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if we take with us a few scraps of physiology as a sort of regulating principle. Keep always in mind the reciprocity of action between stem, leaves, and root. With that as a guide, one need never go far astray. To show you exactly what I mean: lately there was no more orthodox dogma in the whole of the Dhoon tea-planter's creed, than that plants, whether big or little, will not succeed unless taken up with a ball of earth; and if the tap-root happen to be cut, success is not expected. That was a law supposed to be as unalterable as that of the Medes and Persians. But, whether by accident or not, I do not presume to say, still it is a fact, that one-year-old plants or twenty-years-old plants will not only live but grow vigorously without balls, with both tap and laterals cut. That fact is mentioned merely to show that in any such experiment success may be arrived at by different roads.

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By MR ALLAN COLDSTREAM.

VI. *Observations on New Zealand Plants, No. 3.* By DR
LAUDER LINDSAY.

Miscellaneous Communications.

Mr H. FOX TALBOT, Lacock Abbey, exhibited photographs of *Spiræa venusta*, *S. betulæfolia*, and *Stanhopea insignis*, coloured by the hand. They were executed by artists who live at Berlin and Prague. The process is an improvement which is likely to be very useful. It will enable a tourist to make pictures on the spot of any plants he may meet with.

Dr THOMAS ANDERSON, Calcutta, sent a report on the progress of the cultivation of *Cinchona* at Darjeeling during 1867.

Dr JOSEPH DICKSON, Jersey, presented to the Herbarium a large collection of British and other plants, mostly named and mounted on paper.