The Farm and Dairy.

Value of Coal Ashes.

It is gratifying to note quite a lively discussion upon the value of coal ashes as an agricultural fertilizer, as discussion brings out facts and establishes truths. Ed.

The views expressed by "E." of Delaware Co., Pa., are those usually current with farmers, many adding thereto the opinion that "coal ashes are poison as to land." Acting upon this opinion, coal ashes have been put in some out-of-the-way place. Some writer cites an opinion published in an English journal designed to establish their want of value. Opinions favorable to their use are quite as readily obtainable. Mr. London, than whom there can not well be better authority, has detailed some experiments in the Gardener's Magazine, which show that for Swedish turnips a moderate dressing of coal ashes produced in a row twenty yards in length, 121 pounds to 88 pounds for a corresponding row, manured with tops of cabbages just coming into bloom, and 78 pounds for a third row treated with well rotted manure. Lord Albermarle, another good English authority from a number of experiments, proved that as a top dressing for sainfoin, lucerne, red clover and other grasses, coal ashes was far superior in value to any other fertilizer.

The Encyclopedia of rural affairs expresses the opinion that in using coal ashes as a manure for gardens, it is generally employed in "quantities much too large, whence comes the idea that it was injurious to plants and trees."

We find also records of experiments that were not a success, which in the main are attributable to the use of too large a quantity.

Coal is stated to contain over sixty per cent. of volatile matter, twenty per cent. of charcoal, small quantities of lime and sulphate of lime, with traces of iron and alumina. The ashes will therefore consist mainly of various earths; charcoal in a small proportion, and sulphate of lime (gypsum) are found to be nearly a fourth. These last named substances give them value when applied to crops containing sulphate of lime, such as red clover and other grasses, turnips, &c., and though the immediate benefit of an application may not be apparent, their constituents as well as the result of careful experiments have demonstrated their value as a fertilizer to many English cultivators.

Our own experience and observations fully corroborate the best estimate made of their value, attention having been called to their use as a top dressing for lawns, where they prove equal if not superior to barn-yard manure as usually applied, and have an additional recommendation in being neither unsightly or offensively odorous. Having also for several years cultivated a large garden, of light soil, gravelly loam, there has been applied each year the ashes of four to five tons unburnt coal, most of which was burned in a base-burner, hence free from wood ashes, the result has been quite satisfactory. There was a constant increase of fertility, and the crops of potatoes, berries, corn and vegetables were equal to those grown where barnyard manure was applied liberally. They were used for want of other manure, and have an additional advantage in being free from seed of weeds, &c. Some years since, visiting the grounds of a gentleman at Rahway, N. J., I was shown a small pear orchard standing in the grass, and so badly denourished, that he proposed cutting it down. At our suggestion, the following year they were treated to some coal ashes at the root of every tree, and have since made new growth and borne annual crops of fruit. Possibly grass culture for fruit trees may prove a success with a good dressing of coal ashes applied.

English farmers have for many years mixed burning clay to obtain ashes for top-dress lands, with very satisfactory results. Coal almost invariably contains quantities of slate, a very condensed form of alumina, which on burning crumbles to an ash that can not otherwise than add to their value.

When it is conceded that coal ashes are good as an absorbent and deodorizer, no argument is needed to prove their value to the cultivator of the soil. Their use for the closet, henhouse, or any other place where decaying vegetables or other matter exhale odors and gases soon render them rich in plant food while improving the sanitary condition of the house and surroundings. Here where barn-yard manure is almost dear, at three dollars per load, coal ashes are better utilized than when fertilizers are less expensive, though it may well be doubted if any one who has a garden plat can afford to let them go to waste.—*City Rural Home.*

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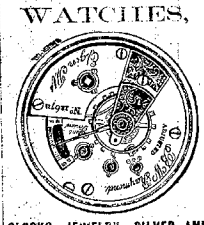

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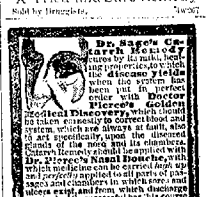

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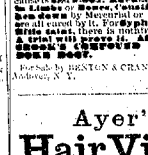

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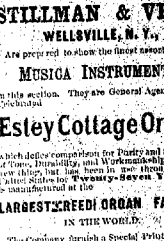

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