

**Sorrow.**

I would not weep because the roses die,  
I do not marmur when the red leaves fall;  
But when blue beef goes mounting to the sky,  
I weep above my soup, and that is all.

I have not wept, when wintry blasts have roared,  
Because the summer flowers were in the snow;  
But when wood sells nine dollars for a cord,  
I weep for that; I would not have it so.

I would not weep, because the birds of spring,  
With autumn's leaves and summer's flowers are fled;  
I only sob because I played a king,  
After the other man an ace had led.

For birds, and leaves, and buds, I do not weep,  
Foolish the heart that for such trifles "hollers."  
I do not mourn for things supremely cheap,  
My human grief mounts upward into dollars.

*Burlington Hawkeye.*

EXTRACT FROM AGRICULTURAL LECTURES DELIVERED BY PROF. GEO. VILLE AT THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM, VINCENNES, FRANCE.

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To complete this general view of vegetable production, I must show you the conditions which regulate its movements, and which, in practice, make their cultivation certain or precarious, expensive or remunerative.

- These conditions are three in number:
- 1st, Climate.
  - 2d, The nature of the soil and the choice and quantity of manures.
  - 3d, The choice of seed.

The influence of climates. That is indisputable. Who has not marked the changes of vegetation in passing from the foot of a mountain to its summit? At the distance of a mile or two we distinctly see the bands of verdure on the inclinations of the Alps, contrasting through thickness and coloring as well as by difference in flora.

The same thing takes place on a grander scale in going from the equator to the poles. At the equator vegetation is marked by an appearance of vigor and majesty which strikes a European traveller with admiration. The number of trees, compared to that of the grasses, is greater than that in Europe. The trees are also remarkable for height and the size of trunks, as well as for richness and variety of foliage.

Seventy degrees of latitude from the equator we see only small trees, shrubs and grasses; and near the pole plants are represented by a few brittle lycopods and lichens creeping over the surface of the ground.

Climate, therefore, exercises a considerable influence on vegetation, and he would be wanting indeed who ignored it in practice.

Would it not be folly to cultivate the vine at Dunkirk, maize at Valenciennes, and the olive on the plains of Beauce? These are exaggerations, I know, but under them there is a truth it would be well to remember, that in our day agriculture tends to specializations, and we should always have the climate in our favor. With a free commerce and facility of exchange, each region should create a monopoly of its products in which it may defy competition.

The English, an enlightened people, understood this long ago: wherever too great moisture of climate made the cultivation of grain unprofitable, they have substituted grasses and herds. Among the conditions acting on vegetation we have placed the composition of the soil, and in the same order of ideas the choice of manure in the second rank.

You know that two fields touching each other may often be of unequal fertility. The cause of these differences is in the presence or absence of certain agents. Add to the one the elements wanting, and it will become as fertile as the other. Under this view, by the use of manures, man acquires an almost limitless control of nature. It is to the study of this second condition that the teaching of Vincennes is especially devoted.

As to the third condition, that is regulated by the vegetable itself. All species are subject to certain variations,

which may become hereditary. Races, varieties of small importance in a botanical point of view, but of great import in agriculture, have often the same origin. Under the same conditions of soil and manures one variety will often yield double the quantity of another. I will show you a remarkable example of this. For three years I have had blue wheat and English wheat (with red straw) under parallel culture, the soil and manures exactly alike. The blue wheat did not succeed at all; the English wheat grew wonderfully. In autumn the blue wheat has a marked advantage over the English wheat, but in spring, affected by late frosts, it is also violently attacked by rust, while the English wheat, being more backward, escapes both entirely.

There is, then, a means resting entirely upon ourselves, and to which perhaps we have not given sufficient attention. For myself, I believe our vegetables are susceptible of as varied changes as are our domestic animals.

But I repeat, gentlemen, that of the three conditions which rule the activity and the products of vegetation, we should occupy ourselves solely with the second—the choice and the quantities of manures. I have recalled the other two, but to show the subject on all sides, and to leave nothing in obscurity, I promised you an analysis of vegetation, its agents and cause. I think I have fully kept that promise. Are you tempted to reproach me with the too scientific character of my study? Our path was traced out by the light of these ideas. Thenceforth there can be no question of empiric results. Besides if practice be our object, science should be our guide, its methods our auxiliaries, and its principles the foundation of our deductions. Until the last twenty years it has been asserted that the farmyard was our agent "par excellence" of fertility. I maintain that to be erroneous, and that it is possible to produce better and cheaper artificial manures than can the farmyard. It has been said: The meadow is the foundation of all good agriculture, because with the meadow we have cattle, and with the cattle manure. These axioms are now veritable heresies. I hope to show you that agriculture to be remunerative must be founded on artificial manures. With farmyard manures it is not but a question of convenience and cost.

To determine these important views with certainty we must remain faithful to the plan traced out.

In the first place, we must define the degrees of utility of the different elements of which vegetation is composed, seek the forms under which their assimilation is easiest and the useful effects the most certain, and last, form from them rules by which we may associate them to make the most powerful manures.

In our next we will broach the subject under its new view, which will bring us into the domain of practice.

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GOING EAST.	Accm. Daily.	Accm. T.T.S. Daily.	Exp. Daily.
Annapolis Leave	5:30	A. M.	1:45
14 Bridgetown "	6:25	A. M.	2:23
28 Middleton "	7:28	A. M.	2:57
42 Aylesford "	8:32	A. M.	3:30
47 Berwick "	9:35	A. M.	3:43
50 Waterville "	10:10	A. M.	3:50
59 Kentville dpt	5:40	10:40	4:20
64 Port Williams "	6:00	11:00	4:33
66 Wolfville "	6:10	11:10	4:38
69 Grand Pre "	6:25	11:22	4:46
72 Hantsport "	6:37	11:35	4:54
77 Hantsport "	6:55	11:55	5:08
84 Windsor "	7:45	12:45	5:30
116 Windsor June "	10:00	3:10	6:50
130 Halifax arrive	10:45	3:55	7:25

GOING WEST.	Exp. Daily.	Accm. M.W.F. Daily.	Accm. Daily.
Halifax leave	7:20	A. M.	7:30
14 Windsor Jun "	8:00	A. M.	8:20
46 Windsor "	9:15	A. M.	9:35
53 Hantsport "	9:35	11:20	9:42
58 Avonport "	9:48	11:50	9:58
61 Grand Pre "	9:58	12:05	10:03
64 Wolfville "	10:05	12:24	10:10
66 Port Williams "	10:10	12:38	10:15
71 Kentville "	10:40	1:25	10:40
80 Waterville "	10:58	2:02	10:58
83 Berwick "	11:05	2:17	11:05
88 Aylesford "	11:18	2:40	11:18
102 Middleton "	11:48	3:47	11:48
116 Bridgetown "	12:33	4:52	12:33
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