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from all these species, the task of know- midday place themselves vertically, that ing them is not so discouraging as at is, parallel to the course of the light first it may seem. Of the clovers rays, will be found in the morning and proper (Trifolium), there are only about evening to keep their faces perpendicua dozen really worth knowing, and at lar to the light. In this way they may least half of these "don't count," as be said to follow the sun all day, facing the small boy would say; for it seems eastward in the morning and westward to be only a botanist's vivid imagin- in the afternoon. In this respect, the ation which counts as a strict clover clover leaves are well worth careful the yellow hop-clovers and the fuzzy, teasle-shaped rabbit's-foot which seems to thrive best in the stoniest and most portant facts in connection with the sterile places. We need to know five clovers and other legumes has come to kinds—the common red, the buffaio, human knowledge within the last few the dainty white, the alsike, and, of years. On the roots are wart-like course, that English dandy, the tall, tubercles about the size of a pin-head. trim, crimson clover (Trifolium incar- It has been discovered that these are natium). The botany devotes several but "little houses" for myriads of tiny, pages to these few kinds and variations. actively vigorous plants known as But the following clover key is good bacteria, whih have the ability to take enough for all ordinary walks, and has nitrogen from the air, and to make it the advantage of being neither long nor abstruse: Red clover (Trifolium that after a crop of clover has been pratense) heads, compact; color, red. grown in poor soil and has taken a Buffalo, tall, rose-red (T. reflexum); supply of nitrogen from the air, it may running white (T. stoloniferum). White be plowed under, and the infertile land (T. repens), just small white heads that's all. Alsike (T. hybridum), looks for which nature has been calling. like the foregoing, but with flowers I remember that, when I was a boy, delicately rose-tinted. Crimson (T. in-the great moist snowflakes which floated carnaium), long, crimson heads.

But do not make the mistake of day. You will not really know them

genus alone there are about two hun- absorb a greater amount. Thus, certain dred and nifty species. But, apart leaves which in the excessive heat of observation.

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gently down on an April day and made a light covering for the fields, were. thinking that you really know the partly in sarcasm and partly in humor, clovers because you have seen them by referred to by the country people as "the poor man's fertilizer." until you have seen them at night, words approached more nearly to the That statement is not to be limited to truth than they knew or suspected, for the clovers, but the clovers are pre- the poor man's fertilizer and the rich eminent in making, as Thoreau expressed man's, too, came, like the snow, from it, "the midnight like Central Africa the invisible air, and through the to most of us." William Hamilton interstices of the earth, to the unknown



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even then, were crowding one another

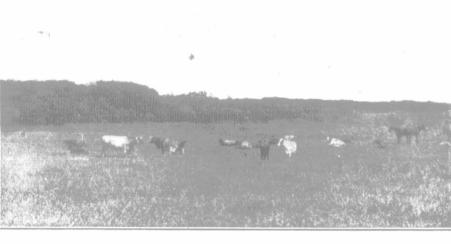
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