## Practical Talks and Plain Precepts for Farmers.

Edited for the Farmer readers of the MONITOR by an Anna polis Valley Agriculturist.

In a former issue we endeavored to show soils become too loose and leachy and het, that except in extreme cases we have no virgin soil on which we may raise crops year different physical characteristics of our plants in sight among the weeds. Our soils we have seen that the chemist pronounced need fining as much as possible to bring them the other soil richer in native plant food. into contract with sun, air, moisture, etc.. The writer has much of this hard unprolocked-up elements of plant food, as it is done with it? To cover it with commercial from two authorities, in explanation of the of crops. A crop of clover ploughed under

The other day, I secured one sample of stable manure. Of this enough can be had The other day, I secured one sample of sell from a very hard clay knoll upon which beans had been planted but in which they were almost unable to germinate, another sample from a contiguous soil in which beans were growing luxuriantly, and as a third sample, I chipped a piece of rock off my house which is built of stone of the neighborhood. All of these samples were taken to the chemiet, Mr. Cavanaugh, for analysis. The area from which I took the hard and unproductive clay (sample I), had no beans in it, although the seed was drilled into the tat the same time as in the soil which furnished sample 2. The area from which is sample 2 was taken is only twenty feet removed from the other, and is of the same the can use and leaves of the same time as in the soil which sample 2 was taken is only twenty feet removed from the other, and is of the same the can use of the control of the control of the same time as in the soil which sample 2 was taken is only twenty feet removed from the other, and is of the same time as in the soil. moved from the other, and is of the same patience. He wishes that there were some eriginal formation, but it differs in being a short-out and lazy way of improving this alight depression or "draw" and the soil is land by making some application of fertilizer. the Tully formation. The chemist reports as follows:

In other words, the chemist says that the poorer soil—the one upon which I cannot with pleasure and profit. grow beans-is the richer in mineral plant abundant supply of potash and about half as

the end will be a mulch on the surface that will make available plant food, there will be a conservation of moisture and the plant at conservation of moisture and the plant scannot grow on such soils. If the same quantity were applied to sample 2, however, the greater part of it would be presented to the roots of the plant at once, and its effect would no doubt be apparent in the season's crop. The reader will readily understand that it is useless to apply commercial fertilizers to lands which are not in proper physical condition for the very best growth of strops.

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The poor or lumpy soil contained a greatier perceatage of potash and phosphoric acid, no doubt because of the lack of humus in the sample. As it contains less organic matter, if therefore has less nitrogen than the good soil (sample 2). Probably because of this less percentage of organic matter, this lumpy soil also contains less moisture than the other. As a matter of fact, however, these differences which the chemist found in the organic matter, nitrogen and moisture, are not sufficient to account for the very great differences in the productivity of the two soils. The chemical examination would have thrown more light upon the value of these soils if a determination had been made of the amount of potash and phosphoric acid which is soluble; but even then, the chemist could not have told from analysis alone, how valuable this land might be for any particular crop. Analysis does not show how agreeable or comfortable the land may be to the plants.

There is sufficient notage in the rock (see an abundance of plants). Sheldon's Opinion. The poor or lumpy soil contained a great. straw. We are now sowing rape with the comfortable the land may be to the plants. comfortable the land may be to the plants. There is sufficient potash in the rock (aample 3), and even enough phosphoric acid, to grow a crop of beans; and yet, even if I add the nitrogen and water and make the mineral plant food soluble, I cannot hope to grow a crop on the walls of my house. In brief, a chemical analysis of soil is only one of several means of determining the value of land, and in the general run of cases it is of very secondary importance.

