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## Notes and Comments.

AUGUST is the month during which the farmer sits on the anxious seat. To be or not to be is the question—frost or no frost—whether or not his whole season's labor will be ruined, or if he can safely harvest and garner the golden grain. This is the subject and the all-absorbing question. From the latest advices received it would appear that the crop as a whole is a little later than that of previous years, but as we are now nearly past the time for the average frost which nips in the bud a year's work, we can almost count for a certainty on a fair crop being gathered. The scarcity of farm help will retard harvesting operations to a certain extent as with but a few exceptions no one farmer can care for his crop within himself in the time in which it should be attended to, but by judicious methods and keeping at it the greater part can be accomplished.

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OWING to the existence of small-pox in our midst, and the alarm which it has occasioned it may not be out of place to give a few hints

as to the care which should be taken by the public in guarding against the attacks of the fell disease.

The first thing one naturally turns to is the prevention. This is easily obtained by vaccination, for no intelligent person who has been successfully vaccinated within a given time need have small-pox. A few years ago the virus was obtained from the arm of a healthy child, which had recently been vaccinated but this has been done away with as bovine virus is preferable. The reason of this is that, by the use of the bovine virus there is secured a more perfect or typical development of the vaccine disease; and hence it may fairly be inferred a greater protection against small-pox. Again, with the bovine virus there is no danger of communicating syphilis. The bovine virus is also more effective than the humanized virus in re-vaccination and is less susceptible to small-pox, and as greater care can be taken in the propagation of it a greater supply can be always at command in time of danger and people thus vaccinated have a better guarantee, that they are vaccinated with genuine pure vaccine virus. Hav-