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MAY, 1866.

# EXPERIMENTS WITH DIFFERENT MANUES ON PERMANENT MEADOW LAND.

# THE PARK

The Land has probably been laid down with Grass for some centuries. No fresh seed has been artificially sown within the last 30 years certainly, nor is there record of any having been sown since the Grass was first laid down. The experiments commenced in 1856, at which time the character of the herbage appeared uniform over all the Plots. Excepting as explained in the Table, and in the foot-notes, the same description of Manure has been applied to the same Plots year after year.

	Produce per Acre, weighed as Hay.	ge Tenth um; Season; ars 1865.	Courts. 324. 254. 254. 114.	(a) 111 26 154 164 16 26 164 16	(2 C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	174	414	471 284 284 285 285	214
	Proc wei	Average per Annum 10 Years 1856–1865.	Cwts. $\frac{494}{43}$ (7) $\frac{223}{22}$	$24\frac{1}{2}$ $39\frac{1}{2}$ $31\frac{1}{2}$	34 3388 5334 5234 6184 664	25	543	53 36 454 343	
(Area under experiment, about $6\frac{3}{4}$ acres.)	davoir,   = (about)	1 ton = (about) 1016.0 1 1b. per acre = (about) 11.12 1 cwt. per acre = (about) 125.5 Manures, per 8	200 lbs. Ammonia-salts <sup>(1)</sup> [also 14 tons Farmyard Manure per acre per annum, for 8 years, 1856–1863]	Superphosphate of Lime (**)	Sulphates of Potass, Soda, and Magnesia (4); and "Superphosphate of Lime" difto difto sulphates of Soda and Magnesia (5); difto sulphates of Potass, Soda, and Magnesia (6); difto sulphates of Potass (6); difto sulphates	Unmanured, continuously	Sulphates of Potass, Soda, and Magnesia (4); "Superphosphate of Lime" 400 lbs. "Ammonia-salts;" and 2000 lbs. Cut Wheat-straw	Sulphates of Potass, Soda, and Magnesia (4); "Superphosphate of Lime"; and 550 lbs. ditto	Mixture supplying the quantity of Potass, Soda, Lime, Magnesia, Phosphoric Acid, Silica, and Nitrogen contained in 1 ton of hay (commencing in 1865)
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Plots 8, 8, and 10, had, besides the Manures specified, 2000 blss. Savdust per acre per annum for 7 years, 1856–1862, but without effect.

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250 lbs. Sulphate of Potass, 100 lbs. Sulphate of Soda (500 lbs. 1853–1863), and 100 lbs. Sulphate of Magnesia (Sulphate of Potass also as on Plots 7, &c., 1856–1861).

South 8, in 1859–1861, and 800 lbs. since.

(a) Average of 8 years only, 1856–1865.

Average of 8 years only, the application of Silicates not being commenced until 1862.

Average of 4 years only, the application of Silicates not being commenced until 1862.

Average of 8 years only, as these experiments did not commence until 1858.

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YEAR AFTER YEAR ON THE SAME LAND, WITHOUT MANURE, AND WITH DIFFERENT KINDS OF MANURE.

HOOS FIELD.

EXPERIMENTS ON THE GROWTH OF BARLEY

1848, Barley; 1849, Clover; 1850, Wheat; 1851, Barley manured Barley every year since; and, with one or two exceptions, the same Manures on the same Plots each year. off; Superphosphate of Lime, the Roots carted Dung and Previous Cropping—1847, Swedish Turnips, with with Ammonia-salts.
First Experimental Barley Crop in 1852. Barley

(Area under experiment, about 44 acres.)

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(2) 200 lbs. Bone-ash, 150 lbs. Sulphuric acid (sp. gr. 1·7).

(3) 200 lbs. Sulphate of Potass, 100 lbs. Sulphate of Potass, 100 lbs. Magnesia (for the first six years, 300 lbs., 200 lbs., and 100 lbs., respectively).

(4) 400 lbs. per annum for the first six years, and 200 lbs. only each year since.

(5) 400 lbs. per annum for the first six years, and 100 lbs. only seady six years, and 100 lbs. only seady year since.

(7) 300 lbs. Bone-ash, and 100 lbs. Only the first six years, and 200 lbs. Withtee of Soda, the first six years, and 200 lbs. only each year since.

(8) 550 lbs. Nitrate of Soda for 1853-4-5-6, and 7; and 275 lbs. only each year since.

(9) Annunia-salts also the first year, but not since.

(10) Average of 13 years only.

