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"Agriculture not only gives Riches to a Nation, but the only Riches she can call her own."

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WORK FOR THE MONTH.

This may truly be said to be the most important month in the year to the agriculturist. The most valuable of the grain crops will be harvested by the close of the month, and the fallows will be in progress by that time sufficient to secure the completion of the autumn seeding by the 12th or 15th of September. Every operation about the farm at this season of the year will require the greatest possible despatch, and must at the same time be conducted with great judgment. Leisure hours are now quite out of the question with the man who feels at all anxious to keep a head of his work. Do not let the grain become too ripe before cutting; great losses are frequently sustained by not observing this particular. Peas, oats, and wheat-straw make excellent winter food for stock if harvested a few days before they arrive at that state which is generally termed dead-ripe; and it is supposed by many, that the grain is more valuable than when allowed to fully ripen. This matter should be settled the present harvest;

and when determining the value of early harvested grain, the superior value of the straw should be included in the account. The best and cleanest wheat should be saved for seed; and the portions of the fields intended for this purpose should not be harvested until the grain be thoroughly ripe. An excellent method of improving the quality of seed-wheat consists in observing the above; and instead of thrashing with a flail or machine, to have the largest of the grain beat out by hand over the edge of an empty barrel; by judiciously observing this plan for a few years, the sample would become so much improved that it would have the appearance of a new variety of wheat. In selecting wheat for seed, choose that which is entirely free from chess, rye, cockle, and every other weed or grain that would be injurious to the crop.—Every farmer who intends becoming proficient in the cultivation of wheat, should immediately resolve to wage war against chess and smut; the former can be entirely extirpated from the country if the farmers would at once come to the