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—At the end of the article on "The Synthetical Powers of Micro-Organisms, I.," in *Science*, Jan. 19, 1894, the equation should read:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rm CHO \\ \stackrel{1}{CO} \, OH \end{array} \ = \ \ \rm CH_{2}O \, + \, \rm CO_{_{2}} \\ \end{array}$$

—The archæological researches in the southern part of the republic of Costa Rica, which are now conducted by Enrique Pittier, director of the Physico-geographic Institute at San José, in behalf of the government, have been fruitful in results. His explorations in the Terraba and Boruca portions of the Pacific slope were continued during several seasons and disclosed the fact that the Terraba Indians are not individuals of a homogeneous race, but a medley of several Costa Rican tribes gathered up and settled on the tracts which they now inhabit, during the course of the eighteenth century, by Franciscan missionaries. Among this assemblage of tribes the Terbis or Tervis, who formerly had their home on the northern coast, were prominent, and hence the whole colony of tribal remnants were comprehensively called Terbis or Terrabas. The dialect of the Terrabas was adopted by the rest of the colony Indians. In fact it does not differ greatly from the language of the Bribris and other tribes still extant on the Atlantic side of the Costa Rican cordillera. Another people cognate to the Terraba are the Boruca or Brunka, now living three leagues south of the above. On their trading expeditions they sometimes visit San José, the capital, and from their homes they reach it in eleven days. They are not communicative concerning their own vernacular, and H. Pittier experienced considerable difficulty in getting collections of Boruca terms and phraseology. In appearance they differ from the Terrabas and are of purer and more homogeneous extraction, as may be readily guessed from what was said previously about the formation of the Terraba settlements.

-The executive committee of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists has decided to call the annual meeting of the Association for August 23, 24 and 25, 1894. The meetings will be held in the lecture room of the National Museum at Washington, beginning at ten o'clock on Thursday, August 23. The reporters for the meeting are as follows: Phosphoric acid, B. W. Kilgore. Raleigh, N. C.; Nitrogen, J. M. Bartlett, Orono, Me.; Potash, H. J. Wheeler, Kingston, R. I.; Soils and ash. A. M. Peter, Lexington, Ky.; Dairy products, E. H. Farrington, Champaign, Ill.; Foods and feeding stuffs, H. J. Patterson, College Park, Md.; Fermented liquors, Geo. F. Colby, Berkeley, Cal.; Sugar, G. L. Spencer, Washington, D. C. The cooperation of European chemists has been invited in the analytical work, and several acceptances of the invitation have been received. It is urged upon all members who have communications to make to the Association to bring them properly prepared and ready for printing. Much delay has arisen heretofore in securing the manuscript promptly from the reporters and others presenting papers. The speedy publication of the proceedings will be greatly facilitated by bringing everything properly prepared.

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