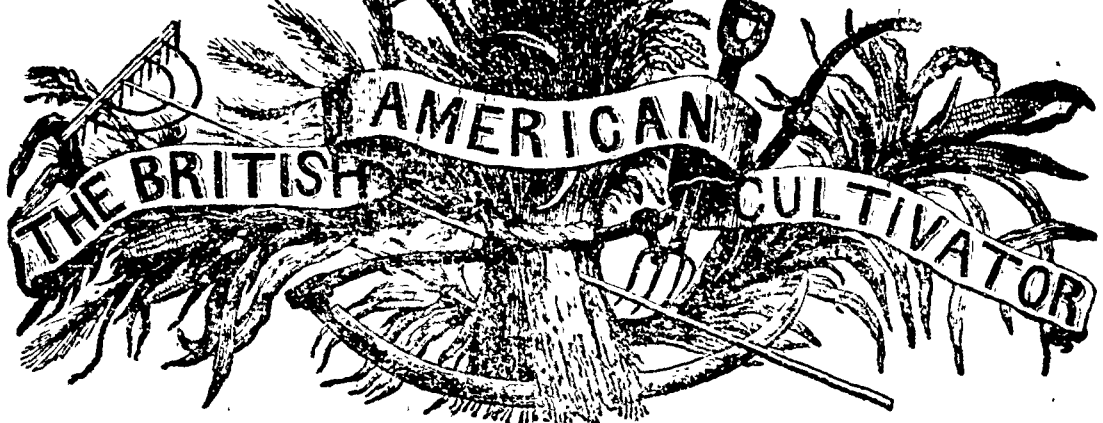


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WORK FOR THE MONTH.

The work to be executed this month will, in a large degree, depend upon the size and character of the farm and the ability and intelligence of the proprietor in executing needful improvements;— and therefore any general directions that may be given, will only in certain cases be applicable; but it is to be hoped, from the many seasonable hints that are advanced, that each subscriber to this journal will find a few that will be profitably practised. By the close of the first week in this month, the potato planting will be completed, and the rutabaga and other root crops will be sown, and the majority of farmers will fancy that there is scarcely anything more to be done upon the farm until the commencement of hay-harvest; now nothing is more preposterous than this, for any correctly observing farmer must be aware that many of the operations that can be better executed at this season of the year than any other, are of the greatest importance upon a well-tilled and properly organised farm. An out-

line of a few of such operations may prove interesting to a portion of the readers of the *Cultivator*.

The Summer-fallows, if not already broken up, should be ploughed forthwith; and wherever practicable, the manure should be ploughed in with the first furrow, which should not be deeper than four inches. By ploughing the first furrow as shallow as it can possibly be turned, and at the same time neatly covering under the manure, the decomposition of the manure, crude vegetable matter in the soil, root weeds, and especially couch or spear grass will be greatly promoted. The second ploughing should not take place until the inverted grasses or weeds become thoroughly destroyed by fermentation, which is generally the case if the fallows be broken up in the autumn, or even in the early part of this month, by the middle of July; and on all soils, except a light drifting sand, great advantage would result from cross-ploughing from ten to twelve inches in depth. This is a much greater depth than what is usually done; and it