CHEMISTRY IS THE TRUE BASIS OF SUCCESSFUL FARMING.

And Being Such, Every Public School in the Rural Districts Should Teach it, and Not Only Theoretically But Practically.

Agriculture may be considered at once the oldest of all arts and the youngest of the sciences. It has always had for its object the economic production of plants and animals and the materials elaborated by them during their lite. This fact gives us a definition for the term agriculture that was as correct centuries ago as it is now.

ture existed, as far as the farmer was conearly part of the present century. Since then an ever-increasing band of scientistsing results.

continually arising in the development of Robertson, Central Experimental Farm. those living things which the farmer has to deal with. Indeed, a little reflection will convince us that it is difficult to state an agricultural problem that does not make demand upon chemistry and physiology for Another Entertaining Story of the "Wiz-

Chemistry has to do with the composition "I was an operator in the Memphis office

is made up of cells capable of nutrition and reproduction. As the result of cell development, animal and plant tissues are formed. The changes which take place in these cells, primarily leading to their nutrition, and secondarily to their reproduction, are true chemistry, and that the latter science in many instances furnishes the foundation and explanation of vital or physiological

Thus we establish the claim that chemistry forms the basis of scientific agriculture.

Leaving with this brief outline of the fundamental importance of chemistry in the abstract to agriculture, let us proceed to examine somewhat more in detail the aid that this science gives to the farmer. To pursue economically and intelligently, modern agriculture in any of its branches requires an application of the principles of chemistry, since every farm operation, whether performed by nature or man, implies, as may be inferred from what has already been said, changes of material which can only only be explained by chemistry and its twin-sister science, physiology. Chemistry affords definite knowledge as

to the amounts of the several constituents taken from the soil by field-crops, thus indicating what must be restored if fertility is to be maintained and lucrative yields obtained in the future. Such knowledge is well-nigh indispensable at the present day to the grower of grain, roots, and fruit if he is to compete successfully with his intelligent neighbors. Chemistry can tell us, in a large measure, of the relative fertility of a soil and point out what elements of plantfood may be lacking. It is the science that makes the barren and waste lands fruitful and is the chief agent in making "two blades of grass grow where there was but one before." To stock-raisers and dairyfarmers it lends its aid in showing the requirements of animals, the daily waste of the animal organism. It ascertains the composition and relative feeding-values of cattle-foods. It analyzes animal products, indicating their comparative worth. Chemistry stamps the value upon artificial fertili-

In the by-paths of agriculture, too, chemistry is of service. telligent investigator in the important subjects of insecticides and fungicides must prosecute his studies by the light of chemistry. And so we might proceed, but space forbids. Let us, remember, that history emphatically shows that agriculture and agricultural chemistry have progressed with equal strides, and that for the future the indications are that the relationship of these two will be still closer.

If in this short sketch our claim is made good, then we perceive that it is of paramount importance that agricultural chemistry should form part of the education of every boy destined for the farm. Every public school in rural districts should teach it, not merely theoretically, but practically. All the officers of our experiment stations should have a knowledge of its principles, since no department of agriculture is independent of it. They at present are not only investigators but are also the teachers of the adult and practising farmer. How necessary it is then that all their work should be guided by an intimate acquaintance with that science which is not only the foundation of agriculture, but whose laws govern its operations .- F. T. Shutt, Chemist, Dominion Experimental Farms.

Keeping Cattle on Small Areas.

In the spring of the year it was arranged that about forty acres of land should be set apart for the particular object of growing feed for cattle, in order to ascertain and illustrate how many cattle could be fed for the whole year upon the product of that area. In many parts of Canada an impression has prevailed that farmers cannot keep or feed at a profit large herds of cattle unless they have large farms. In most instances the estimate is that six full-grown cattle, and an equal number of young growing stock, are as many as can be fed conveniently on the fodder and coarse grain crop of a farm of representative size, of say 55 acres of cleared land. As a matter of fact, the average number of

