinomycetes es relationate al bacterios o al fungos ha resultate in un discoperta de grande importancia practic. In recente annos milles e milles de differente actinomycetes ha essite studiate in le cerca de nove antibioticos, proque il es actinomycetes que produce le grande majoritate del jam cognoscite antibioticos de interesse medical.

In iste situation il ha devenite de plus in plus difficile classificar le actinomycetes, i.e., in altere parolas, il ha devenite de plus in plus difficile systematisar le cerca de nove antibioticos. On ha variamente tentate basar le classification de iste organismos super lor color e super lor structura, sed ambe iste criterios es variable e lor estimation non pote esser liberate completemente de influencias subjective. Nunc recercatores al Universitate Minnesota ha trovate que actinomycetes revela lor affinitate o non-affinitate mutual in lor reaction al efecto de certe tipos de virus. Le susceptibilitate e le non-susceptibilitate del actinomycetes al efecto destructive de tipos specific de virus va esser le base de un nove classification in le mundo de iste plus importante productores de antibioticos. Viste que le tipos de virus in question pare esser simile al tipos de virus que es selectivamente destructive pro bacterios, le discoperta de Minnesota reforzia simultaneamente le conception que le actinomycetes es bacterios plus tosto que fungos.

Recercas de Sclerose Multiple.—Le apparentemente erratic distribution mundial de sclerose multiple se trova—segundo investigationes de Dr. J. S. Barlow del Universitate Harvard—in un frappante correlation con le latitudo geomagnetic. Viste que le intensitate del radiation cosmic es le sol cognoscite phenomeno natural que es causalmente associabile con le latitudo geomagnetic, Dr. Barlow ha formulate le these que sclerose multiple es causate (o co-causate) per le radiation ionisante del cosmo.

Antiboticos.—In Anglaterra un combination de processos natural con syntheses de laboratorio ha resultate in le developpamento de un specie de "super-penicillina" que se ha monstrecte efficace contra staphylococcus resistente a altere preparatos de penicillina. Illo es tolerante per multe personas qui es allergic al penicillinas conventional. Illo essera lanceate al mercato sub le nomine de "Staphcillin".

Cardiologia.—In le vicinitate de Paris in Francia, le meticolose examine medical de un puer a 17 annos de estate ha resultate in le constatacion que illa ha duo cordes. Le symptomas pro le quales illa cercava le consilio del medicos esseva extreme manco de energia e un excessivamente rapide fatigabilitate. Le medicos ha initiate un studio (que probabilmente va durar tres annos o plus) pro determinar si un del duo cordes pote esser extirpate chirurgicamente. Previamente un simile caso esseva reportate ab Yugoslavia ubi duo cordes esseva trovate in un juvener homine de 19 annos de estate quando ille se presentava al servicio militar.

Orthopedia.—Medicos del Administration de Veteranos experimenta con un apparato destinate a effectuar le electro-stimulation de paralyseatus musculos de gamba. Quando le assi stimulate musculos ha complite un movemento de marcha, le contacto del pede con le terra disruppe le circuito electric, e un nove cyclo del mesme genere es comenciate.

Foresteria.—Le radices de duo o plus adiacente arbores de foresta se trova non infrequentemente connectite per un sorta de intergraffage natural. Iste facto esseva estableite in recercas al Universitate Wisconsin. Le phenomeno es quasi totalmente restrincte a pares o grupplos de arbores del mesme specie. Ab le punto de vista practic, le discoperta significa que in multe casos le "circulation" de un arbores individual non es realmente individual: le intergraffage permette le passage de agentes pathogene e de substantias chimic de origine natural si ben que artificial.

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