How can the texture of lands be improved?
In general, by three means,—by judicious plants of the sufficient of the value of lands and tilles and tilles of the value of lands of the value of lands and siles of the value of lands and siles of lands of

humus, and by the use of underdrains. The These were the words that a Kentucky negro humus, and by the use of underdrains. The value of simple tillage or fining of the land as a means of increasing its productivity was first clearly set forth in 1733 by Jethro Tull, in his "New Horse Hoeing Husbandry." The premises upon which Tull founded his system are erroneous. He supposed that plant roots actually take in or absorb the fine particles of earth, and, therefore, the finer and more numerous these particles are, the more luxuriantly the plants will grow. His system of tillage, however, was correct, and his experiments and writings have had a most profound influence. If only one book of all the thousands which have been written on agriculture and rural affairs were to be on agriculture and rural affairs were to be rved to future generations, I should want that honor conferred upon Tull's "Horse Hoeing Husbandry." It marked the beginning of the modern application of scientific methods to agriculture, and promuigated a system of treatment of the land which, in its essential principles, is now acclation of which must increase to the end of time. These disearsive remarks will, I hope, emphasize the importance which simple tillage hoids in agricultural practice.

Formers do not appreciate the importance of humus as an ameliator of land. In farm lands, it is usually supplied in the form of the liver and make you feel happy again. 25 cents. Sold by all medicine dealers.

An Incident In the Life of Clara Morris.

The last and fourth success that was granted to me under Mr. Daly's management was in "Madeline Morel." But I only mention "Madeline Morel" because of a couple of small incidents connected with its production. First of all let | manures. When humus is absent, sandy me say that I believe Mr. Dalv. who was an ardent Catholic, was not the first manager to give benefits to the orphan asylums, for I after year with little manure and no culti-samples I and 2 are largely due to the great-first to arrange those monster programmes, cold as stone. 'Twas fortunate the first pervation, except what is necessary to keep the er amount of humus in the good soil, and yet which included the names of every great attraction in the city, bar none. The result | borne the strain long; as it was, I seemed being not merely a literally packed Academy of Music, but crowds turned from its doors. so as to bring out into soluble form the ductive land, like sample 1. What is to be I remember what excitement there was over the gathering together in one performance looked-up elements of plant food, as it is some with it. It is cover to with condition for the growing of such people as Fechter, Sothern, Adelaide Davenport, Miss Jewett, Miss Varian, essimilate them. In this issue we are quoting first be put in a fit condition for the growing limit to the plants can asabove principles, Profs. Roberts and Bailey. would quickly improve it, but the land is Anderson at one of these benefits, as well as a success and close in glory the season that newly planted to orchard and he does not those two clever Englishwomen, Rose Cogh- had been broken in half by the burning of care to seed it down. The next course is lan and Jeffreys Lewis.

It was a horrid bit, in an otherwise beautishort-cut and lazy way of improving this ful and impressive act. As a "sister" who in a fairly fine degree of division. It is really a good bean soil. The rock (sample 3) was hard limestone, known to geologists as the Tally formation. it. In short, the first step in the enrichment of unproductive land is to improve its physi- like a great X, brought the bridegroom and groaned aloud. After that the act proceeded cal condition by means of careful and thorough tillage, by the addition of humus; and perhaps. tion, and in the following scene I had to rified eyes it seemed indecent haste; and as by underdrainage. It must first be put in drag from my head the veil and swathing I fell into line with the church procession of such condition that plants can grow in it. white linen-had to tear from my breast the may pay by giving additional or redundant my arms to heaven and with upraised face, growth—L. H. Bailey, of Cornell Exp. Sta. ory: "I call down upon my guilty soul the its red and white, the brilliant gowns of the

Texture of the Soil.

that scene, and those of the company who were Catholics were particularly excited, "People talk of worn out soil. There is no and they cried: "Why, if we find it so re-

abundant supply of potash and about half as, much phosphoric acid as the good bean soil.

