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In the above way, (as well as in its non-percipient nature,) the plant exhibits complete decephalization—a condition to which the Radiate only approximates, as it has generally, if not always, an anterior and posterior side, besides other animal characteristics.

Note to page 327.—The term elliptic, as used on page 327, implies defectiveness or deficiency of parts through abnormal weakness in an organ or the general system. The foot of the horse, one of the examples mentioned, is therefore hardly elliptic, since it has its full normal strength in the one toe, this being enlarged at the expense of the others. Paragraph a and the second under b hence require correction accordingly. In the fifteenth line from the foot of the page, Animal-type should be Mammal-type.