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DIABETES INSIPIDUS CAUSE BELIEVED FOUND

A cure for diabetes insipidus, a disease which is characterized by the excessive elimination of water by the system, may soon be won by medical science.

The first step toward this end has been made by Dr. Helen Bourquin, professor of physiology at the University of South Dakota, who has duplicated in animals all the symptoms of the disease as they are exhibited by afflicted humans.

Application of electric cauterization to the pituitary - a small gland in the head - was the procedure which resulted in experimental diabetes insipidus in dogs.

The discovery appears to have revealed the mechanism which regulates the amount of water in the body. "The operation leads to actual drying up of the animals, if the water intake is restricted," Dr. Bourquin stated.

"The disease appears to be due to the discharge into the blood of something which stimulates the kidneys powerfully."

TABLOID BOOK REVIEW

THE WAYS OF LIFE. By Richard Swan Lull. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1925. \$3.00.

The current struggle in public opinion over the question of organic evolution has resulted in the production of many new volumes on the development of life. A large part of these are either very hastily gotten up by more or less recognized authorities, who doubtless already regret some of the things they have put into print, and others are the product of obscurer and ill-prepared folk who are impelled either by fanaticism or a desire to ride the wave to notoriety or profit. But better digested and better prepared books are now beginning to appear, and of these Doctor Lull's must be counted one of the foremost. As might be expected, he gives a great deal of space to the paleontological record, yet his treatment of the other lines of evidence, though briefer, is still adequate. And anyway, to most of us the most interesting thing about evolution is the paleontological part. A very valuable chapter is the second, on the "Plasticity of Living Matter": too many of our modern popular science books neglect this fundamental physiological aspect, which is really the key to the whole situation.

The death rate from communicable diseases is much higher in babies under two years than in older individuals.
