

Farmers' Department.

(Written for the Nebraska Advertiser.)
THE MAELURA FOR HEDGING.

Mr. Editor:—There is, perhaps, no subject of more importance to the farmers of Nebraska, than that of fencing, so as to save timber, and labor. Therefore, a knowledge of, and instruction in regard to a substitute for timber, must be of vast importance to the community. Almost every method has been tried and found wanting, save one, that is, the *Maclura* or *Osage Orange*. Patents have been issued, for all manner of plank, and wire fence, and farmers have been gulled, and cheated thereby, but still the cry is, "Patent-fence;" Eastern news papers are filled, more or less, with flaming advertisements, of patent fences; but beware of imposition. Try none of them, but use a substitute of nature's own production, viz., the *Maclura*.

The *Maclura* was discovered, in Texas, by Dr. Maclura, and has been known by various names, as "*Bois D'Arc*," "*Osage Orange*," &c., but none are so suitable, or handy, as *Maclura*. Many have expressed a doubt of the hedge making a good fence, on account, of the number of failures that have been made, in trials of hedging, by men that did not understand their business, or were too indolent to perform the work in the right manner.

If rightly managed, a hedge fence can be made in four years, that will turn any thing, from a small pig to the most breachy ox, that roams over the prairie, or farmers fields of grain. But it needs time, labor and care, also, a knowledge of the business; either by practice or reading. As a good well-made thick hedge, is the most beautiful appendage of a farm, so an untrimmed, neglected hedge, is the most unsightly nuisance that can be seen or suffered to surround our premises.

The trials and experiments, made by Professor Turner, and Mr. Overman, of Illinois, and others, have placed it beyond a doubt, that hedging is a safe, sure and economical mode of fencing, even in a more timbered country, hence, it is evident, that in our scarce timbered country, it must be one of the most important investments we can make. The cost of hedging, is some fifty cents to one dollar per rod, where practical hedgers are employed, but farmers can make it for much less, and as to clipping it after it is matured it is a small task, an expert hand can clip one mile a day, on both sides, and once a year is all that it needs clipping after it is grown. It will take less time to keep it in repair, after once made, than any other fence, and it is not only a fence for a few years, but for generations to come.

And besides the economy and beauty of hedging, it increases the value of land and farms, more than any one thing that farmers can engage in. What would look prettier than our fertile prairies, all surrounded, crossed and recrossed, with living fences, and the farmer know his crops secure, and the destroying propensities, and craving appetites of unruly cattle.

And for orchards or gardens, it is almost essential for their protection against both man and beast, it also forms a barrier against the cold, bleak winds, so destructive in this climate. But my communication is, perhaps, already too lengthy, so I will close; and may hereafter give directions for sprouting, and sowing seed, setting, and tending the hedge, &c.

HOOSIER.
Nemaha Co., N. T., Nov. 29th '86.

(From the Rural New-Yorker.)

NUTRITION AND GROWTH OF PLANTS.

Seed, placed in moist earth open to the air and sunshine, sprouts and grows. If these conditions are continued a sufficient time, the plant matures, produces seed, and then decays. Why and how is this done? Why? Because it was so ordered by the inscrutable wisdom of God, is our only answer. How? We watch the process and results, we scrutinize them with microscope and call chemical analysis to our aid, and then can give but a partial answer to the question. These researches and this scrutiny, which have long been carried on, form the science of Vegetable Physiology—a science yet in its infancy, but of none the less importance to those who would understandingly cultivate the soil—whose main object and business is to bring its productive capabilities into action.

One fact is self-evident, the nutrition and growth of plants is subject to laws and conditions—they do not create themselves out of nothing—nor are they thus created before us by any higher Power. The life of a plant results from, and consists in, its power to receive and appropriate that which nourishes its growth and development. How it does this, and what it thus receives are queries of prominent im-

portance, but we know very little compared with what remains unknown, towards their solution. We can see that soil, moisture, air, warmth, and light, are necessary to their growth, but this gives only shallow insight of how they grow, and what are the requirements of that growth. Further light may be had from an examination of the plants themselves, their constituent elements and that of their means of sustenance, and these Chemistry best explain and develop.

Of what then, do plants exist? What are their proximate and ultimate elements? The proximate constituents of plants vary widely in their character and are readily distinguishable—by taste, form, color, etc., from each other. This is lucidly illustrated by Stockhardt, as follows:—Grapes, carrots, and many fruits and roots have a sweet taste, they contain sugar. The branches and leaves of the grape vine have a sour taste; they contain an acid salt. Those of the worm-wood have a bitter taste; they contain a peculiar bitter principle. The latter also possess a powerful odor, which proceeds from a volatile oil. In the seed of our various kinds of grain and in the tubers of the potato plant, we find a substance resembling meal, starch; in the seed of the rape and flax plants, a lubricious fluid, fat oil. From the cherry and plum trees there exudes a viscous matter, soluble in water; from fir and pine trees a similar product, but insoluble in water; we call the former gum the latter resin. That which gives mechanical support to plants, forming as it were their bones and blood-vessels receives the name of vegetable fibre, or when it has become tough, insoluble, or indigestible, the name of woody fibre. In the sap of plants we meet with a substance, which coagulates by boiling, like the white of an egg or the albumen of the blood; in peas or other leguminous fruits, a substance which is extremely like cheese; in the seed of rye, wheat, oats, and other kinds of grain, a substance whose composition is identical with that of the flesh of animals; the first is called vegetable albumen, the second vegetable casein, and the third gluten. Finally on the combustion of the plant, we find a residue consisting of an earthy or saline powder, which neither burns up nor volatilizes by heat; this contains its mineral constituents.

All these proximate substances are further reducible into ultimate constituents. But little use can be made of the information thus far attained as regards supplying nourishment to plants. By closer examination and a severer scrutiny, we learn that all this boundless variety of substances is composed in fact of four simple elements; Oxygen, Hydrogen, Carbon, and Nitrogen. In endlessly varied combinations of quantity and form, all vegetable and animal life is made up of these organic constituents. How wonderful the Power which gives such an infinite and beautiful diversity from means apparently so inadequate to such a result. These elementary substances may not only be characterized as organic, or "the principal elements of all organized substances," but as combustible and putrescible, since both heat and corruption, or putrefaction—the one rapidly and the other slowly—has the power of dispersing them in gaseous combinations.

These elements have often been defined and commented upon. We shall in another number briefly indicate their character, and then go on to a classification of the proximate elements of plants, and the further consideration of the elements of vegetable growth, taking Stockhardt's Agricultural Chemistry as our chief authority.

THE AGRICULTURAL REPORTS OF THE PATENT OFFICE.

We learn that the report of the operations of the agricultural divisions of the Patent Office will probably be ready for distribution in November, and that the earnest and pressing demand for copies from all parts of the country will then be promptly met. It is a little later than the mechanical part of the report in its publication; but the circumstances and contingencies connected with its preparation and passage through the press on this occasion appear to have been such as to render it impossible to avoid this brief delay.—Washington Union.

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