

Agricultural Science.
$\therefore$ Plants are composed primarily, of two
grand divisions, organic and inorganic.
The organie part is conposed of the four
simple elements, carbon, oxygen. hydro-
gen and nitrogen. The elements inclu $;$
ded in the inorganic parts of plants, are
nine in number, and consist of potash,
soda. lime, magnesia, oxide of iron, shic
ca, chlorine, sulphuric acid and phospho
ric acid. These substances we will de-
scribe separately.
l. Potash In Agricultural chemistry,
the tern allali is frequently used, and
potash is a qood specimen of an alkali.
Almost every one knows that potash is
obtained from the lye of woud anhes, and
that lye itself is only water with potash in solution.
2. Soda, is a glassy or crystalline sub
stance, reseublini, alum. It has an at Stance, resembling alum. It has an al-
kaline taste, and is manufactured from common salt.
3. Lime, needs no description.
4. Mru,mesiu, is a white powder 4. Mfrymesia, is a white powider, sold
by the drurgists under the name of collined Marnesia. It has scaree $y$ any and from some kinds of limestune rock. 5. Oride of Iron, is iron ${ }^{\text {r }}$ rust, which
a combination of iron and the oxyren of the air.
sts to the substane name given by chemsandstone.
greenish, yellow color and air which has focating smell. This very noxious fris forms more than half the substance of compongalt. It is produced by pouring
muriatic'acid un black oxide of manmanese in a retort, and applying a gentle feat s a very sour, burniag, oily liquid, phur (brimstone.
sour substance which is made by burning phosphorus iu the air. It exists in large quantities in the bones of animals.
The ashes of all our usually cultivated plants contain all these substances. All ashes when burned. Thus 1 (t) lbs. of hay leave 9 or 10 lhs. of ashes, while 100 ashest The proportions of the above
named substances atso differ in difierent plants. Thus the ashes of wheat contrin ay; and the ashes of hay the ashes of hiue than the ashes of wheat
The learuer now will begin to catch glimpses of the utility of ayricultural
chemistry. But we must not auticipato. We have a few more things to say before we enter upon the practice of agricul


Timeny Hint - Let everything that can be done to facilitate spring op-
erations be proceeded with; malie roads and walks, and dig out and prepare the gone, mark out the direction of the bo mer, and insert stakes into tho intendel positions of the latter, and write the will be finmd at igreat assistance when th hurried season of planting arrives; and abore and things, prepare an auple heal your lusuriant anticipations may the sooner be real.sed.
nes Pruning is an operation very kt vators; an annual visit to the orchard with an axe and saw, and the cutting out of a few limbs being considered the in inspensible procedure. If your trees them out judiciously; if very productive of fruit, butp have made short and "weak gowis, prune them down severel y; but not touch while destitute of leaves. says William Saundars in The Horticulturist.

Plant from tie Best - A Virginia farmer, in sendiug some fine corn to the Agricultural Office at Washington, says
.-I have for twenty years Bived for seed the top ear of the stalks that bear two and three ears apiece, and have in this muner improved the corn." This and a most nutritiuns bread, which is

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