Agricultural.

EARTH AND GASES.

Young, the author of "Letters of Agricola." remarks. "Earth is a powerful absorber of all the gases which arise from putrelaction. A strongly dunged field, ploughed, sown and har-cowed, sends lorth a healthful smell, a proof that all the putrid vapors, which otherwise would annoy us, are absorbed and retainded for the nutrition of the crop. It is on this account that the poorest earth can be enrighed in a very high degree by the mere exposure to the gases of putrelaction. The composts, which of late have attracted such universal attention, originated in the discovery of this absorbent power of the earth. A prudent agriculturist would no more allow a violent fermentation to and Indigestion. begoing on in his dung-hill, without adding earth or other matter to fix and secure the gaseous elements, than the distiller would allow his apparatus to be set at work without surmounting his still with the worm, to cool and condense the rarefied spirit which ascends to evaporation. In both, the most precious matter is that which assumes the æriform state; and to behold it escaping with unconcerned indifference is a demonstration of the most profound ignorance."

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