



A Treatise on the Forces Which Produce the Organization of Plants with an Appendix Containing Several Memoirs on Capillary Attraction, Electricity, and the Chemical Action of Light (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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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 A Treatise on the Forces Which Produce the Organization of Plants With an Appendix Containing Several Memoirs on Capillary Attraction, Electricity, and the Chemical Action of Light Is the autumn of 1833, during a period of convalescence from a severe attack of the fever of the Southern States, my thoughts were first turned to the connexion of Chemistry with Vegetable Physiology. At that time, as the works on Chemistry show, comparatively but little advance had been made in this interesting department of science. In the most popular treatises, Organic Chemistry consisted chiefly of a descriptive history of the acids and bases of the vegetable and animal kingdoms. It is impossible for any one to witness in those warm climates the rapidity with which all the operations of vegetable life are carried on, without having his thoughts directed to the obvious connexion which exists between these phenomena and external agents. Even in the opinion of the uneducated planter, the rapidity of vegetable growth is connected with the warmth of the season, and the occurrence of favourable rains....

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