

There is something in the owning a piece of ground whichaffects me as do the old rums of Enghand. I freely contess
that the value of a firm is not chiefly in ts crops of cerenl grain, its orchards of fruit, and its herbs, but in those larger and more easily reaped harvests of assuci-
ations, fancies, and dreamy braodings ations, fancies, and dreamy broodings
which it begets. From boyhood I have associated classical civie virtues and old heroic integriety with the soil. No one who has peopled his young brain with the fancies of mythology but comes to feel a ceftain marical fancy for the carth.
The very smell of fresh turned earth briars up as many dreams and visions the conntry as sandal-wood does of Ori antal secucts. Atany rate, I feel in wall ne under these trees and about their hopes, something of that enchantment varue and mysterious gimpses of the pist Kenilworth Castle. For thousands of ears this pieec of ground hath wrough ears this pieec of ground has forests used o darken it; foses have blinked throne its bushes; and wolves have howled and growled as they pattered along its rust nuy birds; how many took of a hany birds; how many floeks of pigeon. dashiur wildly amour them. bow wany dashing wildy among them; how many many wailed bugs, and limber serpents,
gliding amongemoss stones, have lad ossession here before my day! It wilt not be long before I, too, shall be wastless
and recordless as thes:- Henry Ward Beceher.

## Ashes in Agriculture

Wood ashes is one of the most important fertilizers. It is easily obtained at any quantity, and at hittle expense.
fake them carefully from your hearths, and save them till your corn and potatoes ground, and then take a besket on your arm, and from it take a sunall handful of ashes and cast it at the root of your plants, and hoe theni soon, so as to cover the ashes.
Ashes contain all the inorganic sub conce of the wood o: plaints which are consumed; part of these are soluble an
part insoluble. But the soluble sub stance mixed with water will dissolve the insoluble. .Thus dissolved potash will dissolve silica, and prepare it for gla zing the caue, corn, whont, de.
Not a particle of ashes should go to
waste.- leeached ashes has parted with waste.-Leached ashes has parted with
its potash, but it still retains its phospho. ric acid and most of its lime.
Ashes neutralize acids in the soil they warm cold, mossy, wet places, they are very destructive to insects; they as fibsrs and stalks in compust heaps rende fibsrs and stalks in compust heaps; rende The potash, so material to most crops can be obtained here only from ashes In granite regions, potash is obtained from the dissolution of the feld-spar, but We have none in this rogion of country. Wheat contains a large proportion of potash. Fifty-nine per cent. of the ash
of torn is carbonate of potash, one-half the earthy part of Irish potatoes is pure potash: Save your ashes, therefore, as careful ly as you do your five and ten cent pieces apply them to your crops with care, am you will hind croving and deep gree color, while growing, and heavy wit
nutriment at harvest.-Ancient Oity.

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