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OF MANURE. Experiments on the Growth of WHEAT year after year on the same Land; without Mandre, and with different kinds

# BROADBALK FIELD.

Previous Cropping—1839, Turnips, with Farmyard Manure; 1840, Barley; 1841, Peas; 1842, Wheaf; 1843, Oats; the last four Crops Unmanured.

First Experimental Wheat Crop in 1844. Wheat every year since; and, with some exceptions, nearly the same description of Manure on the same Plots each year—especially during the last 14 years.

(Area under experiment, about 13 acres.)

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	п, 1865.		Total Straw.		104 94	27 <del>2</del> 94 103	10½ 18 32¾ 41	41 <sup>2</sup> 28 21 <sup>2</sup> 24	222 273 304 284 44	28 304	253	$\frac{13\frac{4}{4}}{25\frac{4}{4}}\binom{9}{10}$	263	113	13 13 <sup>2</sup>
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(2) Since 1858, 200 lbs. Sulphate of Potass, 100 lbs. Sulphate of Soda, and 100 lbs. Sulphate of Magnesia; for Crop of 1857-8, and previously, 300 lbs., 200 lbs., and 100 lbs., respectively.

(2) 200 lbs. Bone-ash, 150 lbs. Sulphatic acid (sp. gr. 1-7).

(3) The Manures of 17 and 18 alternate.

(5) Average of 14 years' Amonia-salts alternated with Mineral Manures.

(6) With Hydrochloric instead of Sulpharic Acid.

(7) Average of 14 years' Amonia-salts alternated with Amonia-salts.

(8) Average of 14 years' Mineral Manures alternated with Amonia-salts for the Crop of 1865.

(9) Plots 18 had the Amonia-salts for the Crop of 1865.

(1865. Are not in a divided into duplicate portions, "a" and "b", respectively, which are manured alike; excepting that, for the crop of 1864, and since, the "a" portions of plots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, and 17 (or 18), have received a mixture of soluble Silicates in addition to the other Manures, but, hitherto, without any material effect.

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## EXPERIMENTS ON THE GROWTH OF LEGUMINOUS CROPS.

# I.—BEANS, PEAS, AND TARES.

EXPERIMENTS on the growth of Leguminous corn-crops, with different descriptions of manure, were commenced in 1847, about 9 acres being devoted to the purpose.

Experiments with Beans were continued for thirteen consecutive seasons, to 1859 inclusive; but, during the later years, the crop fell off very much, and the land became very foul.

In 1860 the land was fallowed.

In 1861 a crop of wheat, without manure, was taken.

In 1862 beans were again sown, but with some variation in the manuring.

In 1863 the land was fallowed.

In 1864, and since, beans have been grown with much the same manures on the same plots as in 1862.

The general result of the experiments with Beans was, that mineral constituents added as manure (more particularly potass, and, to some extent, phosphoric acid also), increased the crop very much during the early years; and, to a certain extent, afterwards, whenever the season was favourable for the crop. Ammonia-salts, on the other hand, produced very little effect; notwithstanding that a Leguminous crop contains two, three, or more times as much nitrogen as a Graminaceous one grown under parallel circumstances. Nitrate of soda, however, has produced very striking effects. But Leguminous crops grown too frequently on the same land seem to be peculiarly subject to disease, which no combination of manuring that we have hitherto tried seems to obviate.

Experiments with Peas were soon abandoned, owing to the difficulty of keeping the land free from weeds; and an alternation of Beans and Wheat was substituted; the beans being manured much as in the experiments with the same crop above described.

In alternating Wheat with Beans, the remarkable result has been obtained, that nearly as much wheat, and nearly as much nitrogen, were yielded in 8 crops of wheat in alternation with the highly nitrogenous beans, as in 16

crops of wheat grown consecutively without manure, and also nearly as much as were obtained in another field in 8 crops alternated with bare fallow.

Experiments with TARES were also soon abandoned, for the same reason; beans being at first substituted, with some variation in the description of the manures employed; but of late this experiment has likewise been abandoned.

# II.—RED CLOVER (Trifolium pratense).

Experiments on the growth of Clover, with different descriptions of manure, were commenced in 1849, and, with the occasional interposition of a corn-crop, or fallow, have been continued up to the present time. As with beans, the result was, that mineral constituents applied as manures (particularly potass, and, more or less, phosphoric acid also), considerably increased the early crops; whereas ammoniacal-salts had little or no effect. But since the first few years, all attempts to grow Clover year after year on this land have failed to give anything like a fair crop, or a plant that would stand the usual time on the ground; notwithstanding that fresh seed has been sown again and again. In one year, a portion of the land was trenched two feet deep; one-third of the manure being applied at a depth of 16 inches, one-third at a depth of 8 inches, and the remainder on the surface.

