

## Science Page

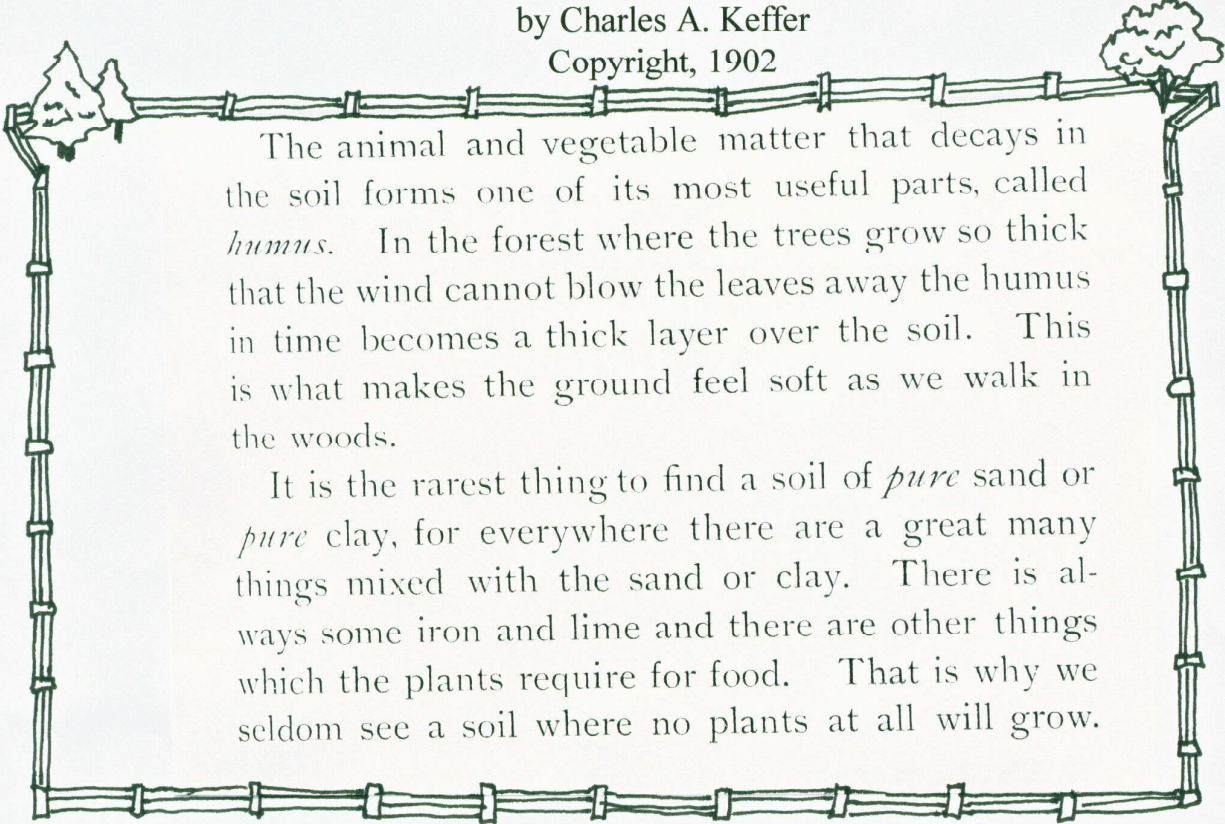
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The animal and vegetable matter that decays in the soil forms one of its most useful parts, called *humus*. In the forest where the trees grow so thick that the wind cannot blow the leaves away the humus in time becomes a thick layer over the soil. This is what makes the ground feel soft as we walk in the woods.

It is the rarest thing to find a soil of *pure* sand or *pure* clay, for everywhere there are a great many things mixed with the sand or clay. There is always some iron and lime and there are other things which the plants require for food. That is why we seldom see a soil where no plants at all will grow.

Agriculture is ***farming, food, fabric, forestry and flowers***. Those words bring to mind lots of ideas, things we use everyday. Write down or draw pictures of things you have touched, ate, used or smelled today.

