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in perpetuating the improvement.—Previous to its application in this case, plaster was liberally used; but with no visible effect whatever: now, its action is as marked on the *same* land, as I have ever seen any where.

Wherever lime can be obtained at a reasonable price—say from 12 to 20 cents per bushel in a caustic state (or at half price, if air slacked) with even 5 to 10 miles hauling, it may be used to advantage on most, if not all stiff clay soils.

In some sections these prices are paid, and it is hauled 15 to 20 miles; and by a class of men unsurpassed for industry and thrift. The writer has known no instanee where its use was perservered in, under whatever disadvantage it might be, in which success, to a greater or less extent, did not crown the effort; and many who borrowed money to procure it, in the first instance, have mainly by its use, become independent; and *money lenders* themselves.

Bones—composed principally of phosphate of lime, and gelatinous animal matter, when crushed or ground, form one of the richest manures. It acts well either alone, or with other manures; and is particularly valuable to aid the growth of clover; for this reason, I class it decidedly before Guano, at an equal expenditure of money, for "renovating worn-out lands." Although not so prompt in acting, it is far more durable, and more likely to produce a good crop of clover, to turn under. Clover, being almost the only "green crop" that I have ever found much advantage from turning in.

I prefer its use, following the lime, and on the oat crop; at the rate of from 6 to 10 bushels—or as much more as the renovator may please, for an increased quantity will do *no injury*. On the wheat, succeeding the oats, my practice is, to apply a light dressing of Guano—say 80 to 100 pounds to the acre, to mature and perfect the grain; and only on such portions of the field, as the manure from the barn yard will not extend to. By the time the clover requires the aid of the bone, it will have become sufficiently disintegrated and incorporated with the soil, to give the clover a vigorous start; and its effect on the grass crops, is generally more durable than the vegetable manures.

The supply of *ground* bones is a limited one; but when to be had at a reasonable price (usually selling at 40 to 50 cents the bushel) it may be used to advantage on all crops and on all soils; but with decidedly *less* advantage, after passing through the *alembick* of the glue manufacturer; (as I have proved—at least to my satisfaction); thus depriving it of much of its fertilizing property. It is usually harrowed in with the seed, as it loses less by exposure to the atmosphere, than most kinds of putrescent manures.

Guano.—This is one of the most active of all manures; and if the price would justify the application in sufficient quantities, it might aid very materially in "renovating worn-out lands." But considering the evanescent nature of its most active principle, ammonia, and the present high market price, viz: the Peruvian, at $60 to $70—and the more inferior kinds at $45 to $55—for the ton of 2000 pounds, it is much doubted whether the ultimate advautage, calculated on by many, will be realized. If the Peruvian could be obtained at about *half* this price—and it is believed such would be the case with a fair competition in the Peruvian market—the case might be different.

The writer has made liberal use of Guano; and generally to profit, as to the immediate return; but in no case has much benefit been derived beyond the first crops; and rarely was any material effect perceived after the second year.

This opinion, so different from that entertained by some others, is not lightly formed, nor without several years careful observation; and also testing the matter by numerous experiments, and on a scale sufficiently extended, to prove the truth, or fallacy, of the doctrine held by some, that it is only a stimulant. Reference to one experiment may suffice, as they all tend to the same result, and nearly to the same degree.

In a field of some 10 acres, one acre was selected near the middle, and extending through the field, so as to embarce any difference of soil, should there be any. On this acre 200 pounds of Peruvian Guano, at a cost of about $5.00, were sown with the wheat. Adjoining the Guano on one side, was manure from the barn yard, at the rate of 25 cart loads to the acre; and on the opposite side (separated by an open drain the whole distance) ground bones were applied on the balance of field, at a cost of $6.00 to the acre: the field equally limed two years preceding. There was no material difference in the time, or manner of seeding; except that the manure was lightly cross-ploughed in, and the Guano and Bones harrowed in with the wheat.

The yield on the guanoed acre was thirty-five bushels; the adjoinging acre with bone, as near as could be estimated by dozens, and compared with the Guano, was about 27 bushels; and the manured, about 24 bushels. The season was unusually dry; and the manured portion suffered more from this cause than either of the others; the land being considerably more elevated, and a south exposure.

