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Mr. Darwin's high repute as a "discoverer and expositor of facts" gives any work from his pen a character which demands a thorough reading and examination. The store of knowledge of plant physiology has been greatly increased by his researches, and promises to be still further added to, as it is evident that the present volume is not presented as exhaustive of the subject, or as the result of all the author's research into the means by which the higher plants gain their subsistence. The subject, which at first glance appears purely and technically scientific, is made by Mr. Darwin one of remarkable interest by his copious illustration of every branch treated, and the many experiments and tests detailed, which clear the way for the general reader, so that those who read the book for simple addition to the store of general knowledge, close it with as much satisfaction as does the scientist.