

people who like this sort of thing, this is the sort of thing those people like. On page 31 "fatal autointoxication" is mentioned, though western medicine has generally abandoned the unproved hypothesis of "autointoxication." On page 35 we read: "It is really possible to 'die of happiness, or of grief.'" Hufeland is then quoted authoritatively (p. 36) to the effect that "there are instances of people who, subjected to fear, turned completely gray in the course of one night." On page 42 the exploded myth of "ptomaine poisoning" is added to the folklore of "autointoxication." On page 44 Hufeland is again quoted: "The crow lives to be one hundred . . . the rooster to a decidedly shorter age, because he is such a tempestuous, quarrelsome, and lustful fowl."

On the positive side we might mention Bogomolets' drawing attention to the somewhat neglected work of Élie Metchnikoff; this, however, cannot abrogate the seriousness of circulating among uncritical readers a book so replete with error as this. Certainly, hypothetication of the boldest type is not to be criticized, but even dialectical materialism must not be expected to afford amnesty to error in simple scientific facts.

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