The field has since been mowed three times; the *first* crop of grass was evidently in favor of the boned part; the second, and third, were fully two to one over the Guano, and also yielding much heavier crops of clover seed. On a part of one land, 18 bushels to the acre of the finest of the bone were used; on this, the wheat was as heavy as on the guanoed, and the grass generally lodges before harvest, as it also does on much of the adjoining land with 12 bushels of bone.

The action and durability of Guano, probably vary on different soils; and although it may generally be used to advantage in aid of a single crop, I have as yet, no satisfactory evidence, that its fertilizing properties are very durable: unless applied in such quantities, as may in the end, "cost more than it comes to."

Guano should *not* be used with caustic lime, or ashes; nor very soon succeeding their application. It may with decided advantage be mixed with plaster, to fix and retain the ammonia; and for nearly, if not all crops, it is best to sow it broadcast, and *plough* in immediately.

Leached Ashes.—There are few, or none, who are ignorant of the value of this article as manure. But as the supply is rarely, if ever equal to the demand, much need not be said on the subject. At 8 to 10 cents per bushel, if the cost of transportation is not too heavy, they may always be profitably used; in durability they are next to lime, and the action immediate. Few comparatively, except within the vicinity of cities or villages, or those with water or railroad facilities, can procure, or afford to use them.

Poudrette.—Much profit has not resulted in the use of this (the merchantable) article, so far as I have observed its effects on my own, or the crops of others. Such as I have purchashed, has as yet produced but slightly beneficial results on the crops to which it was applied. Its fertilizing property was diffused through such a mass of inert matter, that I concluded with half, if not one-third of the expense, more benefit might be derived from the purchase of some other kind of manure.

In the neighborhood of cities, where a supply can be obtained without so much adulteration, its use may be made very profitably.

Turning in Green Crops.—This plan of renovating worn-out lands," has long been advocated by many. I have also given it a fair trial; and with the exception of CLOVER as *the* green crop, little advantage has resulted from its adoption: *very poor* land, without some extraneous aid, will not produce a green crop worth the turning in. It is questionable, whether the same amount of time and labor (supposing the occupant without the means to purchase manure of any kind) could not be better employed on such land, in adding to his stock of manure, by composts; prepared from decaying vegetable matter, alluvial soil, &c. &c., abounding more or less on all farms. If the land possess fertility to produce sufficient clover for pasture, the use of plaster either without, or certainly *with* the aid of lime, will, with good management, make it yield a luxuriant crop. But it should be borne in mind, that to improve in this way, little mowing, and less pasturing, must be permitted. The land is not only benefitted by what is *turned in*, but is also materially aided in the process of renovation, by what is *left out*, and on the surface; to shield and protect the soil from a parching sun, prevent throwing out the clover roots by the winter frosts, and washing away of the soil, by heavy dashing rains.

This brings to mind another matter, though perhaps not strictly "in the bargain," but which is of much more importance than many seem to be aware of; and as yet only incidentally alluded to. It is the *preservation* of the land after it is renovated, from washing away of the soil; and into gullies, and "galled places," as they are called: this is best done by regular water furrows made with the barshare plough, and throwing the earth on the lower side. I will attempt a brief description of my plan of operations; but without a diagram, some may possibly be at a loss.

The points to *commence* at are determined by the eye; a cheap spirit level, costing but a trifle, will soon give the termination with precision, and the proper inclination. The operator takes a station some 80 to 100 yards distant from the designated point; the assistant, having the staff, with a moveable target, and also a bundle of stakes, some 2 to 3 feet long, places one in the ground, and by its side raises the staff and moves the target up or down, to range with the sight from the level: the target is then *raised* 6 inches and confined by a screw; the assistant walks 17 steps, and raises his staff: the operator by merely turning his level, and not otherwise varying its position, soon determines the point for the second stake, by the assistant moving the *staff*, backwards or forwards, (keeping his distance from the first stake) until the target again ranges with the level; then set another stake, and raising the target six inches at each station, throughout the field. One position for the level, if selected with judgment, will serve for 8 or 10 sights; they should be taken in *advance*, and on, or near the *supposed* line of the furrow. With a little practice the levelling is done very expeditiously, and by any person of ordinary capacity. When ready for the plough, the leveller walks before it, (the ploughman guided by his steps) picks up the stakes as they are reached,—and if necessary by much inequality in the land—varies the line a little between the stakes, still more to preserve the level.

