



Relative Effects of Carbon Monoxide on Small Animals (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Relative Effects of Carbon Monoxide on Small Animals J Afterdamp, which forms in a mine after an explosion or mine fire, consists principally of water vapor, smoke, carbon dioxide, oxygen, hydrogen, methane, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulphide, and nitrogen. Sulphur dioxide may also be present in the atmosphere and be mainly responsible for the well-known irritation of the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. Experiments have shown sulphur dioxide to be an exceedingly noxious gas, but proportions much less than those required to produce distress in men or animals may be detected in afterdamp by the sense of smell. Investigations by the Bureau of Mines have demonstrated that afterdamp seldom contains carbon dioxide in proportions sufficient to cause pronounced distress in men doing rescue work in mines. Hydrogen, methane, and nitrogen, as regards their physiological effects, are inert. However, a mine atmosphere may contain much nitrogen or methane, or both, and, in consequence, so little oxygen that men entering it are quickly overcome. Hydrogen sulphide is very poisonous, but its presence is easily detected by its odor. In addition to the constituents of...

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