All this, after all is not surprising, when we come to think of it. Every good farmer knows that a hard lumpy soil will not grow crops, no matter how much plant food it may contain. A clay soil which has been producing good crops for any number of years may be so eriously injured by one injudicious plowing in a wet time as to ruin it for the growing of crops for two or three years. The injury lies in the modification of its physical texture, not in the lessening of its fertility. A sandy soil way also be seriously impaired for the growing of gand omatter is allowed to burn out of it. It then becomes leachy,

You see, if that scene is not done—the

play cannot be done." "Dear-dear," murmured the priest. "And if the play is not done-having othing else at hand, I shall have to close the season with the old play, and naturally that will mean bad business.' "Too bad -too bad !" muttered the voice,

comfortably. "And if the season ends badly-why o ourse there can be no charity benefit." "What?" sharply exclaimed the erstwhile calm voice. "No benefit for our poor? Why-why-'er I dear me! and the asylum said, my son? Spoken in madness? er-I-I will give the matter serious thought-and I'll acquaint you with my conclusion," and, evidently much disturbed, he retired. And when Mr. Daly told me this he added, with a twinkle in his eye: "He will get the benefit, surely enough," and, when he saw

but dear old father will be so anxious about his orphans that he will make things right for me with him, for their sakes," a view of the matter that proved to be correct. Verily a clever man was our manager. Day after day we rehearsed, and day after | indignant. day I hoped that the dreadful bit of business might be toned down. At last my nerves erial office, and, bursting into tears, begged | divide with?

hard to be excused from trampling the cross "Surely," I sobbed; "it's bad enough to thing will happen."

"And," said Mr. Daly, "to tell you the truth-I'm afraid, too." was just about sending for you."

It is from the Baptist point of view, a quese "Oh!" I interrupted; "you are going to tion as to whether an ordinance divinely

cut something out?" But he answered given shall be sacredly cherished and obgravely: "No! I shall cut nothing out! served, or whether it shall be changed by But look here; you are a brave girl and human authority as to divest it of its proper forewarned is forearmed, you know; so I sympolic significance and virtually to sub-am going to speak quite plainly. I don't stitute another ordinance in its place. With know how the public may receive that bit of business—perhaps with dead silence, perhaps denominations, with the fullest appreciation

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which seems to them to be clearly set form that you played under protest. It is of course possible that the scene may go along all right, but I want to warn you that you may prepare you self for the storm, should it come. I don't want you to be taken unawares and have you faint, or lose your nerve. So, now, whenever you go over that nerve. So, now, whenever you go over that neart and reach that point, say to yourself! agreeable happens, it shall be fairly stated | which seems to them to be clearly set forth

Here they hiss !' Don't look so pale. I'm sorry you have to bear the brunt alone, but you will be brave, won't you?" And I rose, and after my usual habit, tried

to jest, as I answered: "Since you alone gave me my opportunity of being applauded in New York, I suppose it's only fair that I be made at home at a trifling cost and should be kept on hand. Dissolve 20 pounds of DOMINION ATLANTIC should accept this opportunity of being Excited and miserable, I went home. Faithfully I followed Mr. Daly's suggestion. But no matter how often I went over the scene, whenever I said, "Here they think that had long been a custom, but the hiss," my face went white-my hands turned formance was near, for I could not have

The play had gone finely; most of the Williams. I first saw the beautiful Mary Crisp, Clark, James, did their best to make the Home Theatre. The end of the third Well, Mr. Daly having originated, as I act had been mine. The passionate speech will answer.

Then the curtain was rising. The cathedral scene won a round of applause, and, had served the "novitiate," I had just taken kneeling at the altar, as children say, "I and the church procession, coming from op-posite sides and crossing before the altar, plauded long and heartily, and I fairly the black nun face to face, in dread recogni | really with stately dignity, but to my tersisters, of novices, of priests and acolytes, I cross, and trampling it under foot, stretch | felt myself a morsel in a kaleidoscopic picture my arms to heaven and with upraised face, of bright colors. The churchly purple and thunders of a curse, that none may hear and women of fashion, the golden organ piped, live!" and then fall headlong, as though my | the candles burning starlike upon the altar, challenge had been accepted.

Nothing was talked of day or night but touch of floating unreality to everything, the massed flowers, and over all, giving a

were the clouds of incense. Then suddenly out of the bluish haze there gleamed the white set face, for love of which

impaired for the growing of any crop if the humas or decaying organic matter is allowed to burn out of it. It tem becomes leads to the store of wealth. In the second eight the beave ment of it. It then becomes leads of it. In the second eight the beave the things to the beave the beave the surface there are 4,000 lbs. of all the store of wealth. In the second eight the beave the store of wealth. In the second eight the beave the surface there are 4,000 lbs. of all the store of the second to be the surface that the store of the second to any or important than its mere richness in plant food.

