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How to Maintain Soil Fertility.

"We all know that it is very desirable to have a fertile soil in which to grow crops," says F. P. Peck, of Michigan, "For success in farming depends largely on the fertility of the land. Every one knows of many, once fertile farms which are not now producing half what they should—scarcely enough to pay for the labor necessary to produce a crop. It is more profitable to farm so as to maintain or improve the soil than it is to rob the soil of its fertility, and in the end bring ruin to the owner of the farm."

How is this to be done? I believe our greatest loss of fertility is the loss of humus. A soil without humus will not carry a crop successfully through a drouth. A clay soil devoid of humus will be hard and lumpy, and will not retain moisture for very long. We all know the effect on the crop, and the great amount of labor required to prepare such a piece of ground for a crop. Hence our aim should be to farm so as to produce and leave as much humus in the ground as possible. This is best accomplished by a rotation of crops, and one crop in the rotation should be clover, which is our greatest soil renovator. We should aim to feed everything, or nearly everything produced on the farm, and if we add a little bran or concentrated feed to the ration of each animal, and carefully save and apply all the manure, it is easy to see that we shall maintain, and probably add to the fertility of the soil.

Many advocate the plowing under of green crops, but unless a farm is very much run down, I would not practice this, unless it be to bury a second crop of clover, or a clover crop sowed to protect the ground during the winter. A cover crop should always be sowed whenever a piece of ground remains idle during the fall and winter. Many times we have a piece of stubble which we intend to plant to corn or potatoes. On this we can grow a crop of rye or peas and barley, either of which will make a large growth and can be plowed under in time to plant to corn. This adds largely to the humus of the soil, and will tend to carry the crop through a drouth without injury.

As I said, it should be our aim to feed all, or nearly all we raise on our farms for the purpose of keeping up the fertility of the farm, and I believe it to be more profitable to sell our produce in the form of butter, beef, pork, &c., than to sell it in the rough. I believe our produce fed to good stock, will bring us more than twice what it would sell for on the market. For example, I can feed a cow for 12c. per day, and have her bring in 25c. per day or more for butter alone, and I believe the same to be true with all other kinds of stock.

Many advocate the use of commercial fertilizer. Of course, the basis of all our fertility is the amount of nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid a soil contains. When we consider that an ordinary crop of wheat of 25 bushels per acre, removed about \$8.75 worth of these elements from the soil, and a crop of corn nearly as much, we can readily see that when a soil is exhausted of these elements, it is quite expensive to replace them by using commercial fertilizers. Now if we feed our crops on the farm, we can return about 80 per cent. of these elements to the soil in the manure, and at the same time get twice the market value of our produce. We can readily see that it is more profitable to farm so as to improve our soil, than to sell our crops on the market, and at the same time be losing heavily in the fertility of the soil.

I would not advocate the feeding of wheat, but would sell it and purchase bran or cottonseed meal, which is worth more for feed than wheat, and has about double the manurial value. If I sold much wheat, I would use commercial fertilizers freely, for it is impossible to keep up the farm, and sell grain without their use. If we grow all the forage crops we can and feed them on the farm, carefully save and return the manure, we need have but little fear about the fertility of the land.

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Thoughtful, Very. In connection with his early struggles a certain well-known doctor relates the following amusing little story.

As a young man he sought to establish a practice in a mining village. He had undertaken a big task, as his rival had been in undisputed possession of the field for some years and was deservedly popular with the miners.

After waiting patiently for some weeks the newcomer was called in to his first case. It was nothing serious, and he hastened to reassure the anxious husband. "Merely a severe cold," he remarked. "Your wife will be well again in a few days."

The miner breathed a sigh of relief and remarked, with refreshing candour:—"I'm glad of that, sir. Ye see, we allus had owd Dr. B—; but I wor a bit frettened this time. My missus has been visiting D—, an' small pox is rich, bad theer. She came 'ome 'dicky' like, an' I thowt if it wor small-pox owd Dr. B— shouldn't take it anyways, so I called you in."



