

Barn-yard Manure.

This is the farmer's gold mine, and unless his efforts be exerted to augmenting and preserving from needless waste the manure from the animals under his charge, it is vain for him to expect to keep up the fertility of his soil.

Horse dung is very heating in its nature, partly because of the large amount of nitrogenous matter which it contains. In twenty-four hours horse dung begins to ferment, and of course to suffer loss by decomposition.

It is a good plan to sprinkle the manure heap frequently with plaster, as this retains the ammonia. Oil of vitriol, diluted, may be poured over it, in order that the sulphuric acid may capture the escaping ammonia and thus form the sulphate of ammonia.

Cow manure is of a colder nature than horse dung, but is exceedingly valuable. Pig dung is still colder and less fermentable than that of the cow.

Sheep dung is a rich manure—contains less water than either of the others and is somewhat rich in nitrogen, although it does not ferment so readily as horse dung.

Sheep dung, when dropped upon the ground, is more evenly spread than the other manures, and consequently the soil receives more benefit from it.

Manure, when dropped, returns more to the land than does cow, horse, or pig manure, because it is better distributed.

One experienced, one who cannot keep hundreds of sheep, remarks that sheep never impoverished land. He said you might pen sheep in sufficient numbers upon a lot to keep the grass green, yet the soil would be rendered more fertile.

Bossingcut gives the following analysis of horse and cow dung:

Table with 2 columns: Substance and Percentage. Includes Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen, Nitrogen, and Ash.

It is not to be overcome by skill—it is an inherent chemical condition. The only rays that chemically affect the negative are those of the violet and blue of the spectrum.

These rays, while of a yellowish color, are not so powerful as the rays of blue light. If a richly-colored, in which these three colors are boldly introduced, is exposed to the camera, the dark yellow will be turned to black.

But the point where the command over color is lost by the painter is what we call its play. In all the magnificence of nature, in all cases where color, either of a splendid or of a gloomy tone, produces the most powerful impression on the mind it does so by the aid of nature.

The grand idea of the Michael Angelo scowls from under the shadowy casque; and needs but little effort on the part of the awe-stricken spectator to attribute a ghostly life to the figure. With a painting this is altogether different.

Wm. Cullen Bryant, of the N. Y. Evening Post, is traveling in Florida, and in one of his letters he gives the following extract from the sermon of the late Rev. Mr. C. W. Johnson.

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The children of to-day, protected, cared for, must soon be left to fight their own battles with the world; may more must make the world their home, and live. The future of America lies in these little hands. They are

What shall we do to make them sufficient for the times upon which they have fallen?—Home and Society, Scribner's for June.

A gentleman who had lately lost his wife, looking out of the window in the dusk of evening, saw her sitting in a garden chair. He called to her, and she came forward. He looked into the garden, and saw her sitting in the same place.

There is much in a person's walk denoting character. A rapid walk indicates energy, or something of importance on hand which requires immediate attention.

A graceful deliberate swing walk, indicates a proud and haughty nature, with plenty of self-conceit. A slight bend and intense swing of the body, which leans out and nose thrusting the air above the heads of other people, and the least pigeon-toed walk, suggests vanity and a frivolous devotion to style and display.

A tottering walk indicates a person whose thoughts are always placidly contemplating a narrow sphere of life, in which self is the prominent figure. Such persons, when thrown upon their own resources, are helpless as a turtle on its back.

An unprotected female of Barbadoe, Wis., claims \$4,000 damages from the Northwestern Railway Company because one of its conductors kissed her.

Parley and surrender signify the same thing where virtue is concerned.

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