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Pleasant weather for haymaking, we don't think, have been the last few days of June. And to add to the difficulty of that agreeable though too often tedious job, the crop is nothing short of tremendous. We have never seen such clover in any country. One piece of some five acres, close to the house we are passing the summer at, must have at least 3 tons to the imperial acre. Had it been ours, we should have cut it on the 13th, on which day it was in full bloom; unfortunately, the hoeing of a very fine lot of carrots and mangels stood in the way, and the mower did not start till the 23rd, since which day there has been daily rain, necessitating the cocking and spreading out again every day, until we fear the leaf, the most valuable part of the plant, will be almost entirely left on the ground.

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Of course, as the weather was so catching, very little of the clover was cut, and the remainder of this prodigious crop is all "kneed down," scragged all about, one stem embracing its neighbour, in such a general state of prostrate confusion, that the machine can hardly make its way through its anyhow, the horses are worn to death by the continued exertion of backing—no easy thing in a heavy piece of work like this—and, which is almost worst of all, at least ten per cent of the crop is left on the ground uncut.

The reluctance to mow clover early enough in this part of the world arises, generally, from habit. Because timothy is rarely fit to cut before the tenth, or so, of July, people have got accustomed to treat the hay-crop as a whole, and take it all together. Another reason is, that as a man said to us the other day when we were praising a fine