

particularly at the commencing agonies of his passion. The varying seasons, the growth of vegetables, sowing and reaping, and other labours of the field he improved for lessons of morality and religion.

This calling is the least dependent of any and the least exposed to total accidents, and affords on the whole, the greatest sum of contentment. Gilbert Burns, of Scotland, himself a labouring farmer, remarks, in a letter written in the year 1800, "I have always been of the opinion, that if a man bred to the habits of farming life, who possesses a farm of good soil on such terms as enable him to pay all demands, is not happy, he ought to look somewhere else than to his situation, for the cause of his uneasiness." This Mr. Burns, a man of superior cast of understanding, was a small farmer on *lease land*:—and if such a situation afforded contentment and happiness to one of the first rate sense, much more so might a moderate farm in our country, free from incumbrances, and belonging exclusively to the occupier. A farmer in those circumstances, did he truly estimate his own lot in life, would see a hundred reasons of gratitude, to one of complaint. A practical farmer whose livelihood depends upon his calling, should make it the pinnacle of his worldly ambition to excel in it. If he neglects his farm for almost any thing else, he is generally a loser both in interest and credit.



HINTS TO YOUNG FARMERS.

Never be above your calling; nor be afraid of the *frock* and the *apron*.

Put off no business till to-morrow, which ought, and can be done to-day.

As soon as the Spring opens, and the frost is out of the ground, put your fences in order.

Plant no more ground than you can well manure and cultivate to advantage.

Never hire a man to do a piece of work which you can do yourself.

Every day has its appropriate duties; attend to them in succession.

Keep no more stock than you can keep in order, and that of the best kind.

Never contract a debt without a reasonable probability of paying it at the time agreed.

Remember *economy* and *industry* are the two great pillars of the Farmer's prosperity.

Should you take any *periodical Journal*, pay for it in advance.

Never carry your notes in your pocket-book, as the desk or trunk is a more appropriate place. Keep them on file, and in order, ready to be found when wanted.

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