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I journey with the morning, hand in hand,
The charm of mist makes lovlier the land;
The white road runs wild garden banks between
Far, far across the acres rich and green.

With bended head I bathe wide eyes in dew,
This tincture makes the worn old world seem new.

Fragrance and song float from the palmy slope
Where clover white and pink hath splendid scope—

I hold the grass and strengthen in its glee
And join in its saltant ecstasy,

And praise it for the power its cheer doth hold,
Like love in life to hide the must and mold.

The roses wild are here in vagrant ease,
All dawn-suffused and flushed with imageries;

Right rudely seems the milkweed's stalk upthrust,
Like hand that pushes bold through custom's crust;

Just by the fence, and there beyond the trees,
The daisies go in genial companies.

I mark the roadside's fragile denizen—
The honey-hearted flower of moth mullein;

Unscreened from dust, whose home should be the lea,
Smiles the fair face of sapphire chicory.

The morn is sweet, great gifts are in her palm,
Her head is 'neath a canopy of calm.

The morn is sweet, and discontent and ill
Are shapes dissolving on the emerald hill.

MARY ROBERTINE STOKES,
Still Pond, Kent county, Md.
—From the Baltimore Sun.

POSSIBILITIES OF TWO BAGS.

What Has Been Done and What May be Accomplished With Fertilizers—A Comparison for Thoughtful Farmers.

Your "Talks With Farmers" give interesting experience with commercial fertilizers, and the testimony proves that nearly every kind has given profit. This is not surprising. The growth of the business is evidence that there was satisfaction on both the manufacturer's and consumer's side, because no industry could grow and flourish as this one has unless there was mutual profit to both.

That men use, and will continue to, is an accepted fact. There is no room for criticism on the profit side now, so any evidence we can have is indefinite. Men buy, use and accept results, but the day of close inspection is past. "Poverty alleys" are scarce in the growing crops, and the scales are never used. Again, there are so many conditions of soil, tillage and weather to be taken into consideration, nor can any single test give infallible proof, and since it is too much trouble to make a long, thorough test the users simply notice that in the majority of cases they receive good pay and let it go at that.

The time has come when all the ills that human flesh is heir to are not attributed to fertilizers; when men do not set all the wheels in their heads working to prove that typhoid fever and hog cholera are caused by them, but, on the other hand, in spite of the deadly prejudice, the conviction is settled that better crops can be grown, and soil improved by their use. Whole communities now testify that "there is no use to sow wheat without fertilizers," and there is a fast growing trade for spring crops. In fact, if we may judge by the past, the use now is only a beginning of what will be in future.

In view of the fact that it is difficult to get any specific results at this date it may be interesting to give the possibilities of a test made in the early days, which will show that they paid, and how much. Few men have ever thought of the latent force in a bag of phosphate. They handle it like so much inanimate stone or wood, not thinking of the silent life in it nor the increased vitality it can furnish to grains and grasses for man's comfort and profit. They fail to realize that the chemicals in the dusty bag are of the same class as some in their bodies, and that part of them may actually be transferred to them, but the bags we have under consideration we will only look at from the standpoint of possibilities in dollars.

There was a field of clay soil, of moderate fertility, which was all fertilized for wheat at the rate of a 200-pound bag per acre, except the first one, but with two different kinds. One was a "sure enough" high grade, and the other an acid phosphate. Our two bags were side by side in the middle of the field. At harvest no one could find any difference between their results in length or amount of straw, size of head, nor plumpness of grain. At threshing the fertilized acres averaged eight bushels of wheat above the unfertilized, the stubble and grass set was the same with each bag, and about twice as thick as on the unfertilized acre. When it was cut for hay, the next year, the complete acre gave 2 tons, the incomplete one 1½ tons, and the unfertilized one less than 1 on account of the poor set. The clover seed yield in the same order was 2½, 1½ and none. The next year's hay was 2 tons, 1 ton and ½ ton, and the clover seed 1 bushel, nothing, nothing.