pears to me that the numbers of cattle might be doubled, with increasing profit to the farmers, and decided gain to the fertility of the fields. A further extension and improvement in mixed farming, which will cause more cattle to be fed on fewer acres, is capable of great service to the whole agricultural interest of the Dominion. This experiment has been in progress for only six mon his of the year. The full report can be made w h satisfaction only at the close of each twelve minths. The following report of progress will show the areas of land under different crops, and the yields of each which were obtained. In a general way, it may be said that the yield of crops did not reach my anticipations. The corn crop was the lightest per acre which has been gathered for three years, and a disastrous hailstorm on 13th August beat down the grain crops and battered the leaves of the corn to a very seri-Until comparatively late years agricul- from that cause is unlikely in coming years, ous extent. The recurrence of an injury cerned, as an art only. The application of Continued rains during the harvest season scientific or classified knowledge to the caused further losses in the grain crops. feeding of plants and animals began with Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the experience of the year points to the probability that 25 milch cows will be fed, wholly now spread over the civilized world—has lot for eleven months. On 2nd July 25 cows were put in one herd, to be fed from It is to chemistry and animal and vege- supply for experimental dairy work; and its crops. The milk from them furnishes a table physiology that we look for the an- feeding experiments are being conducted swers of innumerable questions that are with them, on different rations.-Prof.

WHEN EDISON WAS YOUNG.

ard's" Skill With the Key.

of all matter, inert and living, and the when Thomas A. Edison applied to the changes which such is constantly undergo- manager for a position," said A. G. Rocking. The conversion of soil substances and feller, a member of the Reminiscence Club the constituents of the air into vegetable that was in session at the Lindell. "He tissues, and the formation from these of came walking into the office one morning, animal tissues and products, though not as looking like a veritable hayseed. He wore yet fully understood, are, nevertheless, a hickory shirt, a pair of butternut pants | dent. Is it true?" "Yes; Billy Smith shot truly chemical changes. Looked at chem- tucked into the tops of boots a size too a duck." ically, we see nature as the work-shop, large and guiltless of blacking. 'Where's plants and animals as the chief agencies, the boss? was his query as he glanced drive away trouble? He simply exchanges man as the director. The material worked around the office. No one replied at one load for another. with consists of a limited number of ele- once and he repeated the question. The mentary substances and their compounds; manager asked him what he could do for plants and animals are continually perform- him, and the future great proceeded to has the right kind of religion. ing with this material the operations of an- strike him for a job. Business was rushing and the office was two men short, so Physiology treats of the functions of almost any kind of a lightning-slinger living things and their various organs; it was welcome, He was assigned to a desk seeks to explain with the aid of chemistry and a fusillade of winks went the rounds all the phenomena of life. Living matter of the office, for the 'jay' was put on the St. Louis wire, the hardest in the office.

"At this end of the line was an operator who was chain lightning and knew it. Edison had hardly got seated before St. Louis called. The new-comer responded and St. Louis started in on a long report, and he business. chemical transformations. It becomes pumped it in like a house afire. Edison clear, therefore, that physiology is largely threw his leg over the arm of his chair, leisurely transferred a wad of spruce gum from his pocket to his mouth, picked up a pen, examined it critically and started in, about two hundred words behind. He didn't stay there long, though. St. Louis let out another link of speed, and still another, and the instrument on Edison's table hummed like an old-style Singer sewing machine. Every man in the office left his desk and gathered around the 'jay' to see what he was doing with that electric cyclone. Well, sir, he was right on the word and was putting it down in the prettiest copper-plate hand you ever saw, even crossing his t's, dotting his i's and punctuating with as much care as a man editing telegraph for 'rat' printers. St. Louis got tired and began to slow down. Edison opened the key and said, 'Here, here! this is no primer class! Get a hustle on you!" Well, sir, that broke St. Louis all up. He lights so you can't see anything but the had been 'rawhiding' Memphis for a long stage." time and we were terribly sore, and to have a man in our office that could walk all over him made us feel like a man whose horse had won the Derby. I saw the 'wiz. ard' not long ago. He doesn't wear a hickory shirt nor put his pants in his boots, but he is very far from being a dude yet." -St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Courtship in Arabia.

An Arab loves as none but an Arab can love, but he is also mightily excitable and easily won. An Arab sees a girl bearing water and brushwood, and in a moment, almost at a glance, is as madly in love as if he had passed years of courtship. He thinks of nothing else, cares and dreams of nothing else but the girl he I ves, and not infrequently, if he is disappointed in his affection, he pines and dies.

