



The Common Nature of Epidemics, and Their Relation to Climate and Civilization. Also Remarks on Contagion and Quarantine

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