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HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Use of Forest Leaves.
Every year we find requent exhorta. tailen leaves In the woodis nad in by places around the farm. So far as my
experience goes, thiss practico searrely experience goos, this, pructice seareely
pays the labor it requires. Wood leaves pays the labor tit requires. Wood leaves
of themselves are of comparitively titde value as manure. They are good absorbents for urine and other nitrogenous
manure, but on ail grain furms there is usunlly more than enough straw and other refose for this parpose. Biraw is
a better absorbent than leaves, and is a better absoribent than leaves, and is
richer in the elements of pilant food. Even if icaves were ever so valuable, it
would be cheaper to get them in their decompoeed form ng lear mould. A man might work nill day gathering leaves
which when rotted would not make ns much mould as becould dig in the woods
In twenty minutee. The manurial value of this mould is less than the averale of of this mouad his less than the average of
good noil it well manured helds. There
is a difierence in leaves, thoee from someme is a difference in leaves, those from some
varieties being more valuable than others, but genernuly they contain little phosphoric acid, ilitte nitrogenous mat-
ter, and depend for their value ehifitly on ter, and depend for their value ebiefly on
the carbonaceous matter which they contait. Excepting on hight tandy or gravel1y moiss, erarben is selamon lacking. Farmver as furnishing vegetable matter; but
if cloverdid nothing but this it would tee in far lower repute than it is
As an abbortbent, leaf-mould from the woods is more valuable than the unrot-
ted leaves. But it in not worth more than muck, which ts only another form of mould. Its mechnnikal effects on the
soil are excellent; but unless from localIty land is very valuable, it will not pay
to haul vegetable mould in quantity sumferent to chauge the mechanity character of the soli. It requires a heavy
dreesing of the strongest nitrogenous manures to makke poor soil rich. Much more will it need larger npplication or
lesa fertile materin) less sertile material. A man may work
for six monthe gatiering leaves, and The only practical mode of increasing
vegetable matter in the soil is to grow it there and thus make nature help in the soil or are brought there by the winds than for it maveral value 1 tew us doubt that where soil is defficient invegetable matter it will pay to leave long
stabble to favor catehing and holding whatever is blown over the surface. In any other way there is rarely much
advantage in directly adding to the veg. etable matter in the soil.

## Sensible Advice.

Professor Silliman, of New Haven,
recently closed a Smithsonian lecture by giving the following sensitble advice to young mean : If, therefore, you wish and quiet nerves, and long ine, and to say, although $I$ am not giving a tem-
perance lecture, avoid all drinks above water and mild infusions of that fluid; shun tobncoo, opium, and every thing system. rely mild, dlluted drinks, of which water the base; and you will need nothing due moral regulations of all your powers, to give you long, happy, and useful lives, -
as It the a matter of ittle consequence or that grain, in this or that crop; it matters very little how much a firmer
raiser on tion is how much he ralses per acre. The farmer who raises one hundred
bushels of wheat on fouracres will be come a well.to-do, independent farmer, if not a rich man, if he does not meet with extraordinary misfortune; but the of wheat on twelve ecres is on the direet road to poverty, and undouttedly
will become poor if he live long enongh and ralises wheat enough.
thCorn-meal as everybody knows, is the beat and cheapest feed for fattening
all kinds of poultry. The meal should be raw one dyy, aid made a stiff dough and cooked the next. Feed every four bours through the day, beginning early and ending gate, and give as much at a time as will be eaten immediately, and no more. Seavon as plentifully with
nelit as persons do their food, and aid a alight tprinkle of cayenne an aid a These condiments kerve a double pur-pose-- hat of smproving the appette
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