

can Exchange and Review thus closes an article on phosphorus: A particle of phosphorus thus traced from its ini-tial point in the soil to those producers of organic matter and stores of physical forces plants-and thence to the animal which destroys organic matter and liberates force, becomes, from the func-tions it fills and the part it plays, pos-sessed of more interest than falls to the same share of most chemical elements. The alchemist, now nearly two centu-ries dead, was doomed to disappoint-ment when he thought of transforming, by its agency, the base metals into no-ble gold, but there was a glimmering of truth in his view of its convertive powmal which destroys organic matter and ers. It helps to change inert, inorganic matter into nutritive vegetable forms; it fulfils a wonderful destiny in the human brain, and the resultit there brings about makes it indeed the 'philosopher's stons' in the world's progress.





