

for two days, told the man what work should be done against the time he came back. When he came home, he asked the man if he had got his work done; yes, says the man, and I had some time to spare, but I saw the peas were needing angering, so I angered the peas. Angered the peas! said the master, what do you mean? come and show me what you have done. When they came to the field the master got into a great rage when he saw that the whole field had been harrowed: there were the peas, some with their heads knocked off, some covered with earth, others with their roots laid bare, in fact things looked so ill for the time being, that the poor man was only allowed to keep his place, on promising never to meddle with anything about the place again, until he was ordered. The result, however, was very different from what the master expected, as it turned out to be the best crop of peas he ever had, and a great deal better than that of any of his neighbors. The farmer often told the story and always concluded with "I never forget to anger the peas."

Now, Mr. Editor, I know that such a practice will be objected to by the generality of farmers in Lower Canada; they will say the like of that may do in England or Scotland, but it will never do here; but I know it will do here, and even when the plants have grown to a considerable length. There are many of the readers of the Journal who will remember, that in 1847, the pea crop failed in many places in Lower Canada, from the excessive heavy rains that fell in spring and early summer. I observed a field I had was looking sickly, the lower blades of the stem had become yellow, they were evidently suffocating from a hard crust that had formed on the surface of the soil, which completely excluded the air from the roots of the plants; the story of "angering the peas" came into my mind, and I sent a pair of harrows and harrowed the whole field well. My neighbors, who had seen me do many foolish things, such as ploughing a field two or three times in one year and never sowing it, or sowing wheat in drills, declared that harrowing the peas after they were fairly above the ground, was the most foolish thing they had ever seen me do; the result was a full average crop, while several of my neighbors' fields yielded no crop at all. You are

at liberty to make what use of the above you please, while I remain yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BOA.

Virtue Roadhead, 22nd. May, 1851.

To destroy Caterpillars in Gooseberry Trees.
—Gather dust from any turnpike road, and shake it well amongst the trees, and the caterpillars will immediately fall to the ground. It is an excellent plan to dust the trees twice or three times a week, as it will effectually prevent the lodgment of caterpillars.

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GEORGE SHEPHERD.

Montreal, February 24, 1851.

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It is known to breeders of improved stock, in this country and in Canada, that the proprietor of this herd, during the past 12 years, has through the medium of importations from England, and selections from the best herds in this country, spared no expense to rear a herd of cattle from which superior animals could be safely drawn, for improvement and crosses upon other herds. His importations have been derived from that