

the relations which exist between vegetables and the soil in which they are produced, as well as those which obtain between the vegetable productions and the animals raised for and used in farming purposes, are carefully investigated and fully explained. Such a wide range called for a minute examination of the various theories respecting the growth and nutrition of plants, as well as the character and composition of the various soils with which Canada abounds, and which are so variously distributed in limited spaces. Nor is this all; the process of digestion in animal life required to be examined, as well as that of assimilation in vegetables. Thus it will be seen that our author has had to search through the several departments of geology, chemistry and animal and vegetable physiology to accomplish the work he has produced. We are well aware that there are many works of elaborate preparation and great scientific research written on agricultural chemistry, to which Mr. Hind may possibly have access, and of the fruits of which he has, no doubt, freely availed himself, but to him the merit must be given of adapting the information therein contained to the peculiar necessities of this country and climate, and especially in bringing the results of his own studies with so much advantage before the notice of his farming readers.

Altogether it is one of the most pleasing little volumes we have read for a long time; the necessity for a second edition within a few months and the extensive sale the work has already obtained, are the surest evidences of its excellence, and that it is a well-timed publication.

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To the Editor of the U. C. Medical and Physical Journal.

SIR,—The November number of your interesting Journal, (No. 8,) contains a paper (Art. XXXIX,) headed, "Case of decomposed placenta with a living child." I expected long ere this to have seen some communication or critique upon this case, if not an editorial article; but in the absence of any such notice, I beg leave to offer a few remarks.

A man's style of writing is characteristic and unalterable, whatever it may be; and, therefore, my present remarks have reference only to the matter. I cannot, however, avoid a passing observation upon the want of dates and other essential detail in the report of this case, involving as it does, no less a consideration than the abrogation of an established and hitherto and undisputed physiological law.

The exact period of the delivery of the patient—her morbid sensations, (if any,) and symptoms during utero-gestation, and the puerperal