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WORK FOR THE MONTH.

The work to be done on the farm during this month, is of the greatest importance. Much of the success of the farmer will depend upon the manner in which the operations of this month are carried out. Unless the ground be properly prepared and the seed of a good quality, it is hopeless to expect a profitable crop. If information be more profitable to the husbandman at one season of the year than another, this is obviously the one in which it could be turned to the greatest account. The first thing to be considered is, a judicious system of rotation. Spring wheat may be sown after potatoes, rape, turnips, vetches, and peas. If a preference is to be given to either of these crops, it must be in favour of potatoes. The land for this crop should have been ploughed last autumn, and the seed cannot be sown too soon in the spring. The moment the ground is sufficiently dry for the harrows, spring wheat should be sown. To prevent smut, the seed should be pickled in strong brine and dried in lime; by this process the oats and light

grains may be separated from the wheat, and the early growth will be considerably promoted. In selecting a variety, choose the one which comes the earliest to perfection, and has the greatest number of good qualities and the fewest bad ones. For yielding and flouring qualities the Siberian wheat cannot be surpassed; and by sowing alternately upon heavy and light lands, and selecting the finest samples, the quality of this wheat would be greatly improved. Forty bushels per acre after potatoes and rape have been repeatedly harvested, and it will command as high a price in the British market in wheat, as the finest samples of fall wheat. The flour from this wheat is of the finest quality, and if it be ground and packed in the summer months, it may be shipped across the Atlantic in as sound a condition as flour manufactured from winter wheat. If the land intended for this crop be very rich and likely to promote rust, it would be advisable previous to sowing, to plough the ground lightly in ribs about twelve inches asunder—the seed may then be sown and harrowed