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THE WORK OF THE FARMER.

Lord Bacon says in one of his most interesting essays, "God Almighty first planted a garden; and indeed it is the purest of human pleasures."

Man's first occupation in the Garden of Eden in which he was placed was to dress it and to keep it. We are never happier than when we are in close touch with nature, watching over the sprouting seeds, tending the opening flowers, cultivating the useful herbs and grains, and gathering from the fruitful soil what the Great Creator supplies as the reward of our industry. Some may look upon work in the garden or fields as drudgery, but to one of healthful body, sound mind, and good sense, it brings great satisfaction to sow and plant in spring-time, to receive from God Almighty's hand

"The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain."

What is more inspiring to the farmer than to walk