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From the Albany Cultivator for October. SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE. Continued from our last.

Those sciences, however, which are regarded as more particularly and di-recly applicable to agriculture, are vege-table physiology, and chemistry, and ge-ology. The intimate connection be-tween vegetable physiology and vege-table chemistry, and between geology and the chemistry of the soils, render them all in a manner inseparable, and they will be mostly considered together.

them all in a manner inseparable, and they will be mostly considered together. The relations of vegetable physiology to the practice of horticulture, are vasily more important than to agriculture. The far greater number of species which come under the cognizance of the horti-ulturity and the practice of the horticulturist, and the variety of treatment they need, render it very necessary that he should understand the nature of accli-mation, the influence of heat, cold, moisture and fertility, of germination, and action of the roots, stems, leaves, and various other parts of plants. Such knowledge would be also highly advantageous to the enterprising agriculturist whose object, aside from the profit, is to introduce new vegetable productions for general culture, and who should therefore understand the effect of removal to an unlike climate and soil.

But this science often becomes very But this science often becomes very useful to the common farmer. A know-ledge of physiology, and of the enormous quantity of moisture which plants per-spire insensibly from the leaves, would have wholly prevented the very common and pernicious error, that weeds preserve moisture in the earth, and shade conti-guous plants from the effects of drought while unfact every weed is an outlet while in fact every weed is an outlet through which moisture as well as nouthrough which moisture as well as nou-rishment is rapidly drained from the soil. An acquaintance with the princi-ples of botany would have prevented the pravalence of the equally pernicious no-tion, that the weed so common in wheat, termed chess, could ever be transmuted to wheat, a plant not only of a different species, beyond the honoury of which a species, beyond the boundry of which, a plant by no change ever passes, but is also of a different genus. A knowledge of the fact, that no root of a plant can long remain alive, which is a growing state, when deprived of its breathing apparatus, the leaves, would have prevented the wild attempt practised some years the wild attempt practised some years age, of endeavouring to destroy patches of Canada thistles, by carefully digging up every fibre of the roots, by cutting off un-remittingly the supply from the leaves for a proper length of time. Were the vital importance of the leaves to the health and perfection of the seeds of plants properly understood the pression of plants properly understood, the practice of "topping" corn would never have been resorted to. In numerous other cases, this science serves to throw light on ope-rations of culture, and to assist correct practices practices.

An intimate and important connection may exist; in others, all seems as yet in-volved in uncertainty. The triple rela-tions of the analysis of plants, of soils, and of manures, and the determination of the constituents of each promise, perhaps more important results than any other department. The knowledge of the organic constituents of plants, composed of various combinations of the four elements, carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen, may afford some very useful suggesti-ons in practice. By knowing for in-stance, the proportions of those constituents, we can often arrive at a comparative value of different kinds of grain. Analysis shows that some vegetable products contain more starch than others; some abound in glutten; some contain a large portion of oily matter, and others are distinguished for other ingredients Now some of these are best adapted to one object. If for instance, in feeding animals, it is intended to fatten them, in practice.

those grains would be pointed out as best which most largely contain oil; if to make them grow in flesh and muscular parts, those which abound in glutten; if the eb-ject is to make a cow yield butter, food containing oily matter should be given; if to yield cheese, beans, peas, and clover should be given; and if milk in quantity merely, succulent food should be employ-ed. But although in these instances, ana-lysis may suggest useful practices, yet the amount of the benefit must be deterthe amount of the benefit must be determined by practice. Theory may point out one course as better than another, but the difference may be so small, as not to merit attention in practice, which can only be determined by direct experi-

can only be determined by direct expen-ment. The difficulty of arriving at a correct practical conclusion, in relation to the quantity of neutriment in grain and other food by analysis, will be evident from the fact, abundantly proved by some of the best farmers in New-England as well as in Western New-York, that corn ground and boiled with water, is more effective in fattening hogs, than twice the amount in fattening hogs, than twice the amount fed in the fry grain. Aualysis, in other cases, will show the

Analysis, in other cases, will show the comparative value of different varieties of the same grain. A very valuable in-gredient in wheat is glutten, of this French wheat has been found to contain 12 per cent.; Bavarian 24 per cent. H. Davy obtained 19 per cent. from winter and 24 from current wheat form winter, and 24 from summer wheat; from Sicilian, 21, and from Barbary wheat, 19 per cent. But the uncertainty of permanent dependance on such analysis is proved by the fact that the nature of the soil may considerably influence the result. Hermbstædt found that the same wheat which, with vegetable manure only, gave scarcely 10 per cent. of glutten, yielded more than three times as much when manured with powerful animal substanthe potato are found to contain more starch than other varieties; and this quan-tity is also controlled to some extent by soil.

soil. The analysis of plants will also indi-cate what plants are best to employ as manure by ploughing in the green crop. A considerable portion of nitrogen is es-sential to the growth of wheat. Now clover is also found to contain a large portion; hence a crop of clover becomes eminently useful as manure for this grain. Wheat abstracts its nitrogen chiefly from the soil and is consequently exhausting. the soil, and is consequently exhausting; clover obtains it mostly from the air, and is not exhausting, but becomes in thisway

the provider for the wants of the wheat. Analysis has also proved that in ad-dition to the usual organic elements, there are about ten organic or earthy con-stituents, most of which are invariably found in the same species, and are indis-pensable to its healthy growth. These are potash, soda, lime, magnesia alumina silica, iron, manganese, sulphur, phosphorus and chlorine. These substances are derived from by the plants from the soil hence a fertile soil, ---one from which plants may draw these essential constitu-ents, must of course contain them. An intimate and important connection exists between agriculture and chemistry combined with vegetable physiology. In some cases, considerable accuracy of reasoning, and certainty of application may exist; in others, all seems as yet inons, is necessarily sterile; or if they be destitute of one only, the same result must take place, if that one is an essential ingredient of the crop growing upon them. And here it is that the great benefits to be derived from analysis of soils, at once force themselves upon the mind. If a soil is barren, determine its constituents - see what is wantingwhat is in excess ; apply at once the defcient ingredient, or counteract or neutralize the injurious one, and fertility is restored. A soil was shown to H. Davy which, though apparently abounding in every enriching material, was incapable of yielding a crop. He found by examin-ation, that it was poisoned by a consider-able portion of sulphate of iron or coppe-He decomposed this sulphate by ras. applying lime, and the difficulty was re-moved. Here the remedy was simple and certain ; but such cases very rarely occur

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