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M. LOUIS PASTEUR.

LOUIS PASTEUR was born four-and-sixty years ago at Dole, the son of a tanner who had been a soldier, went to school at Besancon, and soon displayed a bent for chemistry and plunged into juvenile experiments. He became learned in tartrates and paratartrates, he investigated molecular dissymetry, fermentation, and putrefaction, and finally gave himself up to microscopic organisms, which led him up to the further development of inoculation as a protective and curative agent in disease. He became famous throughout Europe as one of the first chemists of the age, and was already known to every man of science in the world, when he became also known to men in general as the inventor of the vaccinal treatment of the dreaded malady Hydrophobia. No sooner was this known than the great chemist was invaded by men of every condition and every country, and some thousands of patients, the victims of bites from dogs either mad or supposed to be mad, have now passed before the operating-table of the Rue d'Ulm. It cannot be said that the treatment has proved itself successful, for many of those subjected to it have subsequently died. This, however, though it may diminish M. Pasteur's reputation as a destroyer of hydrophobia, does not detract from his ability as a chemist, and there is no doubt that he is a very great man indeed. He has worked incredibly hard, and once brought on himself, by work, an attack of paralysis. He is a vivisector, yet fond of animals, and a *very* humane and kindly man, who, though he is greatly denounced by his opponents, is beloved by all his friends.