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"Kale."—Has any one tried growing kale here? It is a very popular plant in England and makes capital food for sheep; better for lambs in spring than rape as it is not so likely to scour them, though when the hot weather comes on, we prefer rape. Unfortunately, kale-seed is very dear—half-a-crown a pound in England,—but as it can do without hoeing that expense is saved. And this is a most important consideration, for hoeing in this province, the men not being used to the work, costs double what it costs in England. We cannot understand why so many people recommend drilling rape-seed in rows at from 24 to 30 inches apart. It never will become popular here unless the farmers understand that broadcasting rape answers perfectly. Great thick stems are not wanted, but plenty of tender plants full of juicy leaves.

"The harrow" is now ready to go to work on the newly "braided" grain. Not on all soils, not in all seasons; but when a heavy rain has fallen on clay soils, succeeded by a hot, baking sun for a couple of days, a pair of medium harrows drawn along the ridges will do an infinity of good, by breaking the crust and thereby letting in the air, to say nothing of making a mulch of fine mould, which is always more or less retentive of moisture.