

Les sujets suivants qu'il traite sont l'économie du temps, l'ouvrage pour les jours de congé ou de pluie, les travaux à faire durant la soirée : il écrit :

"Some works in dead of night are better done ;
Or when the morning dew prevents the sun
Parched meads and stubble mow, by Phœbe's light,
For moisture there abounds, and pearly rains
Descend in silence to refresh the plains.
The wife and husband equally conspire
To work by night, and rake the winter fire.
He sharpens torches in the glimmering room,
She shoots the flying shuttle through the loom,
And till the watchful cock awakes the day,
She sings to drive the tedious hours away."

Il termine le premier livre avec les pronostics du temps, la lune, les étoiles, le lever et le coucher du soleil, les bons et les mauvais présage, etc.

Le deuxième livre commence ainsi :

"Thus far of tillage and heavenly signs ;
Now sing, my Muse, the growth of generous vine ;
The shady groves, the woodland progeny,
And the slow product of Minerva's tree."

Sol propre à chaque plante :

"Nor every plant on every soil will grow ;
The Sallow loves the watery ground, and low,
The marshes, Alders. Nature seems to ordain
The rocky cliff for the wild Ash's reign ;
The baleful Yew to northern blasts assigns,
To shores the Myrtles, and to mounts the Vine."

Soins et culture à donner à la vigne :

"To dress thy vines now labour is required ;
Nor must the painful husbandman be tired,
For thrice, at least, in compass of the year,
Thy vineyard must employ the sturdy steer
To turn the glebe, besides thy daily pain
To break the clods, and make the surface plain.
Thus in a circle runs the peasant's pain,
And the year rolls within itself again."

Emondage des vignes à l'automne :

"Even in the lowest months, when storms have shed
From vines the hairy honors of their head,
Not then the drudging hind his labor ends,
But to the coming year his care extends.
Even then, the naked vine he persecutes :
His pruning-knife at once reforms and cuts."

Labour du vignoble, l'automne :

"When peaceful vines from pruning-hooks are free,
When husbands have surveyed the last degree,
Yet still they find a future task remain ;
To turn the soil and break the clods again."

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