The general result of the experiments is, that neither ammoniacal-salts, nor nitrate of soda, nor organic matter rich in carbon as well as other constituents, nor mineral manures, nor a complex mixture, has availed to restore the clover-yielding capabilities of the land.

It is, however, worthy of remark that, in 1854, Red Clover was sown in a kitchen-garden only a few hundred yards distant from the experimental field, on soil which has been under ordinary garden cultivation for, probably, two or three centuries, and it has every year since shown very luxuriant growth; and, after re-sowing twice during the period (in 1860 and 1865), there is, at the present time, little or no indication of failure.

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# EXPERIMENTS ON THE GROWTH OF ROOT-CROPS.

EXPERIMENTS with TURNIPS were commenced in 1843. Eight acres, divided into numerous plots, were set apart for the purpose; and the crop was grown for ten consecutive years on the same land ("Norfolk Whites" 1843-1848 and "Swedes" 1849-1852); on some plots without manure, and on others with different descriptions of manure. Barley was then grown for three consecutive seasons (1853-1855) without manure, in order to test the comparative corn-growing condition of the different plots, and also to equalize their condition, as far as possible, by the exhaustion of some of the most active and immediately available constituents supplied by the previous manuring. A new series of experiments with Swedes was then arranged, having regard to the character of the manures previously applied on the different plots, and to the results previously obtained. This second series was commenced in 1856, and is still in progress.

It is impossible adequately to state the bearing of the results in a few words, but the following are some of the most characteristic indications:—

- 1. Without manure of any kind, the produce of roots was reduced in a few years to a few cwts. per acre; but the diminutive plants (both root and leaf) contained a very unusually high percentage of nitrogen.
- 2. Of "mineral" constituents, phosphoric acid (in the form of superphosphate of lime) was by far the most effective manure; but, when this manure is used alone, the immediately available nitrogen of the soil is rapidly exhausted.
- 3. Really large crops of turnips can only be obtained when the soil supplies a liberal amount of both carbonaceous and nitrogenous matter (as well as mineral constituents); and when they are already available within the soil, or are supplied in the form of farmyard manure, rape-cake, Peruvian guano, ammonia-salts, &c., the rapidity of growth, and the amount of the crop, are greatly increased by the use of superphosphate of lime applied near to the seed.

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# EXPERIMENTS ON AN ACTUAL COURSE OF ROTATION—TURNIES, BARLEY, LEGUMINOUS CROP (OR FALLOW), AND WHEAR.

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These Experiments were commenced in 1848; so that the present crop (1866) is the 19th experimental one, or the third crop of the Fifth Course.

One-third of the land has been continuously unmanured; one-third manured with Superphosphate of Lime alone once every four years, that is, for the turnip-crop commencing each course; and cone-third manured (also for the turnip-crop only) with a complex manure, as described in the foot-note, No. 2.

In the Second, Third, and Fourth Courses, instead of clover, half of each plot was sown with beans, and the other half left fallow.

From half of each of the three plots the whole turnip-crop froits and leaves) was removed; and on the other half the roots were eaten on the land by sheep, and the uneaten leaves were spread and ploughed in. In the case of all the other crops, the total produce was removed from the land.

The abstract of results given below relates to the portions of each plot from which the turnip-crops were entirely removed; and on which, in the later courses, beans (not fallow)