A finely divided, mellow, friable soil in more productive than a hard, lumpy one of the same chemical composition because;

Is holds and retains more moisture; holds more aft; presents greater surface to the roots of the minister parallel to the soil to show the surface have a suited to surface and the soil renders the plant.

In all these ways, and dothers, the mellowness of temperature; allows a better root-hold to the plant.

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"But," I faltered, "I'm afraid the price— "That's my affair," he answered curtly then added more kindly: "Good night, you have behaved well, Miss Morris, and if I can have behaved well, Miss Morris, and if I can give you a pleasure, I shall be glad."

And next day I owned the tiniest dog in New York, who slept in a collar box by my pillow, that I might not hurt it in the night; whose bark was like a cambric needle, and whe, within five minutes after her arrival, challenged to deadly combat my beloved Bertie, who weighed good four pounds.

He was working his way through a crowdd car offering his papers in every direction in a way that showed him well used to the usiness and of a temperament not easily The train started while he was making

hange, and the conductor, passing him, "Caught this time, Joe!" he said, "You'll have to run to Fourteenth street." "Don't care," laughed Joe, in return. "I can sell all the way back." A white-haired old gentleman seemed interested in the boy, and questioned him conserning his way of living and his earnings.

my bewilderment, he added: "Don't you see? I had my doubts about the bishop—ed. "Jimmie" was lame, and couldn't earn much himself." "Ah, I see! That makes it hard-you could do better alone." The shabby little figure was erect in a oment, and the denial was prompt and

"No, I couldn't! Jim's somebody to go home to-he's lots of help. What would be gave way completely, and, after a particu. the good of havin' luck if nobody was glad, larly trying rehearsal, I rushed to the man- or of gettin' things if there was nobody to

"Fourteenth street!" called the conductor. and as the newsboy plunged out into the gathering dusk the old gentleman remarked. tear off the veil-and-and-I'm afraid some- to nobody in particular. "I've heard many a poorer sermon than that!"- Exchange.

-Christian denominations is only a ques-He gave me a glass of water, and waiting tion of much or little water. All the water moment for me to conquer my tears, he | that Baptists contend for is sufficient to ent on: "I'm glad you have come in; I permit baptism in its New Testament sense. of their piety and their good works, and I sprang to my feet. "Sit down!" he with the sincerest desire for the largest and, "and listen. You shall not be held Christian fellowship with them, Baptists do responsible, in the slightest degree, for the | not find it possible to do other that to stand ne-I promise you that. If snything dis- for the doctrine and practice of baptism

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In this connection it is well to rem

but flour will extinguish it. Salt thrown upon a fire if the chimney is burning will help to deaden the blaze. If the fire once gets under headway, covering becomes necessary. A silk hand mouth and nostrils prevents suffocation from

Should smoke fill the room remember the it goes first to the top of the rotm and then Trains will Leave Bridgetown: to the floor. Wrap a blanket or woolen garment about you with the wet cloth over your face, drop on your hands and knees and crawl to the window. Bear in mind that there is no more dang bear in mind that there is no more danger in getting down from a three story window than from the first floor if you keep a firm hold of the rope or ladder. Do not slide, but go hand over hand.

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was going to be started right, anyhow." So, with this understanding, they went to the lecture room, and the minister took the centre of the stage himself and proceeded to offer a prayer about half an hour long, and cluded by saying: "And now, O Lord, we have with us to-night a man who is known hroughout all the world as the great American humorist. Help us to understand what he is about to say to us, and to be amused by it; and, if possible, grant that we may Mark, it is said, needed all his philosophy to pull him through the next few minutes.

