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Pure air! A novel method for measuring the purity of air was used in England some time ago. The experimenters exposed polished plates of silver, copper, nickel and aluminum, and measured the loss of reflecting power, which is also a measure of air pollution. Of course the only kind of air pollution that could be measured by this means was the amount of gases and other substances that caused tarnishing. The plates were exposed in rural and in industrial centers. As was expected, all the metals showed different degrees of tarnish. Copper was found to be best for short periods of exposure and silver for long.

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