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MARCH.—We fear there is not now the attention paid to the value of ashes as was formerly the case. The best hardwood ashes often contain nearly ten per cent. of potash, while those from some of the softer woods may show less than three per cent. The inferiority of soft wood ashes is not admitted by all. They are lighter and are easily lost by being blowing about while burning. The New England Farmer says, that the ashes from small twigs are much richer than those from the trunk of the tree. The potash and phosphoric acids which they contain are very valuable. Independent of these ingredients ashes have a beneficial effect. The amount of manurial substance can only be determined by the chemist, but experiments will enable the intelligent farmer to judge for himself.

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