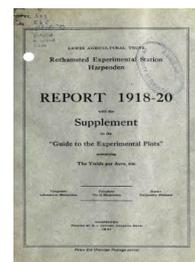


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The new facts brought out by this investigation have several economic applications, some of which have already proved successful under prolonged practical tests. The more important are :—

- 1.—The production of an artificial farmyard manure.
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During the past ten years the author has made many examinations of waste soils with a view of devising methods of improvement. The analytical and agricultural results are set out here, and the causes of success and failure are discussed.

The waste lands of the Eastern half of England are mainly light sands or gravels, or thin chalk soils, suffering from defective water supply; while in the Western half they are commonly peats or stony clays, suffering from excess of water, lack of lime, and in case of high districts, from low temperature. To some extent remedial measures are possible.

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It has already been shown that steam and certain poisons are effective in ridding the soil of some of its insect and fungoid pests besides enhancing its fertility.

A more systematic investigation of the problem has now become possible through the recognition that poisons are, more or less, specific in their effects and may be less harmful to some organisms than to others.