In order to commence his suit he sends for a member of the girl's tribe who has acsecrecy by a solemn oath, confesses his love and entreats his confidant to arrange an in-

The confidant goes to the girl, gives her a flower or a blade of grass and says: "Swear by him who made this flower and us also that you will not reveal to any one that which I am about to unfold to you." If the girl will not accept the proposal she he didn't leave anything but two safes. will not take the oath, but, nevertheless, keeps the matter perfectly secret from all. If she is favorably disposed to the match

the flower you hold and us," and the place and time of meeting are settled. These oaths are never broken, and it is not long before the ardent lover becomes the appy husband.

The French Press.

It appears from some statistics just pub ished that the number of newspapers pubished in France is, or rather was on the ast day of last year, 5,182, of which 2,002 vere issued in Paris, 3,009 in the departnents, and 171 in Algeria and the colonies. is a newspaper-producing center Paris is a ong way in front of every other capital, ven of London. For whereas, as stated, the Parisians possess 2,002 newspapers, the Londoners have only 563. Next comes New with 28, St. Petersburg with 22, and Rome found out that he was the owner of with 21. During the ten years from 1880 to | yacht. 1890 the number of journals published in

Columbian Puns,

Some years ago, in Paris, they were dis-

SOME NEW IDEAS.



Flymme-What do you do to cure the blues?" Flamme-Paint everything red. Most ...en like to see themselves in

The bonnet tha arns a woman's head

"Yes, even the tallest of us get short at "Life is full of paradoxes." "Yes?"

gish liver." "How do you know Jim is going on a vacation?" "Because he always gets loaded

It is hard for a man with a bad liver to believe that anybody in his neighborhood

delphia, porter ! Porter-Not allowed to wake anybody there, sir. Deacon Watson-Doan' vo' t'ink it crule

Farmer Smithers-Oh, I let him loose at Rogers-What makes your nose so red, Mr. Reilly? Reilly-It glows with pride, sir, at not putting itself in other people's

One that you'd all remember, If there were not (could luck be worse?)

The man who lets his wife split all the wood may mean well, but he shouldn't be allowed to do all the talking at a prayer-Customer (who has lost his teeth, to

landlord who had served him with a very tough steak)- Landlord, you are a

but it's so nice that I hope it won't be the

both arms were gone, and I sent it straight "What is your chief objection to Wag-

ner's operas?" "Why, they turn down the

But let us still be gay, For it cannot whistle "Comrades" Or "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay."

come in while you are here. "I hear Bingley is trying to make an artist of his son; has he done any work yet?"

pwoud and stuck up." "Ah, weally? cess to the harem, and first insuring his What's the occasion?" "His doctah told

For months she just doted on ice cream, Aud nothing so much rejoiced her: But you find now her fondest dream

disappeared and that his liabilities are heavy. Brad Streete-So are his assets-

going to do with that keg of powder? Joggs -I am going to try to blow myself away she answers; "I swear by him who made from a porous plaster that is on my back. "No, Mr. Thimberwheel," said Miss

> ting on politics. Every man may invest his money with the assurance that should he

New cook-Yes, mum; that's the way a sponge is before it's wet. Soak it in your

Beyond All Redemption. -Briggs-I hear that young Tremens was turned out of ork with 231, then Vienna with 67, Berlin Dwight as a hopeless case. Griggswith 66, Constantinople with 20, Madrid What was the trouble? Briggs-They

> boy would say if he could only talk," Mr. Nupop.

"Dear me, how shocking, Mr. Brown! I thought you had signed the pledge, too !" "Yesh, so I did, old boy; but I wash tight-can't be 'sponsible-(hic)-when tight, you know."

print, but women don't ; they prefer silk or

is the bonnet that some other woman "All men have their ups and downs."

"Yes, it is the fast liver who has the slug-

before he goes off."

Passenger-Will you wake me in Phila-

ter keep dat dog chained up all de time?

"I'd write a pretty autumn verse,

He-Is this the first time you've ever been in love, darling? She (thoughtlessly)-Yes,

Wagger-Didn't you order a statue of the Venus de Milo! Stagger-Yes, but

Fre long the wind will whistle,

Mr. Suburb-My neighbor has a big dog that we are all afraid of. What do you advise? Lawyer-Get a bigger one. Five dollars, please. The Indignant Mother-You say the

young scamp took you in his arms! What did you say to him? The Artless Daugher-I said, "Hold on!" tor; in fact, he can take anybody off.

Miss Spicer-I would so enjoy having him Speakquick-Oh, yes, he draws on his

father regularly. "Cholly Chipkins is getting intolerwably

him he showed signs of bwain-fag."

