

tions, will be found equally great and beneficial in an indirect way, as may well be remembered and appreciated by any one who has witnessed, in the *Mother Country*, their magic power, not only in the culture and improvement of indigenous plants in any particular neighborhood, and in the introduction of new ones in endless variety, but in the estimable moral effects often produced thereby in the feelings, and even *minds*, of the amateur cultivators,—for where is that soul-less creature to be found,—of whom, ~~often~~ contemplating the variegated beauties of the Flower Parterre, it could be said,—

“Hast thou the wondrous scene surveyed,  
That all around thee is displayed ;—  
And hast thou never raised thine eyes,  
To Him who caused these plants to rise ?”

Add to which, are we not indebted to these fascinating means, for bringing together those smiling and brilliant assemblages of Nature's loveliest and most perfect work—the *Fair Sex*—which generally grace such Exhibitions, and who, indeed, often become the most successful competitors in the Floral Department.

The floral Prizes are very properly succeeded by those for domestic manufactures, as tending to increase, materially, the comforts of the Farmer's family circle. Among the objects deserving the attention of an Agricultural Society in a few and thinly settled country, must, of course, be the encouragement of the application of as many of its productions as can be made available, to such useful domestic manufactures as can be conveniently carried on at leisure hours by members of the Farmer's family, whether for the purpose of *home consumption*, or eventual *exchange* or *exportation*. Among these, for instance, may be reckoned Canvas and Linen, from Hemp and Flax grown in the District; Sugar from the Maple Tree, as well as from the Beet; Oil from the Lintseed, the Sunflower seed, the Mustard seed, and the Poppy,—the last of which furnishes excellent Sallad Oil; Flannels, and other woollens, from the native Wool; Dairy Produce; and even Leather; as also those temperate beverages, Cider and Perry:—any of which, if not the whole of those enumerated in the printed *List*, might very properly be made distinct objects of competition. In making this remark, I would not for a moment have it inferred, that I conceive that an agricultural country like the Western District, or indeed Canada at large, should, for many a year to come, attempt to assume a direct manufacturing character,—for that, I conceive, would be found as impolitic and unprofitable, as impracticable; but there are many little things, suited for immediate domestic consumption, for which we may as well be independent of our neighbors, when our own productions can be made convertible to that purpose; and among these, are the articles above enumerated. Would that, in Canada, we could muster enterprise sufficient to add, also, more of that important article, Salt,—for which, as well as for the greater part of our salt provisions, we are,