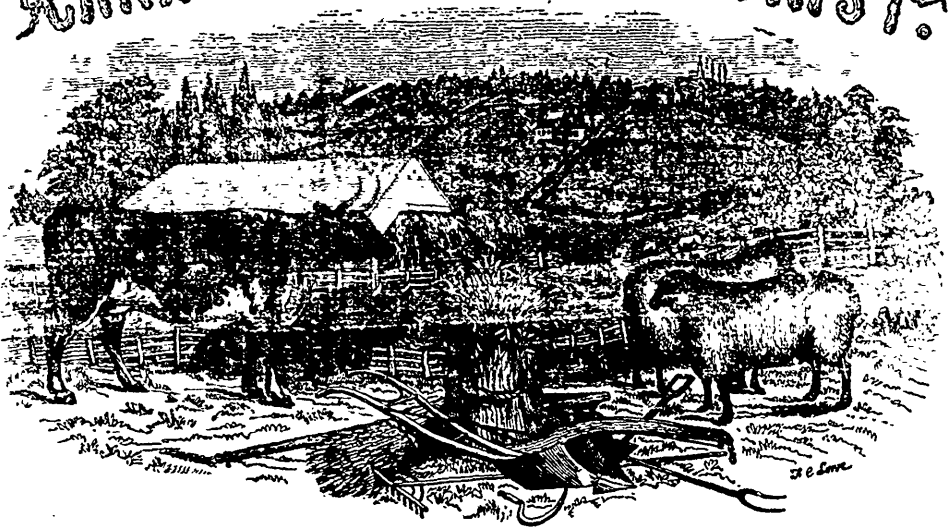


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A FEW PRACTICAL REMARKS ON THE AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS OF SPRING.

The busy and joyous season of Spring, with its increasing warmth and bright sunshine, giving a renovating impulse to the quiescent powers of the Vegetable Kingdom, and imparting new vigor to a countless number of animate existences, has again arrived; and largely does it draw upon the resources, both of the head and hands, of the cultivators of the soil. Spring may be regarded as the infancy of the agricultural year; and the golden fruits of Autumn will be materially influenced, both in re-

gard to quantity and quality, by the degree of intelligence and industry which the farmer brings to bear upon his important occupation at the present time. All that we propose in the present article is to drop a few practical and seasonable hints.

The winter that has now drawn to a close has been distinguished in Upper Canada, by the general absence of severity, clouded skies, frequent and sudden changes of temperature and a damp atmosphere: characteristics strongly reminding one of "Old Country" winters. Live Stock of every description has done well, when proper attention has been paid; a condition we are sorry to observe is too frequently neglected. In this part of the Province the hay crop of last year was abundant, but in several of the Eastern districts it was extremely scanty, owing to the excessive drought that prevailed over a very large area of the British Provinces and the Eastern States. The farmers in those sections must therefore experience great difficulty in keeping up the condition of their live stock,—particularly as root crops must have been similarly affected with that of hay.

Now the only way of modifying the effects arising from the extremes which are frequently