Counting these yields at correct prices, after allowing amply for all work, the net profit for three years of the fertilized acres above the unfertilized were, on the complete acre:

Hay, 1 ton @ $4	$4.00
Wheat; 8 bushels @ 30 cents	2.40
Clover seed, 2½ bushels @ $4	10.00
Hay, 1½ tons at $4	6.00
Clover seed, 1 bushel @ $4	4.00
Total	$26.40
Less cost of phosphates	3.00
Net gain	$23.40

On the incomplete acre:

Wheat, 8 bushels @ 30 cents	$2.40
Hay, ½ ton @ $4	2.00
Clover seed, 1½ bushels at $4	6.00
Hay, ½ ton @ $4	2.00
Total	$12.40
Less cost of phosphates	1.50
Net gain	$10.00

Figures do not lie, neither does the writer, and any one who wants one half dozen affidavits can have them by way of the editor, if he pays for them.

Take notice that $23.40 is a large clear profit from an investment of $3 in three years, also that $10.90 is large from $1.50, but the subject is possibilities, and there are more in this than we can estimate. The grass set faded away the second year on all except where the complete phosphate was applied, and it is possible that the land was worth $10 per acre more than where the other phosphate or none was used.

The above is an object lesson, found possible under favorable circumstances, which shows the latent power in a sack of good fertilizer. The effects of one of these is too far reaching for calculation, while we believe the profits from the acid phosphate were all in at the end of the second year. In the case of the former, unless the soil where it was used is abused to the point of the extraction of all the chemicals, it will still have results.

Another lesson is the increased profit from the good one. The difference in cost of the bags was $1.50, while the actual difference in net profits, as far as we saw it, leaving the possible for future out of the calculation, was $12.50, *and the knowledge of such facts as these makes the investment in good brands a pleasure.* We have seen and made several tests of this kind, and do not believe it possible to make one on average land without finding a large profit in favor of complete fertilizer. Since this is the case, what must we think of the judgment of a man who accepts the THEORY that "all we need is phosphoric acid." Nearly al tests made have proved that there is a profit in the use of any kind, but what an evidence of carelessness it is that men do not look past the grain crop and the grass set the first year. It is as if a farmer would purchase a horse for the last year or two of his life which could "hold up his end" during tha time because he could be had a little cheaper, instead of one which would be a source of pleasure and profit.

The writer has blue grass pastures where good fertilizers were used many years ago, which are several times more productive than where poor ones or none were used. The excess pasture annually pays the cost of the fertilizer; not that any of the stuff is there yet, but it fixed the soil so the seeds could germinate and the grass obtain a hold among the tame grasses, crowd them out and finally riot in their residium.

The possibilities of those bags, some of which cost $3.80 each, will continue during the life of the writer and keep on afterward until some agricultural vandal has charge of the land.

In passing, it is well to say that this is no tirade against the deposits of phosphate made by a beneficent Creator for man's use, nor against the worthy manufacturers who are giving good value by the use of this class of raw material; the argument is that the essentil plant-food chemicals are all necesary for the highest success. We seldom look ahead far enough. The Creator planned thousand and millions of years to give us this soil, and we should look as far ahead into the future as possible for the conservation and augmentation of its fertility. The man who thinks it is his only, and works to exhaust it, is a thief, and the farmer who dies and leaves a worn-out farm is an agricultural pauper. The wise planning executed during long time to prepare this soil was not for the use of any single individual; it was for all who could acquire it honestly, during all time, and it is every man's duty to leave this world some better than he found it.

When the reader of this sees a bag full of phosphate, on which is printed a good analysis, he may also see, without great stretch of imagination, many possible bushels of grain, loads of hay, luxuriant grass, vegetables, fruits, success, dollars, perhaps bone, sinew and brawn for himself, tissue in the cheek of his pleasant faced wife and beautiful daughters, all concealed in a disreputable fertilizer sack.

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