This gives a uniform escape for all surplus water, a regular fall of about one foot in the hundred. My experience has proved, that if the furrows are not too far apart, (one for each fall of 5 to 6 feet will generally suffice) they effectually prevent washing; and the gradual descent of the water does not form gullies. They are made directly after seeding wheat—are as carefully attended to as the seeding itself—and remain open until the land is again broken up. They are valuable on all lands liable to wash, and have materilly aided in my efforts in "renovating worn-out lands." All the unsightly "gullies and galled places" have disappeared.

Rotation of Crops.—This is also a subject of importance; and it is also one on which much diversity of opinion exists. Nothing short of the concurrent testimony of a neighborhood, will establish one plan as the best; yet in another, a different one has equally strong advocates: for in some section of the country "the three field shift" is preferred—in another, five, and a third will adopt the six or seven field rotation. Different "localities," and other circumstances, may perhaps afford good grounds for this variety of opinion. But as a general rule, it is believed that where the latter mode is adopted, or nearly so, other circumstances being equal, the farming is better done, is more profitable, and the lands more permanently, if not more rapidly improved: close pasturing, and "renovating worn-out lands," may do in theory, but are not very likely to sticeeed in practice. The seven field rotation, certainly admits of a better opportunity to benefit by the aid of the artificial grasses; and whenever they can be successfully invoked, the good work is more than half accomplished.

Before taking leave of my readers, the majority of whom perhaps are engaged in agricultural pursuits, I would again briefly recur to the important subject of Manures,—one of scarcely less moment to the tiller of the soil, than is the Mariner's Compass to the tempest-tossed sailor—for mainly to their agency is some form or other, must we be indebted for success, in the renovation of worn-out lands.—My preference, as may have been seen, is given to lime over all others, when an expenditure of the slender resources of the farm is devoted to this object; and although it is not a Panacea, to cure all the ills incident to the calling, nor will it, like the fabled Satyr, "blow *hot* and *cold* with same breath," yet on all soils to which I have seen it applied,—from the stiffest clays, to the blowing sands,—does it appear to be a renovator in a greater or less degree: the one, it will lighten and mellow, while the other is rendered more compact and more retentive of moisture. I would therefore strongly advise the use of LIME, as decidedly the most efficient and durable agent, for improving most kinds of soils. If its action may be considered comparatively slow, IT IS SURE, in its fertilizing effects; and will generally in the end, prove also to be the most economical, whenever it can be obtained at a reasonable price.

The three kinds of "bought manures" most extensively in use in this State for improving our worn-out lands (Plaster of course excepted) might be classed somewhat like the following: Lime, for the *landlord*, Guano for the *tenant*, and ground Bones for *both*. All *may* be used to profit under favorable circumstances; but they are believed to differ materially in their relative values, in proportion to the amount of money usually expended, if the improvement of the land, is a primary object with the husbandman.

Experience, however, in this, as well as in most other things, is the best teacher; provided we do not pay too dear for it. And without intending in the least degree, to check the energy and spirt of agricultural improvement, now so widely extending, I would venture a caution to those who have but little money to expend for the purchase of high priced manures, to do it rather for such as are *known* to be durable; and which will eventually, be the most certain to return both principal and interest. I feel confident that all I have expended for lime, has been returned in the increased product of the soil; and with nearer six *times* six, than 6 per cent. interest. If the market value of the land, has not been enhanced in equal proportion (most probably the case) it certainly has not *deteriorated* any in *quality*.

As remarked at the beginning of my essay, no exclusive method of improvement, is alike suited to all locations, and circumstances; but I trust a plan is submitted that will very generally succeed if perseverrd in; it will not only make the grain, but the grass grow; and will at the same time, effectually "RENOVATE WORN-OUT LANDS."

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