

eclipse of the sun, during which the stars were seen—and the awful consequence was a schism in the church, three Popes at once, assuming each, to be the legitimate successor of Saint Peter. The great solar eclipse in 1801 made a most melancholy and baneful change in the seasons, if we may believe the fanciful family of the croakers.

Don't keep your cattle constantly on salted fodder; they will tire of it. Give your forward cow good hay and occasionally some potatoes.

MARCH.—Every farmer should mind his p's and q's in these times, which try men's purses and prudence; he should neglect neither his vespers, nor his vigils, nor his matins; business should, at times and seasons *all*, be his *primum mobile*: his motto should be *semper paratus*; when his affairs demand instant attention, delay should not be permitted to obtrude his ungainly, burly bulk into his company; when his interest and duty both unite, and lie plain and straight before him, he should never say, as *Peregrine Pickle*, when over *hazy*, was wont to do—"I have my doubts"—though it was natural enough in *Pere*, for when Sir Richard, the skilful *bowler*, had given him a fit of the *ninepins*, and he was tumbling and rolling about in all the dignity of dirt, he might well be troubled with doubts of his own identity. Yes; every farmer should possess as much decision of character as our American traveller Ledyard, who surprised the official person that asked him how soon he could be ready to set off for the interior of Africa, by replying promptly and firmly, "To-Morrow." Every farmer's wife, too, should cheerfully bear her share in the heat and burden of the day, and beautifully carry her yoke evenly with her yoke fellow. Neither gadding nor gossiping ought to lead her to forget the high duties of her calling. When the one or the other lures her astray, we would accost her, as Homer tells us Hector, the hero of Troy, did his wife Andromache—"Go home, and mind your own business. Follow your spinning, and keep you maids to their work." Their Penny of observation should go to the purchase of experience. Every merchant should be a fair, yet cautious dealer. Every parson should have at least as anxious a solicitude for the flock as for the fleece. Every doctor should avoid making unconscionable bills, and holding our false hopes to patients who can never recover.

If not done in the fall, now dress your grass grounds with some well rotted manure. Two loads in the fall are as good as three in the spring; but even now it is not too late to secure a good crop.

APRIL.—"When first the tender blades of grass appear,

And buds, that yet the breath of Eurus fear,

Stand at the door of life, and ask to clothe the year;"

The farmer ought to get his implements of husbandry in readiness for the duties of the busy season. His summer fuel must be cut, and his wood-house filled. It is also high time for him to house his sleigh, sled, and all his matters and things that appertain to stern winter's surly reign, till the next return of earth's whiteness. Safe bind, safe bind, is the word. Examine the condition of your bees. Attend to your fences and stone walls. Give them all a thorough repair as speedily as the frost will allow. Whatever kinds of

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