Is centered round the oyster. R. Gedone-I hear that Jeweler Gilt has

Boggs-Hello there, Joggs, what are you

Elder, kindly but firmly. "I can not marry you, but I'll be a-" "Thanks, Miss Elder," interrupted the rejected one, "but I have two grandmothers. There's one satisfactory thing about bet-

lose he will receive the same returns as the Sponge Cake-Mistress-Do you call this sponge cake? Why, it's as hard as can be.

The Proud Father. —"Ha, ha, ha!" roared "What are you laughing at?" asked Mrs. Nupop. "At the bright things the

SCIENTIFIC DROPS.

A new ankle boot for horses is composed of a piece of rubber with a layer of fibreus

stiffening imbedded in it, an having a tubular portion to fit on the la and a giobular portion to inclose the joint.

A recent invention is a sandpapering roll in which the paper is coiled in a continuous strip about a central axis, the whole arrangement being inclosed in a cover with a slit through which a strip may be drawn. A surveyor's peg just brought out will not allow of easy removal, being in effect a are paid. spike with a series of continuous bends, and provided in its head with a threaded socket for a cylindrical cap that is screwed in place to mark the position of the stake.

Captain Hemly recommends, for imparting greater intensity and brilliance to blue prints, an immersion in a solution of ferric without informing the publisher, and the salt—perchloride of iron, for example—of a papers are sent to the old address, they DAILY ward being well washed. A note on a chemical method of fixing

the age of fossil remains has been presented | ing to take periodicals from the post office, to the Paris Academy of Science by M. or removing to another town and leaving Adolphe Carnot. The determination is them uncalled for, prima facie evidence of based on the progressive diminution of intentional fraud. fluorine contained in fossil bones of various geological ages. The most ancient remains contain the largest quantity of fluorine.

been the subject of much investigation by tinue taking the paper, otherwise the inventors. The scrap is treated by various publisher may send until such time as a processes for the production of stannate of definite order to discontinue, accompanied soda, which is a useful mordant, or by heat- by payment of all arrears, is sent him. oxide, which is used in certain glazes for which are of sufficient size are cut by special machinery into tin tags for ornamenting tobacco, buttonmolds, ornamental baskets and other ornamental articles.

The number of volcano vents still existing was fixed by Humboldt at 407, of which 225 have been active within the last century. It has since, however, been estimated that the Indian Archipelago alone contains more than 900. The most active volcanoes known are those on the island of Stomboli, in the Mediteranean, at Sangur, in Peru, and Mount Etna. For more than 2,000 years the Stromboli Mountain has discharged lava constantly; the one in Peru has been throwing out massess of cinders, attended by terrific explosions, for 150 years, and Etna has a record of eighty-one eruptions since the sixth century B. C.

ported upon by Dr. Buchan, show that the ocean currents cause the temperature of the 100 to 500 fathoms, to be nearly ten degrees warmer than at the same depths on the east At 500 fathoms, however, the temperatures of both sides are equal, while at greater depths the east side is the warmer. North of the Wyvil Thomson ridge, which is between Shetland and Iceland, stationary temperature is reached at 700 fathoms, below which the water remains at about 29.5 degrees. In the Gulf of Mexico the water grows cold down to 700 fathoms, below which it is always at about 25.5 degrees. The temperature of the Mediterranean at 200 fathoms is about 26 degrees, and no change is found in going to the bottom, which in places reaches a depth of 1,500

The Insane Monarch.

King Otho, the poor, insane monarch of Bavaria, is seriously ill. While King Ludwig turned night into day and would not RISTERS. SOLICITORS. etc. Offices, im. go to bed, King Otho refuses to eat. There- mediately opposite the Daly House, Kent street, fore the following ruse is practiced: A Lindsay delicious little meal for three persons is JOHN McSWEYN DONALD R. ANDERSON served in the dining-room. The King's body physician and Court Chamberlain take body physician and Court Chamberlain take their seats. On the King's couvert stands but a box of cigarettes. Presently His ORS to Hudspeth & Jackson) Barris-Majesty enters, espies the cigarettes and ters. Solicitors etc. Office William street, makes an eager dart for them. But in an Lindsay. instant the physician throws his napkin F. D. MOORE. over them, and holding the box with a firm hand, and looking fixedly at the King, says then smoke." And even in the hopelessly . insane mind there is still left sufficient of Office, William St. Lindsay Ontario. court etiquette to see this. His Majesty seats himself with great ceremony, and Stalate-Jumble is a very clever imita- having himself partaken of the meal, seizes the cigarettes with childish delight and rushes from the room.

