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planets of oar solar syst2m. His theory is that when nay one or more of the larger plancts, in their revolu-
tion around the sun, are nearest that tion around the sun, are nearest that
source of light and heat, the earth's atmosphere and temperature are so disturbed as to effect buman health injuriously, and to cause even pestilences among men and animals, as
well as to be diastrous to crops and fruits. In tracing the historical data applieable to this subject, Dr. Knapp shown that the perihelion periods of Japiter have, for several centurieg,
been coincident with wide-npread been coincident with wide-apread
epidemics; and that when two or more of the larger planets were in perihalion at the same time pentilences lave been correnposaingly aggrarated. As Jupiter in a thos-
anand times as large as the earth, and, in its orbit, approsebes nearer to the sun than any otber large planet does,
it is easyy to undernand, if the theory it in easy to underntand, if the theory
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ently neareat the aun, the injurions effect muat be intenaified. Astronomerr caloulate each revolntion of Jupiter around the sun to be secorplished in a little lens than twelve yeara; - that of Sutarn, in a
litte lean than thirty; that of Urana, ia about eighty-ais yeara; and that of Neptane, in about one hundrod and sixty four years. But centuried
may intervene between the period when all of them will be in their nearest position to the oun at the same time. Thia bas not yet ocourred
during the Christian era but, accord ing to Dr. Knspp's calculation, will occur about 1880 . In the sixth cent-
ory ary, and again in the sixteenth,
Japiter, Saturn, ard Urange conjointly in peribelion, and were conjointly in peribehon, and those
were the most aggravated peatilentiel werioda recorded in Distory. But, now, in the immediate future, we are Whave another cause of pestilence added to those which were so fata to life in the sixth and aisteenth cent-
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the earth may be expeoted to suffer more and more, on the whole, until
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exigt in their utmost intensity from exiqt in their utmost intensity from
1880 to 1885 , after which, as the planets recede from the sun, wore genial influences will prevait.
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approximate 1880, colds a:d heats, approximate 1880 , colds a:d heats,
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drouths, of uusual severity. Have the remarkabe floods, the ter ible disasters at ses, the unexampled drouth of 1 st spring, the excessive heat of the early summer, the unpre
cedented cold of the present winter the unparalleled snows of the West, the general failure of the p tato crop, the wide-spread epidemic of chill
fever and epizooty, and the ravages lever and epizooty, and the ravages
of smail-pox, any connection witk the coming perihelion? $* *$ w As in all pestilences, the intemper-
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the glattont, and the wine bibber, will sapply the principal victims; al-
though indireetly, more or less of those who belong to the hygienic
elass may suffer. Our safety consists in avoiding all predisposition to disease, snd this means a life in
obedience $t$, the laws of life; and conld the whole world adopt this
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