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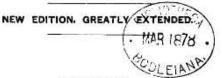
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As the use of artificial manures is still extending, and as chemical analysis is correctly looked upon as the chief means of arriving at their value, a plain and reliable guide is often called for to enable practical men to understand analysis when put before them, and to enable them to obtain the full benefit which a knowledge of the materials at their command is capable of conferring.

To this end the following pages have been written, and which it is hoped will supply in a condensed form much of the information likely to be useful in connection with the subjects referred to, and in the treatment of which I have had in view the questions constantly put to me by buyers and sellers of manures, and the raw materials used in their preparation. Of the latter, only those in actual use or of particular interest, have been spoken of, so as to avoid needless amplification. I have also embodied some of the remarks and hints which have appeared in my annual reports, which I

have reason to know have been valued by a large circle of clients, though never before published.

I may add that the various recipes given are the same for which I have hitherto charged my usual fees, and are not inferior to others for which much larger sums have been paid; but as the present is the age of publicity, I now offer them free of cost to those interested, hoping to receive compensation in the same manner.

This pamphlet, although founded on the one bearing nearly the same title which I issued a few years since, has been greatly extended, and for the greater part re-written.

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ARTIFICIAL MANURES.

CHAPTER I.

MAKING MANURES.

Being frequently applied to by intending manufacturers and farmers for directions for making superphosphate and other artificial manures, the following pages contain in a concise form the substance of my replies, with such remarks and extensions as have occurred to me as I proceeded. To persons also who are already well able to make manures satisfactorily, it is hoped they may not be without interest although some of the matter will necessarily be to them familiar.

In thus treating publicly of the preparation of superphosphate and other manures, I am betraying no trade secrets since the materials of which they are composed are now perfectly well known, and may be bought in large or small quantities; and as the process of manufacture is simple, any one may now make