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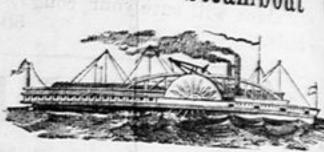
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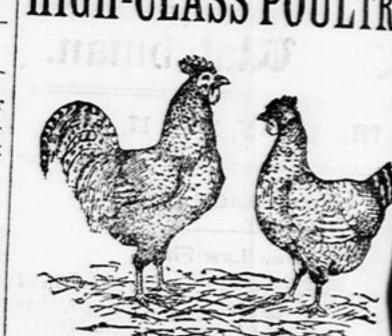
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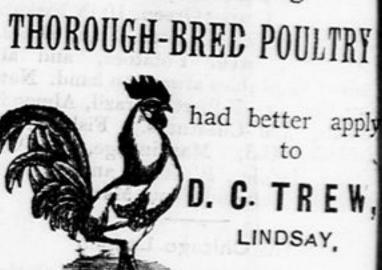
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was a dead silend rd Farm, near Alloa, w ison announced to his m that he was going ctina Cram—she was Mad Kirsty Cram. There against the woman but her good enough looking (for was a splendid housewif e for her brother Geord But Tom was 25 an 22 years older! Mrs. she had attended the s ol, and afterwards the san classes in Edinburgh. not marry his mother; law also extends to th nts: but there is no law, civil, against joining your

your mother's friend and co

liss Cram had nursed Joh

given him "sweeties."

a stayed at the Orchard in

toess or gaiety. The child

upon her as an aunt. But

LOVED MY OLD WI

estayed at her own place, Th n often went over to see he could get away from the fa girls there invited to be t way. None of them for hi . Gradually Christina saw Tom's behaviour and wonder wrong. When she heard cried with laughter, but I to tell, and for a time Tom no more. And now a wond light. In his absence she with Tom. You laugh . You say, absurd! But rays the absurd that occurs hen they next met it was a dy Fair. Tom on his big h irsty in The Whims' gig dri ber Sandy Scobie. And whi mmered "Good-day," Kirsty te a girl. Think of the ages Kirsty 47. I have seen h re at 47, but up to Christina ways on the male side, Ab they were married: Tom rchard to his mother, Kirsty ame with The Whins, Geordi he Big Stone, her own brother, g the tenant. Then they c

Many mistakes were made by tewards, fellow-passengers, and But Tom never laughed or got ife was called his ent or m ..er. The quiet digr irs. Morrison stopped the ba to began to praise her handson Melbourne trouble came, pped at a private place whilst ked for a farm to buy or rent.

why, do people not mind the In the office of the agent a sno dcome out with them was re glee how "a young man m s hag of 60 had been in the s ith him. Married her for her m enough to be his grandme nown away for life; and his na But that was the and the man ever spoke. A unlucky blow behind his ear

stoped his gossip, muffled his cl had better apply ad ended his chatter for ever. The great criminal lawyer could alk Tom off. The evidence of D. C. TREW, Now was clear, though the provoc ras immense. The jury disag the nest assize a second jury sagree, but at the third time of g the verdict was-"Guilty of inghter; with a strong recomme

Oh! wise judge! Oh! just ju stock are all prize birds, as follows lerciful chances and happy for man on the bench to save a sentence was so light as t minal, but the shock killed

D. C. TREW She was buried with the rrisons in Tullibody Churchya ting-place where curious epit stones delight the antiquary old church, disused since the is barn was built close by for a service, in that old building ablet with a strange legend:—"C. ad beneath these initials, "I love wife."-Liverpool Weekly

MR. AND MRS. BOWSE

"Ah! But this is nice!" exclai Ir. Bowser as he kicked off his d fell into the big rocking chair her evening. "You may talk as I you will, Mrs. Bowser, but th Place like home. I pity men are no homes."

"I am glad you like to spend emings at home," she replied. "Yes, this is nice!" musingly wed Mr. Bowser as he spread leet and rubbed his hands. "I the mood for a regular old-fashio to-night. Husband and hould never grow old to each of wink they ought to sit down

I think so, too, and I know 'ould be better for both." Was reading an article in a no

per the other day which said that meymoon founded on love sho er end. I think ours was foun