-An old covple who had passed their lives in the quiet of a Derbyshire village, says The Youth's Companion, resolved to make a journey to London. The resolution was communicated to their neighbors, who gave them long instructions as to the best methods of taking care of themselves and avoiding

city sharpers.

The villagers gathered at the station to see the departure, and all went well until the train reached Bedford. There the old man, in an evil moment, allowed himself to eave the compartment, with the result that

the train went off without him. Fortunately an express was due in a few minutes, and the station master, taking pity on the old countryman's distress, permitt him to board it, so that he was enabled to

reach London fully twenty minutes before the arrival of his wife. He was waiting eagerly at the station when the train came in, and, seeing his wife, he rushed joyously up, crying out: "Hi, Betty, I'm glad to see you agean!

I thought we wor parted forever!' The old woman looked at him suspiciously. and, remembering all the advice that had been showered upon her, said indignantly: "Away wi' ye, man! Don't be comin man at t'other station. Be off at once, or I'll call a bobby and hae yer locked up!"

She was too Kind Hearted. There is one young woman living at L'Anse, Mich., whose benevolent disposition She was at church, and sat directly behind a tall, well dressed stranger, with a ravelling generous hearted, whole souled girls, who to everybody in town, she thought how glad she would be if some kind hearted girl would do as much for her father were he to go to church with a ravelling hanging down his back, so when the audience rose for the first hymn she concluded to pick it off. Carefully raising her hand she gave a little twitch, but it was longer than she supposed, and a foot or more appeared. Setting her teeth, she gave a terrible pull, and about a yard of that horrible thread hung down his back. This was geting embarrassing, but, determined, she gave it another yank, and discovered that she was unravelling his undershirt. Her discomfiture was so painful that chloro-

nor a pint of powder hidden her blushes, when the gentleman turned with an inquiring Not Burning Bugs. Two little girls visited a certain Apglican which is noted for its extreme ritualism After the sermon had proceeded for some time, one little girl leaned over and asked

the other in a stage whisper: "When does he burn the bugs?" "He doesn't burn bugs," retorted the other indignantly. pointed, "my father said they burned insects

in this church.' Out for Business. "Your account of the concert last night," aid the musician, "omitted the mention of the very thing I wanted to see printed. The violin I played, as I was careful to tell your reporter, was a genuine Stradivarius and one of the best ever made."

"That's all right," said the editor. "When

Mr. Stradivarius gets his fiddle advertised in this paper, it will cost him half a crown a line. Good morning, sir." -Lady (at the registry office)-But I houldn't care to trust her with a baby. She's too small for a nurse. Manageress-Her size, madame, we look apon as her greatest recommendation. Lady-Indeed! But she is so very small. Manageress-Yes, but that is an advar

% He Went. "I suppose you'll take in the Buffalo exposition?" said Mr. Borem.
"I think not," replied Miss Sharpe, suporessing a yawn.
"No? Well, I simply must go, for"— "Oh! Must you, really? Gracious! It

is late, isn't it? I had no idea !" Mrs. O'Callahan-Oi don't see whoy oil paintin's are so very expensive. Mrs. O'Hoolahan-Nor Ol, but they are! Oi had to buy a whole box av soap before the groceryman would give me that wan over

"Isn't that a sweet refrain?" said Mrs. and sat down. "Yes, it is," replied Mr. Northside. "I like the refraining much better than the

-"I can't understand Phyllis rejecting me last night." She-"Never mind. You'll soon get over He-"Oh, I've got over it right enough; but I can't help feeling so doosid sorry for

-Johnny Jameson had arrived at his eighth birthday, and he thought it would be nice to write a letter to his papa, and this is

-Barber-Why is it you and your brothers Having purchased the business formerly wound by W. M. Forsyth. Esq., we are in a losition to supply our customers with every hing in the line of Flour and Feed, Fine Groelies, Fresh and Salt Meats, Fish, etc.

Butter and Eggs taken in exchange for goods.

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the way he began:
"My Dear Papa: Whenever I am tempted
to do wrong, I think of you and say, 'Geb
thee behind me Satan.'"

her. I shan't ask her again !"