

Farm, Garden & Household.

BRINGING UP WORN-OUT LAND.

It is ever and anon asserted that the only systematic and intelligent way to bring up land that has been run down, is to have the soil carefully analyzed by a professional agricultural chemist, to ascertain the lacking mineral ingredients, and then to purchase and apply the same.

Theoretically, this is all very well. But let us remember two or three things. It will be necessary to analyze nearly every field of a farm, if not different portions of the same field, because the soils will be more or less unlike. Then, too, these analyses are expensive. And lastly, they are very liable to fatal errors.—Prof. S. W. Johnson writes: "I do not doubt that in many cases a careful fertilization of a soil—chemical, physical, and historical—by a genuine, scientific farmer, one familiar with science and practice, would afford safe and nearly accurate data for its proper treatment."

But this would be always expensive, and in nine cases out of ten, would not pay. Soil analysis, at the best, is a chance game; and where one wins, a hundred may lose."

Instead, then, of looking abroad for some special process of reclamation, let the farmer turn to the farm itself and his own brains and see what they can do. If our farm is exhausted, it is because it has been abused, and to restore it, it must receive kind treatment. Let us see. Some parts of it may need draining. Other parts will need deeper plowing, and all will doubtless need more manure, and cleaner tillage.

The owners of such farms generally complain that they have not manure enough on their premises, and cannot afford to buy more. Then let them try plowing under green manure, such as peas, buckwheat, and, best of all, clover. Marvellous results have been achieved in this way. And much has been done and will be done as great wonders. Many a farm has a bed of this, and whoever has it, has a mine of wealth. Get it into every leisure day, and after it has drained, stack it up with alternate layers of lime or ashes. In a few months, it will be nearly as efficacious as so much barn-yard dung. Dr. Dana classes it with cow manure in value. Now, these two sources of fertility are enough, with deeper plowing and cleaner culture, to set any "worn-out" farm on a career of improvement. But as "every little helps," the farmer should save the droppings of his poultry-house, the slops and waste from kitchen and chamber, the contents of the privy, all bones and chips and odds and ends—in short whatever will decay, and so become a fertilizer. These several items amount in the aggregate to a good deal in the year's time. And the farmer who neglects to save them should be ashamed to complain of his worn out land. It is by economy of this sort that some of the poorest farms of the country have been reclaimed and made profitable. And there are many more waiting to be reclaimed by just such simple means. There are farms, however, in which this will not regenerate, and these in 99 cases in 100, need bone dust. Green manure and bone dust will cure 9-10ths of the ills that well drained and ploughed land is heir to. Lime is often a great help, and ashes still better. These facts are easier learned by experiment than by chemical analysis.

MANURES—HOW AND WHEN APPLIED.

A long established custom—a "rit" that the wheels of every day practice have run in for years, has something which entitles it to a respect. We do not wish to switch off upon a side track, or no track at all, just because we find ourselves running our practice in the old ruts. These were formed probably for some good reason, and should be departed from only for a good reason. The interest in the subject of manuring land is increasing over the whole country, even on the rich prairies, where the ideas advanced from time to time by the Agriculturalists, have so often provoked derision, manure is getting to have a recognized value; everywhere else it is the very life of farming. It is gratifying to hear a farmer say, "Five years ago, do the best I could, I could not make over 70 loads of good manure, but now I keep double the stock I did then, and make 300 loads of better quality." Such a man can not leave the accumulations of the whole year until April and May before he gets it out, but there must be a system of almost constantly getting it to the field, and getting it under ground. The farmer whose remarks we quote, has, on an average, 25 ox-cart loads of manure per month to dispose of.

For some crops, corn for instance, manure may be applied fresh and plowed in. For others, as flax or wheat, such rank manure would be fatal to a good crop. Applied in the autumn, manure will generally become so incorporated with the soil before spring, that its rank character will be entirely lost, and if examined it will be found much of the consistency of manure that has lain 6 months or more in the yard.

For corn and root crops, it is best to have the manure diffused through the soil. For wheat and the other cereals, the upper layer of the soil to the depth of 4 inches, should contain the manure applied, especially for that crop. There are two ways of securing this surface enrichment, which, in the case of the small farms, should never consist of rank unfermented manure. One way is to make a compost, and when of a uniform consistency, apply it on the plowed surface, and harrow it in, or work it in with a cultivator. The other is to plow in a good dressing of manure spread evenly over the surface, turning it well under. If this be done in autumn, the spring plowing and harrowing, if done right, will bring it again to the surface, well incorporated with the soil, and making usually a nice seed bed. If it be done in the spring, a crop of corn or early potatoes may be raised, or on some soils a summer small grain crop, and the manure be brought to the surface for the special benefit of a wheat crop. There are two ways of securing this surface enrichment, which, in the case of the small farms, should never consist of rank unfermented manure. One way is to make a compost, and when of a uniform consistency, apply it on the plowed surface, and harrow it in, or work it in with a cultivator. The other is to plow in a good dressing of manure spread evenly over the surface, turning it well under. If this be done in autumn, the spring plowing and harrowing, if done right, will bring it again to the surface, well incorporated with the soil, and making usually a nice seed bed. If it be done in the spring, a crop of corn or early potatoes may be raised, or on some soils a summer small grain crop, and the manure be brought to the surface for the special benefit of a wheat crop.

What is the difference between a composer and an editor? One sets standing and the other lies setting.

It is a mistake to suppose that everybody in Kentucky is running for governor. There are fifteen men who are not. They are the candidates for lieutenant governor.

SOBRIETY, does your father take the paper? Yes two of em. One of them belongs to corn stable for oats, and follow with wheat, seeding to clover and timothy. This to be followed by corn. Sometimes, it seems, the oats grow rank and lodge, but usually the crop is good. The reason evidently is that sometimes they plow the manure in so deep, the oats get but little, and if the plowing is too shallow, they fall badly. When they

Humorous.

According to the articles of war, it is death to stop a cannon ball.

"Have you read my last speech?" said a member of Congress to a friend. "I hope so," was the reply.

Every drunkard must choose between the two alternatives—sobriety, or a premature grave.

Be contented, with what you have, as the rat said to the trap, when he left his tail in it.

A VILE old bachelor says that Adam's wife was called Eve, because when she appeared, man's day of happiness was drawing to a close.

"First class in sacred music stand up. How many kinds of metre are there?"

"Three, six—long metre, short metre, and meet her by moonlight alone!"

A HOUSE dealer, describing a used up horse said he looked "as if he had been editing a county newspaper."

An old woman wants to know if the compass has a needle of thirty-two points, how long it would take a woman with such a needle to make a shirt.

EVERY fool has a right to be on the best terms with himself, and that man is a great fool who differs with him about those terms.

FASHIONABLE society generally has but two faults: first in being hollow-headed, and secondly, hollow-hearted.

WHAT Miss will ruin any man? Mismanagement.

The man who carried all before him—the wheel-barrow man.

The softer the head the harder the work to drive anything into it.

NEVER buy goods of those who don't advertise. They sell so little that they have to sell dear.

WHAT is the difference between a pretty girl and a night-cap? One is born to wed, and the other is worn to bed.

PRENTICE says: "The only poetry a handsome girl appreciates is written with a mousetrap on her lips."

An Irishman who had just landed in Pennsylvania said the first nest I ever ate was a roasted potato, boiled yesterday, and if you do not believe it, I can show it to you, for I have it in my pocket now.

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