NOTICE.

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Poor Clerks Who Pose as Men of Wealth.

The case of Goudie, the recently convicted Bank of Liverpool clerk, who, while but a small-salaried employe, posed as a man able to lay and, what is more, to lose thousands on one horse, is not without parallel in the annals of crime.

It is now nearly a quarter of a century since Gray, a cashier of the Douglas branch of the City of Glasgow Bank, at £100 a year, asserted that he had been robbed of the strong-room keys by three men, who had taken £9,000. The story, however, did not ring true; and when it was found that Gray had recently purchased some freehold property and was posing as a man of means, suspicion was more than excited, and he was arrested. Conviction followed, and he was sentenced to penal servitude. The most of the missing gold was, with the exception of a few hundred pounds, ultimately discovered secreted in or near the country house that he had built.

William Watts, a clerk in a big assurance office, managed, by manipulating the banker's passbook and the cheques drawn by the directors, to embezzle in six years upwards of £71,000, which he applied to his own selfish enjoyment. He led a double life, and none recognised in the check-clerk at the assurance office, with a modest salary of £200 a year, the dashing man about town, who gave such lavish entertainment at his town and country houses, rode and drove the best horses, and was manager of the Marybone and Globe Theatres. His ultimate fate was suicide, which he committed in his cell the same day that he received a sentence of ten years' penal servitude.

Holding a position as clerk to a company at £150 a year—employment which, he averred, acted as a sort of discipline upon an otherwise indolent temperament—William Robson posed as a patron of the arts, entertaining profusely at his house at Kilburn Priory, to which flocked all the lesser celebrities of the day. Naturally his lavish entertainments could not be supported by his clerk's salary, and, while he advanced luck on the Stock Exchange as the source whence he derived his wealth, the latter in reality accrued from skilful negotiation of forged bonds, from which he derived some £27,000 before detection. Among other roles he posed as a dramatic author, one of his plays, "Love and Loyalty," with Wallace in the leading part, having a certain vogue.

Suddenly the blow fell. One morning his chief asked for certain certificates. These Robson could not produce, averring that they were at his house. Thither the chief ordered him at once to proceed, saying at the same time that he would accompany him. Arrived at the house, Robson asked his chief to wait in the drawing-room while he went for the papers. He never returned, but left the house secretly for town, whence, having first dined at a West-end restaurant off fish curry and a brace of partridges, he escaped to Denmark. His whereabouts, however, was soon discovered; he was given over to the English police, brought to London, and sentenced to a long term of penal servitude.

Fifty years ago the chairman of the Great Northern Railway, Mr. Denison, was standing at a railway station talking to a certain peer. A clerk passed and raised his hat. Mr. Denison acknowledged the salute, but the peer rushed forward and warmly shook his hand. "What do you know of our clerk?" demanded the chairman, in a tone of surprise. "Only that he is a capital fellow and gives the best dinners in town," was the reply.

This answer awoke the chairman's suspicions, and the books of Leopold Redpath, an official of the railway, underwent examination, with the result that it was discovered that forged stock to the value of £220,000 had been issued. The vast sum had been appropriated by Redpath, who, besides living at the rate of £20,000 a year, had accumulated property in pictures, furniture, art objects, etc., to the value of £50,000. A great part of his yearly expenditure had, it was said, been devoted to acts of ostentatious philanthropy.—London Tit-Bits.

Out of The Shadow.

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So slowly does superstition fade in the face of education that even on September 17th, 1875, an old woman was killed as a witch at Long Compton, in Warwickshire, the murderer being, however, a half-insane man; but in Ireland, at Ballyvedhan, in Tipperary County, as recently as March 15th, 1895, a young woman, only twenty-seven years of age, was burned to death as a witch, for which crime, on July 5th following, her own husband was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude and five others to different terms of imprisonment.

An Editor's Opinion

Of the Marvellous Restorative Qualities of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

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