

JUNE.—“A man may see how this world goes with no eyes. Look with thine ears: see how yon justice rails upon yon simple thief. Hark, in thine ear: change places; and handy dandy, which is the justice, which is the thief?—Thou hast seen a farmer’s dog bark at a beggar? and the creature run from the cur? There thou might’st behold the great image of authority: a dog’s obey’d in office.—The usurer hangs the cozener. Through tattered clothes small vices do appear; robes and furred gowns hide all. Plate sin with gold, and the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks: arm it in rags, a pigmy’s straw doth pierce it. Get thee glass eyes if thou art blind, and seem to see things thou dost not, as many a scurvy politician oft will do.”—If one method of treating seed corn, in order to its preservation from worms, birds, &c. be found not to succeed well, some other of the various modes ought to be tried. One way of protecting it against the assaults of these marauders, is, to soak it in water, then roll it in sulphur, and plant it immediately: sulphur is of itself a manure, but by no means so efficacious for maize as plaster: it should always, therefore, after being soaked some hours, be rolled in plaster before planting. The effect of this application on the growing crop is very great indeed.—Remember that the largest and best seed-potatoes will produce the largest and best crops.—Break off the most thrifty shoots of your seed-cabbage-stumps, and set these shoots out as you do plants; they will produce very early and large cabbages: break them from the stumps, not cut them, as the broken fibrous parts will the more readily form roots. Don’t plant your corn too deep, for deep planting deprives it of much of the influence of the sun and atmosphere, and exposes it to a weight of cold earth that contains little vegetable food, and that becomes so baked by the sun as to keep the feeble plant from starting to the surface. Water young plants in the evening. Weed flax. Weed your gardens thoroughly.

JULY.—If you intend to thrive, ’tis now time that you were all alive; no *hermitizing* sure will do, when you’ve much business to go through; where corn and grass start full in view, and ask a brisk and jovial crew, to treat them as injustice due, you must not sit and ruminate beneath the *sycamore*, or prate about what you have seen or done, for haying now should be begun. So, to it, boys, with sithe and rake, and let the best precedence take the leaders of the fragrant field, to whom the rest are bound to yield. Before the sun has risen, rise, and to your mowing hie, for thus they *work* it who are wise, and from their slumbers fly. It will be the best way in the cool of the day to husband your strength; and then, when at length the sun’s scorching rays set you all in a blaze, you can relax from your toil, and repose you awhile, beneath the dark *sycamore*, which we told of before, till the heat shall diminish, when the day’s work you may finish. But shun cold water’s deadly chill, though thirst is urging you to swill, if you don’t wish yourself to kill; and let not run too freely flow, and set your gizzard in a glow, lest you become *unskilled* to mow, or get too *hazy* e’en to go.

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