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		Corn (or roots).	Straw (or Leaf).	Total Produce.	,Corn (or Roots).	Straw (or Leaf).	Total Produce,	Corn (or Roots).	Straw (or Leaf).	Total Produce.
				IST C	COURSE, 1848-51.			я		
1848 1849 1850 1851	Swedish Turnips Barley Clover (weighed green) Wheat	175‡ cwts. 1706 lbs. 1958 lbs.	19‡ owts. 2088 Ibs. 3431 Ibs.	195 cwts. 3794 lbs. 1944 cwts. 5389 lbs.	292 cwts 1705 lbs. 1882 lbs.	35 cwts. 1870 lbs. 3371 lbs.	327 cwts. 3575 lbs. 1994 cwts. 5253 lbs.	394 <sup>2</sup> cwts. 2673 lbs. 1948 lbs.	46½ cwts. 2983 lbs. 3552 lbs.	441 cwts. 5656 lbs. 219½ cwts. 5500 lbs.
			-	2ND (	Course, 1852-55.					
1852 1853 1854 1854	Swedish Turnips Barley Beans	26 cwts. 2035 lbs. 390 lbs. 2240 lbs.	4½ cwts. 2430 lbs. 1055 lbs. 3619 lbs.	30½ cwts. 4465 lbs. 1445 lbs. 5859 lbs.	2234 cwts. 1687 lbs. 431 lbs. 2264 lbs.	20½ cwts. 1873 lbs. 1103 lbs. 3525 lbs.	243½ cwts. 3560 lbs. 1534 lbs. 5789 lbs.	396½ cwts. 2269 lbs. 710 lbs. 2429 lbs.	36½ cwts. 2604 lbs. 1355 lbs. 3942 lbs.	433 cwts. 4873 lbs. 2065 lbs. 6371 lbs.
				3RD C	Course, 1856-59.					
1856 1857 1858 1859	Swedish Turnips	32 cwts. 2737 lbs. 415 lbs. 2232 lbs.	$\begin{array}{c} 2\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwts.} \\ 2600 \text{ lbs.} \\ 1100 \text{ lbs.} \\ 4030 \text{ lbs.} \end{array}$	34½ cwts. 5337 lbs. 1515 lbs. 6262 lbs.	136 cwts. 1601 lbs. 450 lbs. 2190 lbs.	$7\frac{7}{2}$ cwts. 1475 lbs. 1155 lbs. 3930 lbs.	143½ cwts. 3076 lbs. 1605 lbs. 6120 lbs.	333\frac{2}{3} cwts. 2733 lbs. 837 lbs. 2544 lbs.	12½ cwts. 2435 lbs. 1520 lbs. 4610 lbs.	3464 cwts. 5168 lbs. 2357 lbs. 7154 lbs.
				4тн С	Course, 1860-63.					
1860 1861 1862 1863	Swedish Turnips Barley Beans	1 cwt. 2196 lbs. 1821 lbs. 2883 lbs.	(64 lbs.) 2522 lbs. 1840 lbs. 3467 lbs.	1 cwt. 4718 lbs. 3661 lbs. 6350 lbs.	294 cwts. 1775 lbs. 1890 lbs. 2229 lbs.	$\frac{1\frac{1}{2}}{2000}$ cwts. 2150 lbs. 3390 lbs.	30\frac{3}{2} cwts. 3775 lbs. 4040 lbs. 5619 lbs.	87½ cwts. 3451 lbs. 2710 lbs. 2929 lbs.	3940 lbs. 3280 lbs. 4697 lbs.	90 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cwts. 7391 lbs. 5990 lbs. 7626 lbs.
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1864 1865 1866 1866	Swedish Turnips Barley	8\frac{8\frac{3}{4}}{2028} \text{ cwts.} \\ \begin{align*} 2028 \text{ lbs.} \\ \begin{align*} \	34 cwts. 2154 lbs. 7073 lbs. 2743 lbs.	$\frac{9\frac{1}{2}}{4182}$ cwts. $\frac{169}{69}$ lbs. $\frac{169}{322}$ lbs. $\frac{322}{322}$	68 cwts. 1779 lbs. 485 lbs.	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cwts. 1615 lbs. 478 lbs.	$72\frac{3}{4}$ cwts. 3394 lbs. $1463$ lbs. $3222$ lbs.	1764 cwts. 2553 lbs. /353 lbs.	84 cwts. 2595 lbs. 1940 lbs.	185 cwts. 5148 lbs. 3243 lbs.
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First Course-100 lbs. Bone-ash, and 100 lbs. Sulphuric Acid (sp. gr. 1-7); Second Course-160 lbs. Bone-ash, 120 lbs. Sulphuric Acid; Third, Fourth and Fifth Courses-200 lbs. Bone-ash, and

First Course—100 lbs. Pearl-ash, 100 lbs. Bone-ash, 100 lbs. Sulphuric Acid, 100 lbs. Sulphuric Acid, 100 lbs. Muriate of Ammonia, and 1000 lbs. Rape-cake; Second Course—300 lbs. First Course—100 lbs. Sulphure of Sodu, 100 lbs. Sulphure of Magnesia, 150 lbs. Sulphure Acid, 100 lbs. Sulphure of Ammonia, 100 lbs. Sulphure of Potass, 200 lbs., Sulphate of Sodu, 100 lbs. Sulphate of Ammonia, 150 lbs. Sulphure Acid, 100 lbs. Sulphate of Ammonia, Muriate of Ammonia, and 2000 lbs. Rape-cake, per core. (4) First Course—100 Il 150 lbs. Sulphurie Acid per care Course—100 Isulphate of Potass, 100 lbs. cake; Third, Fourth and F 100 lbs. Muriate of Ammonia