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HEALTH-GIVING DUST

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The benefits experienced at mountain health resorts by sufferers from tuberculosis and bronchial asthma are commonly supposed to be due, in part, to the freedom of the air from dust. Now, however, we are told by Prof. E. Gehrke that a kind of very fine dust found in the air of such places is beneficial rather than harmful. In a current German scientific journal this authority describes the fine dust that often tinges with brown or yellow the snows of the high Alps. This dust is known to be blown from the Sahara Desert. Similar desert dust is found in the Andes, in Tibet and at great altitudes elsewhere. For some reason, not explained, it is said to make breathing easier and thus to be a factor in the salubrity of mountain climate.

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