
Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 31.—When Farmer Jones takes the fields next spring to plant his 40 acres in alfalfa, won't just be planting something to be used for hay—he'll be planting something that has become one of the greatest aids to modern medicine, following research work at the University of Iowa.

For alfalfa has been shown to be a source of Vitamin K, of vitamin important in preventing hemorrhages during and after operations on jaundiced patients with gall bladder trouble. The research was carried on in the university hospital laboratories under the direction of Dr. H. P. Smith, pathologist.

Experimenting with both animals and humans, Dr. Smith and his assistants have found that if a patient, who is to be operated on gallbladder trouble, bleeds too freely and the blood does not show